

Syllabus for COS 322, Theological Heritage III: Medieval and Reformation
Taught via in-person instruction at Franklin First United Methodist Church, Franklin TN,
and Zoom videoconferencing May 17-18 and May 31-June 1, 2024

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Course Goals:

- To provide students with an overview of the theology of medieval Christianity, especially as it relates to contemporary theological issues and pastoral practice.
- To give students a deeper understanding of such central Protestant doctrines as salvation by faith alone, the authority of Scripture, the priesthood of all believers, and the call to accountable discipleship.
- To introduce the major ideas, movements, and leaders related to the Protestant movement
- To prepare students to preach, teach, and lead more effectively by examining issues and questions that have confronted Christian leaders throughout the ages.

Course web site:

Lecture outlines for the course can be found by [clicking here for the course web site](#). **I strongly recommend that you read through the lecture outlines before coming to class, as this will help familiarize you with key names and terms.** Students often find it helpful to print out these outlines and bring them to class.

Required Reading:

1. [*The Story of Christianity, Vol. 2: The Reformation to the Present Day*, By Justo L. González](#) (ISBN: 978-0061855894)
2. [*Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings*, edited by John Dillenberger](#) (ISBN: 9780385098762)
3. [*A Reformation Debate, by John Calvin and Jacopo Sadoletto; Edited by John C. Colin*](#) (ISBN: 9780801023903)

Note Regarding Assignments: Failure to submit the pre-course assignment, the mid-course assignment, or the final examination will result, not simply in a “0” for that assignment, but *for the class as a whole*.

Pre-Course Assignment

1. Read the following from the textbooks:

The Story of Christianity, pp. 1-76.

Martin Luther, pp. xi-xxiii, 14-165, 489-504.

2. Using your reading of Luther, write a sermon of not less than 1200 and not more than 1500 words on the theme of *grace* and *the law*. Base your sermon on at least one major passage from the Old Testament, and one from Paul's letters. Make certain that your sermon does two things: First, it reflects Luther's understanding of these theological themes. And second, it takes into account a Wesleyan perspective on the themes. *Use no direct quotations of more than 50 words.* I want this sermon to be written *in your own words*. **This assignment is due by Friday, May 10, 2024. Please submit the assignment as a Microsoft Word document, and send it to the e-mail address listed at the top of this syllabus.**

Mid-Course Assignment:

1. Read the following from the textbooks:

The Story of Christianity, pp. 77-99, 135-150, 173-236

A Reformation Debate, pp. 7-136

2. From your reading of *A Reformation Debate*, in a paper of not less than 1200 and not more than 1500 words mount an argument for who is closer to the Wesleyan theological tradition: Calvin or Sadoletto. Be sure to provide evidence from both writers for your position. Use no direct quotations of more than 50 words. **This assignment is due by Friday, May 24, 2024. Please submit the assignment as a Microsoft Word document, and send it to the e-mail address listed at the top of this syllabus.**

Honor Code:

The honor code of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky/Holston Course of Study [can be found here](#). Please be certain to print, fill out, sign, and attach the cover sheet to each assignment. When turning in an assignment via e-mail attachment, you can fulfill this requirement by including the following statement in the body of the e-mail: "I have read the plagiarism definition on the Memphis/Tennessee/Holston Course of Study Honor Code, and I affirm that the attached assignment represents my own work, except where credit is given." **I will not accept your paper if you have not included the cover sheet or included the statement above in your e-mail.**

Plagiarism is theft of another person's work and lying by claiming to have written something that you didn't write. If I discover that a student has plagiarized, they will have two choices:

- I will offer the student an opportunity to rewrite the paper, and will deduct 20 points from the grade of the rewritten paper for plagiarism on the original.
- If the student does not wish to rewrite the paper, I will assign it a grade of 0.
- For a good explanation of plagiarism and ways to avoid it, see the following web page:

<https://www.plagiarism.org/article/what-is-plagiarism>

Final Examination:

The final will be e-mailed to students after the end of the final Zoom session on Saturday, June 1, 2024. It will be open book, and due by 9:00 p.m. CDT on Saturday, June 8 2024. While you may use the textbook and other sources in preparing to answer the questions, *do not quote from them directly*. I want to know what *you* know about the subject, not someone else. The final will have 20 questions. 2-5 sentences will be optimal for most questions.

Grading:

Pre-course assignment:	35%
Mid-course assignment:	35%
Final Examination	30%

Additional Resources:

[R. Ward Holder, *The Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* \(ISBN 9780664223984\).](#)

[Glenn S. Sunshine, *The Reformation for Armchair Theologians* \(ISBN 9780664228156\).](#)

Class Schedule

Friday, May 17 2024, 4:30-8:30 p.m. **Central time**

In-person class at Franklin First United Methodist Church. Participation is mandatory.

Session 1: [What's this Got to Do with My Ministry?](#)

Session 2: [What Does It Mean To Be a Protestant?](#)

Session 3: [The Medieval Synthesis](#)

Saturday, May 18 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Central time**

In-person class at Franklin First United Methodist Church. Participation is mandatory.

Session 4: [Erasmus](#)

Session 5: [Luther's Biography](#)

Session 6: [Luther's Theology 1](#)

Session 7: [Luther's Theology 2](#)

Friday, May 31 2024, 4:30-8:30 p.m. **Central time**

Class videoconference via Zoom. Participation is mandatory

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82108996639?pwd=VEhacFhPeTRDTW9NTTUyeUQ4YXBYdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 0899 6639

Passcode: 559610

Session 8: [Zwingli](#)

Session 9: [The Anabaptists](#)

Session 10: [Calvin's Biography](#)

Saturday, June 1 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Central time

Class videoconference via Zoom. Participation is mandatory

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Session 11: [Calvin's Theology](#)

Session 12: [Anglicanism](#)

Session 13: [The Catholic Reformation](#)

Session 14: [Results of the Reformation](#)