**TH 313 / Soteriology**

# credits [or # units]

**SYLLABUS**

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**I. Course Description**

It is evident that many churches in America, particularly those seeking to reach the

unchurched while staying culturally relevant, are reluctant to use traditional theological terms that capture important facets of salvation. In this course the students will examine the significance of these terms so as to better understand the salvific process for themselves.

**II. Course Learning Objectives**

A student who successfully complete this course will be able to:

(1) First, understand for him or herself, and then be able to explain to others the

following theological concepts: depravity of man, regeneration, justification,

redemption, predestination, and sanctification

(2) Second, provide adequate answers to difficult questions that rise from these

theological ideas that run counter to human understanding

**III. Textbooks**

- Soteriology I

- *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* (J.I. Packer, InterVarsity)

-*What Saint Paul Really Said* (N.T. Wright, William B. Eerdmans)

**IV. Course Requirements & Grading**

Bachelor’s degree students

* 25% Final exam
* 20% Homework
* 20% Watch all 12 sessions of pre-recorded teaching
* 20% Participation to four online zoom sessions (\*see below for time and dates)
* 5% Reading: *Soteriology 1* text (5%)

You will be simply asked whether you read the entire text.

* 10% Write a paper (1 page, single-spaced): After summarizing Packer’s soteriology,

talk about what you agree and disagree (if any) with his soteriology.

(5% of this grade hinges on reading the entire book)

Master’s degree students

* 25% Final exam
* 15% Homework
* 15% Watching all 12 sessions of pre-recorded teaching
* 20% Participation to four online sessions (\*See below for time and dates)
* 5% Reading: *Soteriology 1* text (5%)

You will be simply asked whether you read the book.

* 20% Write 2 papers (each 1 page, single-spaced)

-First paper (10%): After summarizing Packer’s soteriology,

talk about what you agree and disagree (if any) with his soteriology.

(5% of this grade hinges on reading the entire book)

-Second paper (10%): After summarizing Wright’s understanding of the gospel and

justification, talk about what you agree and disagree (if any) with this thoughts.

(5% of this grade hinges on reading the entire book)

**● Attendance:** Students are expected to view all 12 sessions. At the end of the course, you will be simply asked whether you viewed the entire sessions.

Each missed session will lower the grade in proportion to the grade allotted to attendance.

**● Zoom meetings:** Students are expected to join all four zoom sessions.

Each missed zoom meeting constitutes minus 25% of the grade allotted to four zoom sessions. Each person is given one excused absent. If you have to miss a session, then, first, be excused, second, view the recorded zoom session a later time (no penalty).

● **Penalty for Late Work:**

When homework is turned in after the start of the class period: the grade goes down by 15%.

1 day late, the grade goes down by 50%

More than a day late, the student earns a “0”.

● **Penalty for Not Contributing One Entry to Online Discussion Following Each Session:**

First missed entry, the grade goes down by 50%

Second missed entry, student earns a “0”.

**● Final Due Date for Homework:**

The homework is due at the start of the class period of the following session. For instance, the homework for chapter 1 is due at the beginning of second session.

**● Penalty for Not Completing the Reading and Writing Assignments:**

For bachelors’ degree students: -15% of the total grade

For the master’s degree students:-25% of the total grade

**● Date of the Final Exam: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**● The following is Kairos University's standard grading & grade point scale:**

* A (95-100): 4.0 A- (90-94): 3.7
* B+ (87-89): 3.3 B (83-86): 3.0 B- (80-82): 2.7
* C+ (77-79): 2.3 C (73-76): 2.0 C- (70-72): 1.7
* D+ (67-69): 1.3 D (63-66): 1.0 D- (60-62): 0.7
* F: Fail: 0 I: Incomplete: 0 CR: Credit ("Pass")

**V. Projected Schedule & Assignments**

A. Attend four online sessions from 7-8:15 PM that are offered on the following dates:

March 15, March 22, April 5, and April 12.\*

B. Complete homework found at the end of each chapter in the soteriology course text

and turn it on the designated date. The answers are expected to be substantial for

the master’s degree students.

C. Participate in the online written discussion in response to discussion questions

provided by the instructor. Each student is required to provide at least one entry.

D. Take and pass the final examination.

E. Reading requirement

For the bachelor’s degree students: *Soteriology I* and

*Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*

For the master’s degree student: *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*,

*Soteriology text, What Saint Paul Really Said*