

Ashland Theological Seminary – Detroit Center  
Master of Divinity Program  
Winter Quarter 2008 (January 7, 2008 – March 17, 2008)  
Course Name: Christian Theology II  
Course Number: CT 602

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The following course description is in the ATS Catalog:

CT 602 Christian Theology II 4 hours

Prerequisites: IT 503 and CT 601 (except for M.A.P.C. and M.A.C.P.C. students)  
This course provides a survey of Christian doctrine in the areas of the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and last things. Together with Christian Theology I, this course will encourage students to develop a theology that is faithful to Scripture, conversant with Christian tradition, and relevant to contemporary contexts. (ATS Core)

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. To introduce students to the basic structure and themes of Pneumatology (the Holy Spirit), Soteriology (salvation), Ecclesiology (the church), and Eschatology (last things).
2. To provide students with a biblical foundation for understanding theology
3. To develop the ability to critically analyze theological content
4. To identify the major historical developments in the specific areas of theology and the major thinkers who shaped the developments
5. To appreciate the distinct “voices” in these areas of theology
6. To relate theology to contemporary church life and personal life

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

A modern English translation of the Bible, such as the New International Version or the New Revised Standard Version

Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*. Second edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1998.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

**ATS Attendance Policy Statement:** Students should not miss the first session of any class. ATS is on the quarter system, and the first session of every class is crucial in

receiving the requirements and noting the foundational elements for each subject area. Attendance at all class sessions is expected unless the instructor is notified in advance. Any student missing the equivalent of six class hours will be required to do additional work, receive a lower grade or withdraw from the class, at the discretion of the professor.

**Attendance and Participation:** Attendance at each class session is expected and necessary to receive the full benefit of class presentations and discussions. Missing more than one class period or regularly arriving late or leaving early will impact a student's grade.

**Assigned Readings:** It is expected that students will obtain the required textbook. Weekly reading assignments will be given and must be read prior to the class for which the readings are assigned. Questions directly related to the readings will be a regular part of each class session.

**Term paper:** A term paper is due March 4. The topic is "A Theology of Ministry for the Local Church." The paper must be double-spaced in 12-point type with 1-inch margins. It should be 8-10 pages long. Footnotes and bibliography should follow Turabian's Manual of Style. Papers handed in late will be graded down 1/3 letter grade for each day it is late and the student will assume responsibility for getting it to the instructor.

**Final examination:** The final exam will be written in class on March 11. It will be analytical in nature and comprised of essay questions.

**Grade Computation:**

- (1) 33% Attendance and Participation
- (2) 33% Term Paper
- (3) 33% Final Examination

**Grading scale:** The instructor will grade all work based upon ATS's Grading Scale:

A	97-100	4.0
A-	92-96	3.7
B+	89-91	3.3
B	86-88	3.0
B-	83-85	2.7
C+	80-82	2.3
C	77-79	2.0
C-	74-76	1.7
D+	71-73	1.3
D	68-70	1.0
D-	65-67	0.7
F	below 65	0.0

**Students with Disabilities Statement:** “For students who have specific physical, psychiatric or learning disabilities and require accommodations, please let the professor know early in the quarter (preferably the first week) so that your learning needs can be appropriately met. In order to receive accommodations, documentation concerning your disability must be on file with Classroom Support Services, 105 Amstutz Hall, Ashland University, 419-289-5953. Please contact them with any questions you may have.”

**Writing Assistance:** If you need assistance with writing projects for your coursework, contact the ATS Writing Center. The center provides free sessions with a peer consultant who can help you with all of your concerns about academic writing. Contact the center if you have a question about how to complete your assignment, if you have documentation questions, or if you would like to have your paper evaluated for areas needing improvement. The ATS Writing Center can be reached at 419-289-5162 or by e-mail at [atswc@ashland.edu](mailto:atswc@ashland.edu).

**Academic Integrity Policy:** “Ashland Theological Seminary seeks to model servant leadership derived from biblical standards of honesty and integrity. We desire to encourage, develop, and sustain men and women of character who will exemplify these biblical qualities in their ministry to the church and the world. As members of the seminary community, students are expected to hold themselves to the highest standards of academic, personal, and social integrity. All students, therefore, are expected to abide by the academic integrity standards outlined in the Student Handbook.

## Class Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture/Topic	Assignments
<b>1</b>	1/8	<b>PNEUMATOLOGY:</b> The person and work of the Holy Spirit Trinitarian considerations The witness of the Spirit The gifts of the Spirit Historical Considerations The Spirit as Foundational to Soteriology and Ecclesiology	Matt 28:19-20 Acts 1-5 Romans 8 1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20 1 Cor 12-14 2 Cor 13:14 Gal 5; Eph 1:3-14
<b>2</b>	1/15	<b>SOTERIOLOGY:</b> Basic Concepts of Salvation & Redemption The Trinity and Salvation Man and Salvation Calvinism	Genesis 1-3; Isa 40 Ephesians 2:1-10 <b><i>Erickson 861-898</i></b>
<b>3</b>	1/22	Johannine Soteriology Subjective Aspects of Salvation	Gospel of John <b><i>Erickson 901-959</i></b>
<b>4</b>	1/29	Pauline Soteriology Objective Aspects of Salvation	Romans 3-8 Ephesians 1-2 Philippians 3 <b><i>Erickson 960-995</i></b>
<b>5</b>	2/5	Continuation and Completion of Salvation The Means and Extent of Salvation	<b><i>Erickson 996-1032</i></b>
<b>6</b>	2/12	<b>ECCLESIOLOGY:</b> <b>The Nature and Purpose of the Church</b>	Acts 1-5; Matt 28:19-20 <b><i>Erickson 1035-1078</i></b>
<b>7</b>	2/19	The Nature and Purpose of the Church The Unity of the Church	Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:1-16 1 Peter 2:4-10; Rev 21 John 17 <b><i>Erickson 1079-1114</i></b>
<b>8</b>	2/26	Church Leadership Church Government Church Ordinances	John 13 1 –2 Timothy; Titus 1 <b><i>Erickson 1115-1152</i></b>
<b>9</b>	3/4	<b>ESCHATOLOGY</b>	The Book of Revelation <b><i>Erickson 1155-1253</i></b> <b>TERM PAPER DUE</b>
<b>10</b>	3/11	<b>FINAL EXAMINATION</b>	