

## CMCM4314—THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

NOBTS || Leavell College

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to survey the principle theological ideas and themes related to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Particular attention will be given to the doctrines of the humanity of Christ, deity of Christ, and the Atonement. Required prerequisite: THCM2300: Christian Doctrine.

### STUDENT OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, the student will:

1. Be able to understand and articulate orthodox Christology as outlined in the Creed of Chalcedon
2. Be able to articulate the three-fold office of Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King
3. Be able to define these doctrines in terms of their scriptural foundations and the historical development and discussion surrounding them
4. Be able to internalize the theological truths and apply them for life and ministry

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Holy Bible.

MacLeod, Donald. *The Person of Christ*. Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 1998.

Stott, John, *The Cross of Christ*. Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 1986.

### COURSE METHODOLOGY

This course will employ the following methods of instruction:

1. Lectures and class discussion.
2. Various handouts and visual aids.
3. Reading assignments with interactive note-taking requirements.
4. Weekly reading quizzes
5. A mid-term and a final exam
6. The composition of a position paper as defined below

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student will attend and participate in the class sessions. The class will adhere to the attendance policy stated in the catalogue. Any student missing more than three class sessions will receive an automatic grade of "F" for the course, unless excused by the Dean of Leavell College. Three tardies will count as one absence.
2. The student is required to read the assigned material **before** coming to class.
3. Quizzes will be given over the assigned reading materials. All quizzes will be given at the beginning of the class period. 50% of each quiz grade will be based

on the completion of the assigned reading. Failure to complete the reading will result in an automatic 50% reduction of that week's quiz grade. The student will receive a zero for each missed quiz. The two lowest quizzes will be dropped.

4. The student will take a sectional exam and a final exam. The final exam will be comprehensive.
5. **Please Note:** The student is responsible for scheduling make-up exams. **No make-up exams will be given unless a valid excuse is provided. The student must contact the professor before the exam unless circumstances prohibit it.** The professor reserves the right to include any material from the textbook or lecture on the make-up exam. **All make-up exams must be scheduled within two weeks from the scheduled date.**
6. **The final grade for the course will be determined as follows:**
  - 15%---Quizzes, Class Participation, and Weekly Assignments\*\***  
 \*\*Throughout the semester these assignments will compensate for the third hour of required coursework
  - 25%---Sectional Exam**
  - 30%---Final Exam**
  - 20%---Position Paper**  
 \*Paper must be turned in at the beginning of class and in person on the required due date.
  - 10%---Completion of all assigned reading**
  - 5% --- Extra credit.** Throughout the semester, extra credit up to 5% of the total class grade (1/2 letter grade) will be offered for various assignments.

**7. POSITION PAPER ASSIGNMENT:**

- a. Each student will write an 8-10 page position paper, using at least 10 sources. Only four of these may be Internet-based sources.
- b. The goal of this assignment is for each student to solidify his or her position on an issue related to the doctrine of the Person and/or Work of Christ.
- c. This paper should follow this format:
  - i. Introduction
  - ii. Summary of Historical Positions
  - iii. Biblical Evidence
  - iv. Conclusion
- d. Each student must turn in a one-page **typed** proposal for his or her position paper on **October 10** for approval by the professor.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DUE</b> <i>(Reading &amp; assignments)</i>
<i>August 22</i>	<b><i>Introductions:</i></b>	**NOTE: reading and

	<b>Course Overview; The Person of Christ; The Work of Christ</b>	assignments are DUE on the dates listed. Each week the student will write a one-page reading outline to allow for the one hour of required coursework
August 29	<b>The Chalcedonian Creed</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Macleod pp. 15-70 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
September 5	<b>Person of Christ: Virgin conception; the historical Jesus</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Macleod pp. 71-120 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
September 12	<b>Person of Christ: Incarnation; Kenosis</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Macleod pp. 121-180 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
September 19	<b>Person of Christ: Preexistence; sinlessness</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Macleod pp. 181-220 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
September 26	<b>Person of Christ: Summary and implications</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Macleod pp. 221-264 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
October 3	<b>Mid-term Exam</b>	
October 10	<b>Work of Christ: Introduction; threefold work of Christ</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Stott pp. 9-65 <b>Assignment:</b> outline <b>PAPER PROPOSAL DUE</b>
October 17	<b>FALL BREAK (NO CLASS)</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Stott pp. 66-132
October 24	<b>Work of Christ: Christ as our Prophet</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Stott pp. 133-199 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
October 31	<b>Work of Christ: Christ as our Priest</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Stott pp. 200-266 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
November 7	<b>Work of Christ: Christ as our Priest</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Stott pp. 267-302 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
November 14	<b>Work of Christ: Christ as our King</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Stott pp. 303-342 <b>Assignment:</b> outline
November 21	<b>Work of Christ: Summary and implications; Review for Final</b>	<b>POSITION PAPER DUE</b>
December 5	<b>Final Exam</b>	

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