

Theology I: God and Christ

Grace Covenant Church
Cohort 2025FL-002
April 19, 2026 - May 17, 2026

COURSE DETAIL:

- INSTRUCTOR: Matthew Herr
- CLASS TIME: 9:00 AM Sunday Morning
- PLACE: KCKCC Classroom

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide an introductory study in the systematic approach of theological thought within Theology Proper (the doctrine of God) and Christology (the doctrine of Christ). It will equip you with categorical language to engage in theological concepts as well as biblical application to those Scriptural truths. We want this course to assist the student in knowing, obeying, and loving God by acquiring theological tools that will help to navigate Scripture, the world, the self, and, ultimately, the triune God of the universe. Ultimately, this course aims to help you to know God so that you may love and appreciate him all the more.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- The student will be able to *know* basic categorical formation of theological thought concerning the doctrine of God and doctrine of Christ.
- The student will be able to *commit* to a worshipful approach to theology and *submit* to the Word of God.
- The student will be able to *express and put into practice* key elements of Theology that reflects an understanding of God.

COURSE MATERIAL:

Required Textbook

1. MacArthur, John. *Fundamentals of the Faith: 13 Lessons to Grow in The Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ*. Chicago: Moody Publishers. 2009.

Supplementary Reading Material

1. Grudem, Wyane. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. 2020.
2. Packer, J. I. *Knowing God*. Wheaton: Intervarsity Press. 2011.
3. White, James. *The Forgotten Trinity*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers. 1998.
4. Wellum, Stephen, J. *The Person of Christ: An Introduction*. Wheaton: Crossway. 2021.
5. Wellum, Stephen, J. *It Is Finished*. Bridgend: Union Publishing. 2025.

EXPECTATION FOR THE CLASS:

The student is expected to complete this course with as few absences as possible so that the student may receive a complete overview of the material without an interruption of flow and momentum.

The student is expected to complete all assignments and readings to the best of his/her ability. Assignments may be collected to be graded and returned.

The student is expected to participate and actively engage with the content and instructor, which includes paying attention and minimizing distractions.

EXCEPTIONS:



Absences: If an absence is unavoidable (e.g., out of town or sick), a make-up session will be required. This make-up session may include one of the following: (1) viewing a recording of the session that will be made available soon after the session, (2) additional work assigned for the absent student that makes up for the missed session, (3) or if a large percentage of the cohort was absent, a make-up session outside normal church hours may be scheduled by the instructor for the absent students.

Coursework: Assignments should be promptly turned in at the earliest convenience.

UNSUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE:

In the event where a student does not successfully complete this course (e.g., multiple absences, failure to engage in make-up sessions, or failure to turn in assignments) the instructor, along with the elders, may determine that a student did not have a meaningful engagement with the course material and therefore must retake the course the next time it is offered for a subsequent cohort.

COURSE SCHEDULE

DATES	TOPIC OF DISCUSSION	ASSIGNMENT DUE
WEEK 1: 04/19/2026	Introduction to Theology: Knowing God	None
WEEK 2: 04/26/2026	Who Is God, and What Is He Like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundamentals of the Faith (FOF) Lesson 3 – God: His Character and Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Listen to Message #3 “God: What is He Like”
WEEK 3: 05/03/2026	The Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read “Forgotten Trinity Ch 2: What Is the Trinity?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○  Forgotten Trinity Ch ... <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
WEEK 4: 05/10/2026	Christology: The Person of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FOF Lesson 4 – The Person of Jesus Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Listen to Message #4 “Christ Above All”
WEEK 5: 05/17/2026	Christology: The Work of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FOF Lesson 5 – The Work of Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Listen to Message #5 “The Suffering Jesus: Our Substitute and Shepherd”