

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE I
Th 412c

Instructions for submitting lessons -- please print before continuing!

Congratulations on enrolling in the beta version of Th 412c as an external course. There are three different (basic) ways of submitting your lessons.

1. **Either:** Print out the lesson, fill in the answers by hand or **on the computer before printing**, and then mail to the following:

Dean's Secretary
BMA Seminary
1530 E. Pine St.
Jacksonville, TX 75766

2. **Or:** If you have the a full version of Adobe Acrobat (version 5 or more), you can fill out the questions on screen (**your answers will be in blue**; use the **tab key to move from question to question**), click this SUBMIT word/button, and the answers will be sent by email to the Seminary. Be sure that you are connected to your internet provider before you send the file.

SPECIAL NOTE: the Seminary has made arrangements for our students to buy the full version of Adobe Acrobat at a very reduced price (**less than \$100**). Such a program will enable you to send by email all of our forthcoming correspondence lessons by simply clicking the submit button, and you will be able to make any Windows document into an Adobe Acrobat file.

Send us an email and ask for details about ordering the program by clicking on the following email address: philipbryan@bmats.edu

3. **Or:** As an alternative, you can fill out your questions on screen and send to us without using the full version of Acrobat. For this to work, however, you must fill out and send all of your answers to that lesson at the same time. I suggest you leave your computer on (with the Acrobat file minimized) if you cannot complete all of a lesson at one time. **Although it seems complicated, it will work!** You will save postage, etc. Do the following:
 - a. Answer all the questions. Be sure to include the question number in each answer (e.g., 1. *The question*. "1. **Your answer**"). By putting the question number with the answer, you will make it easier for us to match the answers with the questions.
 - b. When you are through with your answers, click the cursor/hand grabber on **THE FIRST WORD ON THIS PAGE**, and then hit control-a (i.e., ctrl-a). This should make all of the text selected (i.e., highlighted). **View must be set to "continuous."** Try it now.
 - c. Copy that text by hitting control-c (i.e., ctrl-c). Click anywhere outside the selected text to clear the selection.

- d. Click on the following bmatsem@bmats.edu to send this material to us. When you do this, your email program will open with a letter addressed to us. In the letter portion of the letter, put your cursor and click on control-v (ctrl-v). This should insert a copy of the lesson (all of the questions, etc.), and the material you have typed in will be at the end of each page, [in blue](#). Click on "send" or whatever command your program requires to send mail, and we will receive it.

These instructions are not really as complicated as they seem at first. After you have tried it once or twice, it will become "old hat" to you. Contact me at philipbryan@bmats.edu or by phone at 903.586.2501, ext. 215 (you can leave a message on my voice mail if I am not there), and I will be glad to "walk you through" it.

As this is a beta version, we know there will be a number of "bugs" and errors. Please let us know about them as you encounter them! And . . . we welcome your suggestions about how we can make this process less complicated and/or easier to use.

Best wishes!

Philip R. Bryan

STUDENT: _____

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE II

(Th 412c)

I. Purpose of Course

Christian leaders need to have a sure and settled foundation as to their understanding of the basic teachings of Christianity. Clear formulation and articulation of such doctrines, therefore, is foundational to an effective ministry. The Purpose of this course is to guide in a discussion of the fundamental principles and issues related to the doctrines of Angelology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology,¹ and Eschatology. Since this is a survey of such a broad area, many questions will remain unanswered.

II. Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Set forth the major divisions of Christian Doctrine.
2. Discuss and defend the need for Systematic Theology
3. Identify the major terms and theologians who have made a great impact on the historical development of Systematic Theology
4. Discuss the major issues in each of the doctrines covered this semester
5. Identify central passages for these major theological issues

III. Textbooks and Other Resources

1. Books
Emery H. Bancroft and Ronald B. Mayers, *Elemental Theology*
D. N. Jackson, *Studies in Church History and Doctrines*²
Walter Thomas Conner, *Christian Doctrine*
2. Videos³

¹ Five lessons are devoted to Ecclesiology because Ecclesiology is the primary doctrine which separates Baptists from other Evangelicals.

² An HTTP link to these articles by Jackson may be found on the professor's Web Page: www.geocities.com/prbryan.geo/. If the student does not have Internet access, he should contact the professor to obtain a "hard copy" or for a CD with the book on it.

³ These videos are available for student use at the Seminary Library or for checkout. They may be purchased individually or as a group from the BMA Department of Missions, P. O. Box

The BMA of America Department of Missions series, "Doctrinal and Practical Ministries"

Brad Hoshaw, "Doctrine of the Church — Part I"

_____, "Doctrine of the Church — Part II"

_____, "Doctrine of the Church — Part III"

_____, "Doctrine of the Church — Part IV"

Greg Medenwald, "Salvation"

_____, "Security"

_____, "Sanctification"

_____, "Sovereignty"

Joel Slayton, "The Sequence of His Coming"

_____, "The Return of the Lord to Earth"

_____, "The Millennium"

_____, "The Final Judgment and Final State"

IV. Course Requirements and Grading

1. Read the assigned readings in the textbooks. (10%)
2. Watch twelve videos⁴ produced by the Department of Missions, BMA of America, **or** read 200 pp. of collateral reading in one or more books of systematic theology. (10%)
3. Take one "open book" final exam over the videos and reading. These questions will be essays with the intent of stimulating thought-provoking reflection on theology from a practical standpoint. (35%)
4. Answer and/or otherwise complete the questions set forth in the thirteen lesson assignments (45%).

V. Schedule

Lesson	Date Completed	Topic and Assignment
1	_____	PART I: ANGELOLOGY (Angels) Bancroft: 315-45
2	_____	PART II: ANTHROPOLOGY (Man) Bancroft: 231-44 Conner: 15-24 PART III: HAMARTIOLOGY (Sin) Bancroft: 245-54
3	_____	HAMARTIOLOGY

193920, Little Rock, AR 72219-3920. Students are welcome to make personal copies from the Library's copies. The Missions Department has granted our students this privilege.

⁴ If acquiring and/or watching these videos causes complications for students, arrangements can be made for collateral reading to be substituted for watching the videos.

4	_____	Conner: 129-50 PART IV: SOTERIOLOGY (Salvation)
5	_____	Bancroft: 255-304 SOTERIOLOGY (Becoming a Christian)
6	_____	Conner: 183-222 SOTERIOLOGY (The Nature of the Christian Life)
7	_____	Conner: 227-55 PART V: ECCLESIOLOGY (The Church)
8	_____	Bancroft: 305-14 ECCLESIOLOGY
9	_____	Conner: 257-70 ECCLESIOLOGY
10	_____	Conner: 271-92 ECCLESIOLOGY
11	_____	Jackson: 1-53 <i>or</i> Jackson I, II, III <i>on Internet</i> ECCLESIOLOGY
12	_____	Jackson: 54-103 <i>or</i> Jackson IV, V, VI <i>on Internet</i> PART VI: ESCHATOLOGY (Last Things)
13	_____	Bancroft: 347-99 ESCHATOLOGY
	_____	Conner: 293-332 FINAL EXAM AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF READING AND VIEWING ASSIGNMENTS

VI. Contacting the Seminary and the Professor

All inquiries and lessons should be addressed to:

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Welcome to the Class! I trust that we will have a satisfying and worthwhile time together!