

# CARIBBEAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

*Educating and training ministerial leadership*



## THE212 Systematic Theology I

### Mission Statement

CST is committed to connect, serve, and train for Pentecostal ministry, leadership, and missions throughout the world.

### Professor

### Course Description

The systematic study of the biblical doctrines of inspiration, God, trinity, and angels with appreciation of the history and development of Christian theology. Teaching on Scripture develops the case for its inspiration, authority, and infallibility as written revelation of God. Included are instructions on God's attributes and angels as created spirit beings.

### Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Explain the nature of God's revelation and what makes special revelation more complete than general revelation.
2. Identify four theories of biblical inspiration and point out the weaknesses of those that differ from plenary inspiration.
3. Define the terms revelation, inspiration, and illumination.
4. Describe the genuineness of the Bible and explain why we can rely on it for guidance in faith and practice.
5. Discuss the formation of the Old and New Testament canon.
6. Identify ways of confirming God's existence and point out the results of believing that God exists.
7. Present a biblical description of God's nature and qualities.
8. Explain how specific relationships and qualities of God are indicated by biblical names of God.
9. Explain how biblical names and activities of God support the doctrine of the Trinity.
10. Identify and give the significance of the works of God.
11. Summarize biblical teaching concerning the origin and existence of angels.
12. Explain how some angels rebelled against God and lost their original position, even though all angels were created good and holy.
13. Describe the nature, position, and activity of angels.
14. Enjoy a closer relationship to God as you apply your increased knowledge of Him and His economy to your daily life.

## Required Textbooks

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994.

The New International Version of the Bible

## Course Requirements

1. A careful reading of pertinent pages in the required textbook and additional supplemental reading assignments made during the course.
2. A five page paper complete with Sources Sited page and Bibliography on one of the following subjects:
  - \* The doctrine of the Bible and why it is important
  - \* The doctrine of God and why it is important
  - \* The doctrine of angels and why it is important
3. The successful completion of exams and quizzes.

## Course Procedures

Classroom lectures, group discussion, questions and answers, audio-visual presentations, exams, quizzes constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives.

## Evaluation Procedures

Readings	10%
Exams	50%
Quizzes	10%
Paper	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Course Schedule

### UNIT ONE: The Doctrine of the Bible

- 1 The Divine Revelation
- 2 The Writing of the Bible
- 3 The Message of the Bible
- 4 The Genuineness of the Bible
- 5 The Reliability of the Bible
- 6 The Canonicity of the Bible

### UNIT TWO: The Doctrine of God

- 1 The Existence of God
- 2 The Essence of God
- 3 The Natural Qualities of God
- 4 The Moral Qualities of God

- 5 The Names of God
- 6 The Trinity of God
- 7 The Decrees of God
- 8 The Works of God

### **UNIT THREE: The Doctrine of Angels**

- 1 The Characteristics of Angels
- 2 The Test of Angels: Triumph and Tragedy
- 3 The Purpose, Work, and Destiny of Angels
- 4 A Survey of Angels in Bible Times and Church History

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