



112 DOCTRINE OF SALVATION (SOTERIOLOGY)

Syllabus

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Mission Statement

**Your mission should you decide to accept it...
is to compose a letter to a friend sharing the gospel, describing the Savior,
explaining one theological concept, anticipating and answering one
objection, and inviting them to be saved.**

~YOU CAN DO THIS~

Course Description

This course focuses on the doctrines related to salvation, including the sufferings and death of Christ, the importance of the resurrection, redemption accomplished and applied, and the doctrines pertaining to reconciliation. This course also includes a unit on Christology, the person and work of Christ.

YOUR TO-DO LIST

BEFORE CLASS SESSIONS BEGIN

- ☐ Read through the syllabus.
- ☐ Pick up a binder (smallish) and a spiral notebook for notes. Yep, just like school. In the ORIENTATION section, you will find printable inserts for your binder's front and spine for this class.
- ☐ Pick up the textbooks (see below).
- ☐ Read the textbooks as assigned.
- ☐ Make sure you can login to the Veritas online system. Email us at support@veritasschool.life if you run into problems.

DURING CLASS SESSIONS

- ☐ Enjoy the class sessions online.
- ☐ Work at your own pace, no pressure.
- ☐ Click "Mark Complete" after you watch, read, or listen to each lesson.

AFTER CLASS SESSIONS ARE COMPLETE

- ☐ **OPTIONAL:** Write your Final Paper (see below) and turn it in.
- ☐ Take a one week break.
- ☐ Start your next class, which will ideally be 116 CRAFTING MESSAGES (and Sermons)

QUESTIONS WE WILL ADDRESS IN CLASS...

- What is salvation?
- Why is salvation necessary?
- Is Jesus the only way? Isn't that harsh?
- What is election/predestination?
- What is the doctrine of Vicarious/Substitutionary Atonement? Why is it central?
- What is faith? Isn't faith a "good work"?
- What about the debate between Lordship Salvation vs. Savior Only Salvation?
- What must a person do to be saved?
- What happened when Jesus died and rose again?
- What is the *Ordo salutis*?
- What is, and what isn't, the Gospel?
- Can Christians lose their salvation? Why or why not?
- What is justification? Why is it so important?
- What are propitiation, redemption, regeneration, reconciliation, and other soteriological doctrines?
- How and why is salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone?
- What common clichés often spoil gospel presentations?
- What evidence do we need to show a person is genuinely saved?
- How is Christ qualified to be our Savior?
- Where and how does Scripture affirm the deity of Christ?
- Where and how does Scripture affirm the humanity of Christ?
- What is the Hypostatic Union, and how do the divine and human natures come together in the One Person of Christ?

This course is part of The Master of Ministry certification (unaccredited) at Veritas School of Biblical Ministry.

POWERFUL SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN IN THIS CLASS...

By the end of this course...

- You will understand the core doctrine of Scripture as the gift of salvation in Christ.
- You will be able to articulate the plan of Salvation.
- You will be able to open your Bible and develop the doctrines of salvation from Scripture.
- You will be able to connect the doctrines of salvation to the deliverance and healing of the deep wounds of the human heart.
- You will understand Vicarious Atonement, and why it is the central paradigm of salvation, against competing theories.
- You will understand the deity and humanity of Christ.
- You will know why Christ had to be both God and human to be our mediator.
- You will understand the Hypostatic Union, and how the two natures of Christ come together in One Person.

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Erickson, Millard. **Christian Theology, 3rd Edition**. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic. [Order Kindle or Print Copy Here](#).
NOTE: FOR THIS CLASS, only read PART 7: THE PERSON OF CHRIST, and PART 10: SALVATION.
- Giovannetti, Bill. **The Cross**. Sacramento, CA: Endurant Press, 2019 (This will be provided in .pdf format free of charge of students enrolled in the course). [Order Print Copy Here](#).
- Morris, Leon. **The Atonement**. Grand Rapids: IVP Academic, 1984. [Order Print or Kindle Copy Here](#).

SOME OPTIONAL BOOKS YOU CAN PICK UP TO BUILD YOUR LIBRARY

- Morris, Leon. **The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross**. (Advanced reading, and often dives into Hebrew and Greek words, but rich in theology and depth, and well-worth the effort). [Order Here](#).
- Murray, John. **Redemption Accomplished and Applied**. (A classic textbook on salvation, written from a Calvinist perspective). [Order Here](#).

WHAT TO READ BEFORE CLASS BEGINS...

Before the start of the class, please finish your readings. Read for familiarity – mark up your books and highlight whatever jumps out at you.

- ☐ READING 1: Erickson, part 7 (the Person of Christ) and part 10 (Salvation) only.
- ☐ READING 2: All of Giovannetti's book. (skim reading is okay)

- ☐ READING 3: All of Morris's book. (skim reading is okay)

OPTIONAL FINAL PAPER YOU WILL WRITE

You will write one final paper based on the course material.

Suggested due date: Paper is due 10 days after the last class session, but turn it in whenever you are able.

- ☐ Compose a letter to a friend sharing the gospel. In this letter include 1-2 paragraphs on each of the following:
- ☐ Describe the Savior, noting one aspect of his Person that qualifies him for this role.
 - ☐ Explain one theological concept related to salvation, showing how it connects to the deepest need of the human heart.
 - ☐ Anticipate and answer one objection to the gospel of grace.
 - ☐ Invite them to be saved, giving clear and concrete instructions.

Your final paper will be 1,000 to 1,500 words.

We will make it clear in our class how you can write an awesome Final Paper.

WRITING EXPECTATIONS AND FORMAT FOR ALL ASSIGNMENTS

Please use only 12 point font, with no bold type.

Single space. Indent new paragraphs. No extra space between paragraphs.

Please use a normal font, like Times New Roman.

We are not concerned with format. No cover page is needed. We are not worrying about Turabian, or footnote format. More will be explained in class.

Please put your NAME and the Class (112 Doctrine of Salvation) on your papers.

Please put your NAME and 112 Soteriology in your File Name.

Directions for submitting your paper will be given in the portal.

THE GRADES YOU WILL RECEIVE IN THIS CLASS.

None

