

**Discipleship:
An
Introduction to
Systematic Theology and
Apologetics**

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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The Big Picture

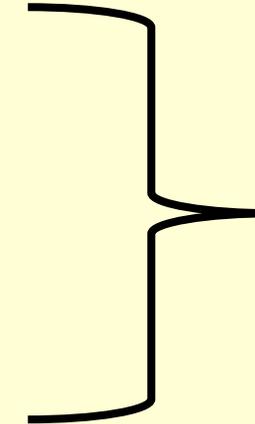
- We seek to **become** and **make** disciples (believing learners) by:
- Knowing what we believe.
- Why we believe it.
- And by becoming increasingly able to communicate what we believe and why in an effective, winsome manner to fulfill the **commands for all Christians in Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **and 1 Peter 3:15.** but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Systematic Theology Syllabus

- **The Doctrines of the Bible** (Completed 2015/2016)
- **The Doctrines of God** (Completed 2015/2016)
- **The Doctrines of Creation** (2015/2016)
- **The Doctrines of Redemption**
- **The Doctrines of the Church**
- **The Doctrines of the Future**

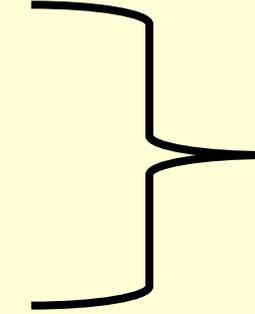
Redemptive History/Doctrines of Redemption Syllabus

- The Fall
- The Covenants
- The Law
- The Old Testament Sacrificial System



The Old Testament Era (BC)

- Pre-Reformation Roman Catholicism
- The Reformers
- **Protestant Reformation Doctrines**



The Church Era (2nd Century A.D. to present)

Key Protestant Reformation Doctrines

1. **Authority:** Scripture

2. **Sacraments:**

- 2 vs 7
- Protestant division over the LORD'S Supper and Baptism

3. **Salvation:**

- The Fall
- Jesus the God Man
- The Atonement
- The Role of the Holy Spirit
- Common Grace vs Saving Grace
- Regeneration
- Conversion
- Justification Adoption
- Sanctification
- Death and the Intermediate State
- Union with Christ
- The Doctrines of Grace

Protestant Reformation Soteriology*

- When Protestants declared that the Bible is the only reliable authoritative source of information regarding God and salvation, a revolution in the understanding of salvation occurred.
- The Renaissance idea of “of back to the sources” resulted in use of the Greek NT instead of the Latin Vulgate which further changed the understanding of salvation.
- Roman Catholicism certainly held the Bible in high regard but by making the results of church councils and Papal decrees on par with Scripture the understanding of salvation was corrupted.
- As has been previously discussed, Roman Catholicism became a modified Judaism based on works and complete with priests, regular sacrifices in the mass, a High Priest (the Pope) and even a geographic center in the Vatican.

*Study of the Doctrines of Salvation

Protestant Reformation Soteriology

- Nevertheless Rome has always defended some essential Christian doctrines including Creation, the Fall, Virgin Birth, the Trinity, the Sacrificial death of Christ, and the Resurrection.
- Rome has a history of siding with Evangelicals in upholding the Biblical teachings on marriage and the sanctity of human life.

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- **But regarding salvation Rome also fell victim to syncretism, often blending their theology with the paganism of people they evangelized, even though Judaism had been warned of it and yet fell into it.**

and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.
(Deuteronomy 7:2 – 6a)

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Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, (Joshua 23:6 – 7)

- But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good....He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel." And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." (Joshua 24:19-20, 23-24)

Protestant Reformation Soteriology

- Rome also saw works as the path to salvation by baptizing infants and requiring attendance at mass, partaking in the Eucharist, making confessions, and doing penance just as Israel did works to maintain their salvation because they were the “chosen people” (nation) in a world where each country had its own god(s). .

The LORD your **God has chosen you** to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was **not because you were more in number** than any other people that **the LORD set his love on you and chose you**, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 7:6b – 8)