

Religion IIIa - Christian Doctrine

Guidelines and Grading

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The Course:

Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). This course covers the primary teachings of God's Word and shows students how these teachings set them free.

Course Objectives:

The student will:

grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

identify the central article of the Christian faith and how it relates to all other Christian doctrines.

articulate the chief doctrines of Holy Scripture.

properly divide Law and Gospel.

discover how these important teachings relate to the everyday Christian life.

Course Assessment:

Students will be evaluated on a regular basis for each unit in the following areas: reading assignments, class participation, writing assignments, quizzes, and tests.

Grading Breakdown:

Tests: 35% of the quarter grade

Homework: 30% of the quarter grade

Writing Assignments: 15% of the quarter grade

Class Participation: 10% of the quarter grade

Quizzes: 10% of the quarter grade

Required Materials

Supplied Books:

Justification: Am I Good Enough for God?

God's No and God's Yes: The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

The Augsburg Confession

Bible

Notebook paper

Writing implement (Black or Blue Pen/Pencil)

Folder for each quarter

Teacher Expectations and Policies

Responsibility:

I expect students to accept responsibility for their choices regarding behavior and priorities. I expect students to act in a God pleasing way not only toward their teacher but also to each other. I expect students to help each other if they have questions, **BUT NOT TO PLAGERIZE OTHER'S WORK**

Late Work Policy:

Consistent late work will not be tolerated. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of missing work and to correct the situation as soon as possible. **ALL WORK IS EXPECTED ON THE DUE DATE!**

Extra Credit:

Extra credit is available on an individual basis. In order to be eligible for extra credit the student must have all work accounted for and turned in on time.

Course Syllabus:

- I. **Grounding the Faith: Justification**
- II. **Learning the Faith: Augsburg Confession**
Applying the Faith: Law and Gospel

The unit on Justification will be covered during the first two weeks of school. The unit on the Augsburg Confession will be covered Monday-Thursday during the remainder of the semester. Weekly readings and worksheets for the unit on Law and Gospel will be due on Thursdays and discussed on Fridays.