

SHEFFEY BIBLE COLLEGE — STUDENT HANDOUT

Course: THEO 302/ Systematic Theology

Instructor: _____

Chapter 13 — The Character of God: Communicable Attributes (Part 2)

I. GOD'S ATTRIBUTES OF PURPOSE

Key Truth: God perfectly wills, freely chooses, and powerfully accomplishes all that is consistent with His holy nature.

A. The Will of God

- God's will is the attribute whereby He approves and determines all actions necessary for creation and providence.
- Ephesians 1:11
- Revelation 4:11

B. Distinctions in God's Will

1. Necessary Will
 2. Free Will
 3. Secret Will
 4. Revealed Will
- Exodus 3:14
 - Deuteronomy 29:29
 - Matthew 6:10

C. Human Responsibility and God's Will

- God's sovereignty and human responsibility are both affirmed.
- Acts 2:23

Notes:

II. THE FREEDOM OF GOD

Key Truth: God is completely free to do all that pleases Him and is never constrained by His creation.

- Definition of God's Freedom
- Psalm 115:3
- Proverbs 21:1
- Daniel 4:35

Notes:

III. THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD

Key Truth: God possesses unlimited power to accomplish everything that is consistent with His holy character.

- Definition of Omnipotence
- Genesis 18:14
- Jeremiah 32:17
- Ephesians 3:20
- Matthew 19:26

Things God Cannot Do:

- Lie
- Sin
- Deny Himself
- Be Tempted with Evil
- Hebrews 6:18
- 2 Timothy 2:13

Notes:

IV. GOD'S PERFECTION

Key Truth: God fully possesses every excellence and lacks nothing desirable.

- Matthew 5:48
- Psalm 18:30

Notes:

V. GOD'S BLESSEDNESS

Key Truth: God is perfectly happy in Himself and delights in all that reflects His character.

- Genesis 1:31
- Isaiah 62:5

Notes:

VI. GOD'S BEAUTY

Key Truth: God is the sum of all that is truly desirable and beautiful.

- Psalm 27:4
- Psalm 73:25
- 1 Peter 3:4

Notes:

VII. GOD'S GLORY

Key Truth: God's glory is the visible manifestation of His excellence and majesty.

- Psalm 24:10
- Luke 2:9
- Revelation 21:23
- 2 Corinthians 3:18

Notes:

Discussion Questions

1. How does the distinction between God's secret will and revealed will help believers trust God while remaining responsible for obedience?
2. In what practical ways can believers reflect God's beauty, blessedness, and glory in everyday life?

THINGS TO KNOW (EXAM REVIEW)

1. Define God's will.
2. Distinguish between God's necessary will and God's free will.
3. Distinguish between God's secret will and God's revealed will.
4. Explain the relationship between God's sovereignty and human responsibility.
5. Define God's freedom.
6. Define God's omnipotence.
7. Explain what God cannot do and why.
8. Define God's perfection.
9. Define God's blessedness and beauty.
10. Define God's glory and explain how believers reflect it.

A question on the exam will ask if you completed the assigned reading.

Closing Summary

God's will, freedom, power, perfection, blessedness, beauty, and glory reveal His greatness and excellence. Believers are called to worship Him, trust Him, obey Him, and increasingly reflect His character in their daily lives.

ASSIGNMENT

Read Chapter 13 — *The Character of God: Communicable Attributes (Part 2)*.

SHEFFEY BIBLE COLLEGE

THEO 302 — SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Number: THEO 302

Course Title: Systematic Theology II

Instructor: ____

Semester: ____

Class Meeting: ____

COURSE DESCRIPTION

THEO 302 — Systematic Theology II continues the systematic study of the major doctrines of the Christian faith. This course examines biblical teaching concerning creation, providence, miracles, prayer, angels, demons and spiritual warfare, the creation of man, man as male and female, and the essential nature of man.

The course emphasizes careful theological study, biblical understanding, doctrinal precision, and the practical importance of Christian doctrine for Christian life and ministry.

COURSE TEXTBOOK

Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine.

Students are responsible for completing the assigned textbook readings throughout the semester.

SCRIPTURE

The King James Version (KJV) will be the Bible translation used for classroom instruction and course materials.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of THEO 302, students should be able to:

1. Identify and explain the major doctrines covered in Systematic Theology II.
2. Explain important biblical teachings concerning creation and God's relationship to creation.
3. Define and explain the doctrines of providence, miracles, and prayer.
4. Explain the biblical teaching concerning angels, demons, and spiritual warfare.
5. Describe the biblical doctrine of the creation and nature of mankind.
6. Explain what it means for mankind to be created in the image of God.
7. Explain the biblical relationship between equality and role distinctions in God's creation of mankind as male and female.
8. Identify and distinguish major theological views concerning the essential nature of man.

9. Demonstrate comprehension of assigned textbook material through examinations and assigned reading.
10. Demonstrate the ability to summarize and discuss theological material through written research.

COURSE LECTURE SCHEDULE

The course consists of twelve teaching sessions.

