

**NORTHEAST BIBLICAL INSTITUTE**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS: I BELIEVE – AN INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Students will investigate Historic Christian creeds and core doctrines that define Evangelical Christianity. Systematic Theology gets to the heart of God’s plan for mankind and for His church. We will unlock the foundational doctrines and learn their relevance to the early church and to today’s church. By reading, study, prayer and discussion, students will gain a deeper knowledge of the Faith and hopefully, gain a deeper understanding of God’s call on their lives.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Knowing that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses doctrinal integrity, specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding the historic yet vibrant, Christian doctrines of the Bible.

By understanding Christian doctrine students will grow in excellence of character. Students will also learn to defend Christian belief in the public arena. Learning to defend the Faith begins with knowing the Faith! We hope to prepare students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry, and teach it to others.

Like all courses at Northeast Biblical Institute, this course goes beyond academic achievement. We pray that Christ will touch your life as He touched the first disciples and early church leaders, prompting you to worship and serve Him as you minister His love, teachings and grace.

**COURSE TEXTS:** The Bible, NKJV preferred but other versions accepted. Bible Doctrine, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, by Wayne Gruden; Calvary Chapel Distinctives, by Chuck Smith; Calvinism vs Arminianism, by Chuck Smith; Related articles

**GENERAL GUIDELINES, ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING, AND POLICIES**

**1. Participation**

- a. **Begin each study session and lesson with prayer**, committing yourself to being open to the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask the Lord for insight into how the message of your study can impact your life, your relationships, and your ministry.
- b. **Arrive to class early.** There’s an old saying which I adhere to: “Better three hours early that three minutes late!” Turn off your cell phone prior to class; be respectful during discussions & lectures; submit course assignments on time. Commit yourself, wholeheartedly, to the entire course to study diligently and seek to grow closer to the Lord and your fellow students.

- c. **Late Policy.** Any assignments turned in after the scheduled due date are penalized five percent (5%) of the original value per day including weekends. No work will be accepted more than a week after the due date. Students may email assignments or hand them in at class.
- d. **Classroom participation.** Part of the student's grade will be based on how much he/she participates in class.
- e. **Missed Classes.** Each missed class will result in a 5% reduction of the student's grade unless he/she contacts the professor beforehand with a valid excuse (e.g., emergencies and illnesses).

## 2. Reading

Read the assigned scripture passages, book chapters, articles, etc., before each class. Take notes in a separate notebook. These notes may come in handy later as you are called to teach and disciple others.

## 3. Writing Assignments

Weekly questions will be submitted after assigned readings.

A 2-page paper covering your response to each lesson will be submitted weekly.

## 4. GRADING

Eight Reflection Papers	80 total points
Classroom Participation & Reading Assignments	20 total points

Grade:	Points:
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69