

Nature of Humans and Salvation

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Course Description:

This course studies the nature of human beings, of evil, and the inherent effects of sin. The work of Christ in salvation history is central. Issues of predestination and the order of salvation are studied.

Required Texts:

Athanasius. *On the Incarnation*. Either the 1996 or 2007 edition; ISBN 978-1434811240; can download it at Christian Classics Ethereal Library or at spurgeon.org/phil/history/ath-inc.htm.

Barth, Karl. *The Humanity of God*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press. 1960. ISBN: 0-8042-0612-0

Elwell, Walter, Editor. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1984. ISBN 0-8010-3413-2

Johnson, A. and R. Webber. *What Christians Believe*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1993. ISBN 0-310-36721-2

List of Course Requirements

1. Short Response A (Creation and the Fall)
2. Sermon/Paper A: What is humanity?
3. Short Response B (Work of Christ)
4. Sermon/Paper B: What is the work of Christ?
5. Review of Athanasius: *On the Incarnation*
6. Short Response C: (Free-will; Process of Salvation)
7. Sermon/Paper C: What is salvation?
8. Review on Karl Barth's *The Humanity of God*.

Lecture Topics

1. Creation: General and Specific Revelation
2. In the Image of God, Yet Fallen
3. Man and Sin: Historical Views
4. The Nature of Christ
5. The Work Of Christ: Messiah and Savior
6. The Work of Christ: Christus Victor
7. Restoration of the Image of God
8. Salvation by Grace through Faith
9. Historical Views: On Predestination and Grace
10. The Salvation Process