Week 1 — Chapter 13

Week 2 — Chapter 14

Week 3 — Chapter 15, Session One

Week 4 — Chapter 15, Session Two

Week 5 — Chapter 16: God's Providence

Week 6 — Chapter 17: Miracles

Week 7 — Chapter 18: Prayer

Week 8 — Chapter 19: Angels

Week 9 — Chapter 20: Demons and Spiritual Warfare

Week 10 — Chapter 21: The Creation of Man

Week 11 — Chapter 22: Man as Male and Female

Week 12 — Chapter 23: The Essential Nature of Man

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for three major areas of coursework:

1. Examinations
2. Summary Research Paper
3. Assigned Reading

EXAMINATIONS — 60% OF FINAL GRADE

Two examinations will be given during the course.

Each examination represents 30% of the student's final course grade.

EXAM 1 — 30%

Coverage: Chapters 13–18

Exam 1 will cover material from the first portion of the course, including both teaching sessions devoted to Chapter 15.

EXAM 2 — 30%

Coverage: Chapters 19–23

Exam 2 will cover material from the second portion of the course.

EXAM FORMAT

Each examination will consist of:

- 30 Multiple Choice Questions
- 10 True/False Questions

Exam questions will be developed from the major doctrines, definitions, distinctions, and "Things to Know/Exam Anchors" emphasized throughout the lectures and student handouts.

Questions may be presented in mixed order rather than following the chronological order of the textbook chapters.

SUMMARY RESEARCH PAPER — 20% OF FINAL GRADE

Each student will complete one Summary Research Paper during the course.

Students will select any three (3) chapters from the THEO 302 course textbook and write a summary paper discussing various doctrines and subjects contained within those three selected chapters.

PAPER REQUIREMENTS

The paper must:

- Be 10–12 full pages of written content.
- Cover three chapters selected by the student.
- Summarize and discuss important theological content from those chapters.
- Be typed in Times New Roman.
- Use 12-point font.
- Be double-spaced throughout.
- Use one-inch margins.
- Include page numbers.
- Use the THEO 302 textbook as the primary source.

- Include one additional scholarly source.
- Clearly cite material taken from the additional scholarly source within the body of the paper.
- Include a bibliography at the end of the paper.
- List both the course textbook and the additional scholarly source in the bibliography.
- Format the bibliography according to Turabian style.

The bibliography does not count toward the required 10–12 pages of written content.

REQUIRED PAPER HEADING

The following information must appear at the top of the first page:

Student's Full Name

Course: THEO 302 — Systematic Theology II

Selected Subjects

Textbook Chapters Containing the Selected Subjects

Students should organize the paper so that the instructor can clearly identify the three selected chapters and the theological subjects being discussed.

Students will receive separate detailed Summary Research Paper Instructions and Grading Rubric.

ASSIGNED READING — 20% OF FINAL GRADE

Students are expected to complete all assigned textbook reading.

Assigned reading is an important component of THEO 302 and represents 20% of the student's final course grade.

Students should complete the assigned chapter reading in connection with the corresponding classroom lectures.

Reading completion will be verified as directed by the instructor.

Students are expected to report reading completion truthfully and accurately.

FINAL GRADE CALCULATION

Exam 1 30%

Exam 2 30%

Summary Research Paper 20%

Assigned Reading 20%

TOTAL 100%

GRADING SCALE

A — 90-100

B — 80-89

C — 70-79

D — 60-69

F — Below 60

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is expected of all students. Because the course builds progressively from one theological subject to another, students should make every effort to attend each scheduled class session.

Students are responsible for obtaining any lecture material, student handouts, assignments, or announcements missed because of an absence.

ASSIGNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for:

- Completing assigned textbook readings.
- Maintaining their lecture and student handout materials.
- Preparing for both examinations.
- Completing the Summary Research Paper according to the provided instructions and grading rubric.
- Submitting required work by the dates established by the instructor.

LATE WORK

Students should submit all coursework by the assigned deadline. Late assignments may be subject to a grade reduction at the discretion of the instructor.

Students experiencing exceptional circumstances should communicate with the instructor as soon as reasonably possible.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All submitted work must represent the student's own academic work.

Plagiarism, cheating, copying another student's work, or presenting material from another source as one's own is unacceptable and may result in academic penalties.

Information obtained from the required additional scholarly source for the Summary Research Paper must be properly acknowledged, and all required sources must appear in the bibliography.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Students should approach Systematic Theology as more than an academic exercise. Biblical doctrine should strengthen the believer's understanding of God, deepen confidence in Scripture, shape Christian character, and prepare the student for faithful Christian life and ministry.

Students are therefore expected to approach THEO 302 with:

- Faithful attendance
- Careful reading
- Thoughtful participation
- Academic integrity
- Respect for Scripture
- Serious preparation

COURSE VERSE

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

COURSE GRADE SUMMARY

Examinations 60%

Summary Research Paper 20%

Assigned Reading 20%

TOTAL 100%

Instructor Signature: ____

Date: ____

Student Signature: ____

Date: ____