

History of Christian Thought (Religion)

Required – Year – 12

Prerequisites: None

Course Description

The History of Christian Thought centers around the proper distinction between Law and Gospel, the history of that distinction in the history of the Christian Church, and the complete void of gospel found in the world outside of Biblical Christianity in general and Confessional Lutheranism in particular.

Course Goal

To lead students to treasure the fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only power of God for the salvation of all that believe and enable them to utilize a rightly divided Law and Gospel in their lives.

Course Objectives

1. Provide each student with a working knowledge of Law and Gospel
2. Provide an appreciation that the right dividing of Law and Gospel is critical yet sadly rare in Christian History
3. Provide an unshakeable knowledge that the world offers only religions that lead to hell.

Course Outline

1. Paul's letter to the Romans: God's commentary on Law and Gospel
2. The History of the Christian Church: How the church has repeatedly failed to divide Law and Gospel rightly throughout its history
3. The Formula of Concord: How the young Lutheran Church struggled to keep its hold on the right dividing of Law and Gospel
4. World Religions: How the world offers only Law which leads only to damnation

Instructional Strategies

The course will be taught by lecture and a fair amount of student presentations, especially during the fourth quarter. There will also be assigned readings from Luther, the Reformer by Kittelson and Getting Into The Formula of Concord.

Grading

- Grading is done on a total points/percentage basis. Each assignment has a point value. Dividing the TOTAL points earned by the TOTAL points possible gives a percentage grade.
- Quizzes and tests will be frequent. There will be Walther "Law and Gospel Theses" memory work quizzes early in the year. These are comparable in length to a commandment with meaning in Luther's Small Catechism. One point for every two words is the point value of these.
- Bible Passage Memory work is worth 20% of a TEST grade (NOT 20 % of the course grade). Bible Passage memory work occurs ONLY on tests NEVER ON QUIZZES.

GRADE CHART:

A+ = 100%	A = 94-99%	A- = 93%
B+ = 92%	B = 86-91%	B- = 85%
C+ = 84%	C = 78-83%	C- = 77%
D+ = 76%	D = 71-75%	D- = 70%
F = 69% or below.		

NOTE: Students who give an honest, faithful, and well-behaved effort receive extra consideration on their course grades.

All quizzes and tests must be taken. Long-term assignments (papers and presentations to the class) MUST be done and in the instructors hands on the assigned day. If it is not, the student will receive a "0" regardless of the reason.

Student Materials

1. Notes From Pastor Lisk

2. NIV BIBLE
3. Number Two Pencils
4. Pens

Classroom Procedures

Routines – Come in and be ready to participate and take notes right away

Make-up Work – Missed quizzes and tests must be taken within 3 days of the students return to school. Long term assignments CAN'T BE MADE UP!

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