

PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Classification: PT 602

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction and overview of the pastoral ministry which intends to provoke the students thinking on a number of theological, pastoral and ethical issues; promote biblical disciplines and personal boundaries; expose the student to a variety of challenges and needs as well as prepare him to effectively lead a number of specific church functions, such as weddings, funerals and the ordinances of the church.

POSITION PAPER SCHEDULE:

Include footnotes/source material – **at least one footnote per paper from STS Library/resources**.

Compose no more than a two page position statement on church polity and the role of the pastor/teacher.

Statement due: February 7th

Compose no more than a two page position statement on three of the following subjects:

- The role of women in the church.
- Speaking in tongues
- Divorce and remarriage
- Homosexuality – genetics, choice

First statement due: February 14th

Second statement due: February 28th

Third statement due: March 13th

Compose no more than a one page position statement on three of the following issues:

- Cloning
- Fertilization practices of human reproduction
- Civil disobedience
- Alcohol consumption
- Euthanasia

First statement due: March 6th

Second statement due: March 13th

Third statement due: March 20st

SERMON OUTLINE SCHEDULE:

Produce a brief outline (no more than one page) with paragraph summaries under each point for the following two scenarios:

1. A charge/message to the bride and groom in a **Christian wedding**

Due: May 1st

2. A funeral message for an **unbeliever who committed suicide**

Due: May 8th

ASSIGNED TEXTS and DUE DATES

Nine Marks of a Healthy Church

Mark Dever, Crossway Books, 2004

READ by: January 31st

What's the Difference? Manhood and Womanhood Defined

John Piper (Crossway Books, 1990)

READ by: February 7th

Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong: A Biblical Response to Today's Most Controversial Issues

John MacArthur and the Leadership Team at Grace Community Church (Harvest House, 2009)

READ by: February 14th

Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer, Revised

J. Oswald Sanders, Moody Press, 2007

READ by: March 13th

Church Administration: Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry

Robert H. Welch (Broadman and Holman Academic, 2005)

SCAN by: April 3rd

The Christian Ministry with an Inquiry into the Causes of its Inefficiency

Charles Bridges: 1839; Banner of Truth 1959 Edition

SCAN only Parts I, III and V by: April 17th

Agape Leadership: Lessons in Spiritual Leadership from the life of R.C. Chapman (1803-1902)

Robert L. Peterson & Alexander Strauch Lewis & Roth Publishers, Co. Springs, CO

READ by April 24th

COURSE EVALUATION

Attendance	10%
Outlines	10%
Reading and Participation	30%
Position Papers	<u>50%</u>
	100%

Additional Recommendations for your Pastoral Library:

Politics According to the Bible

Wayne Grudem (Zondervan, 2010)

Seeing With New Eyes: Counseling and the Human Condition through the Lens of Scripture

David Powlison (P & R Publishing, 2003)

Biblical Eldership, Revised and Expanded

Alexander Strauch (Lewis & Roth, 1995)

The Church of Irresistible Influence

Robert Lewis (Zondervan, 2001)

Ashamed of the Gospel

John MacArthur (Crossway Books, 1993)

Biblical and Theological Essays

Edited by William W. Combs (BMH Books, 2010)

The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions

Edited by Arthur Bennett (The Banner of Truth Trust, reprinted 2002)

Handbook of Today's Religions

Josh McDowell & Don Stewart (Thomas Nelson, 1992)

Commentary & Reference Survey: A Comprehensive Guide to Biblical and Theological Resources

John Glynn (Kregel, Revised 2007)

The One Year Christian History

E. Michael and Sharon Rusten (Tyndale House, 2003)

How Christianity Changed the World

Alvin J. Schmidt (Zondervan, 2004)

The Only Wise God: The Compatibility of Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom

William Lane Craig (Wipf an Stock Publishers, 2000)