



CAPSTONE THEOLOGY AND BIBLICAL STUDIES SEQUENCE

Our Approach

Conservative, Ecumenical, Historical

As a classical Christian school, Capstone is committed to Christian orthodoxy and is particularly interested in cultivating the unity of various Christian traditions around the historic creeds. The school utilizes the Nicene Creed as well as Christian cultural and lifestyle commitments when hiring its faculty. At Capstone, the Bible is the rule and authority that governs school life and teaching. Capstone parents, students, and teachers from various Christian traditions respect one another out of reverence for Christ. We unite around the Gospel and the Jesus Christ. Where we disagree with one another, we do so charitably. We do not pretend that mutually exclusive claims can both be true. Instead, we engage in civil discourse in a shared pursuit of the Truth. We pray for unity, but not at the expense of truth. In the words of the apostle Paul, "Only let us live up to what we have attained. If on some point we differ, that too God will make clear to us." We study the Scriptures from beginning to end, and we read great believers and theologians across the history of the Church who bear witness to the truth and set examples for us to follow.

Lower School Biblical Studies Curriculum, Pre-K through 5th Grade

The lower school approach to biblical studies is rooted in the great stories of the Bible. Using the Bible itself, teachers gather students around the biblical narratives that shape our understanding of the character of God by studying his relationship to his creation, and particularly mankind, their worth and purpose as his image-bearers, their moral imagination--particularly with regard to fulfillment of the greatest commands to love God and to love neighbor, and the wisdom and inspiration they can gain from the saints who have gone before them.

The lower school approach to biblical studies includes a great deal of memorization of Scripture, biblical geography, history, and textual organization that gives students the context and tools needed for upper school and a lifetime of personal and scholarly study of Scripture and theology.

Hermeneutics through Hebrews, 6th Grade

Hebrews is the only fully inerrant and inspired commentary ever written on the major figures, events, institutions, and practices of the Old Testament that find their fulfillment in the reality of the Son. While Hebrews does not speak to everything, a full immersion into its thought establishes the best means of learning to interpret history and other Scripture the way in which it is intended. The longer students spend understanding how the Letter to the Hebrews "thinks," the more students will be firm in their interpretive skills. The course centers around a series of

expository “Capstone texts” which lead students through the book of Hebrews, and form the departure point for all reflection and disciplinary cross-fertilization.

Paul’s Letters and Church Health, 7th Grade

Students will spend equal time considering healthy and unhealthy churches through the lived-experience of Paul’s ministry to them, whether he knew them (most) or did not (Romans). Arranged according to major problems (vices) in the Churches to which Paul ministered, the class will contrast the failures of various churches with the Spirit-led behavior and commitments (virtues) Paul commands they have because of who Christ is and what he has done for them, transferring them from the Kingdom of Darkness into that of Light (cf. Col 1). Special emphasis should be given to the ground of his encouragement(s), warning(s), rebuke(s), and hope(s) for each and connection made to current events and developments across the 21st century Christian Western scene.

Systematic Theology I, 8th Grade

If every heresy and idolatry begins with a twisting and conflation of the Creator-creature distinction, then lasting love for God (and Man) comes from embracing who and what God is, and who and what Man is. This course provides a macroscopic overview of God (Theology Proper) and Man (biblical Anthropology) and space within class to practice greater spiritual disciplines (especially prayer, reflection, and singing) to help us order our affections/loves the right way.

Systematic Theology II, 9th Grade

Because God’s Being in Theology Proper is not known unless he condescends to reveal himself to us through general and special revelation, this course focuses on the limits of Natural Law (General Revelation) and the necessity and provision of the person and work of Christ—the Way, Truth, and Life—the giving of the Holy Spirit, and the Church’s growth from the first to the last Garden. Growth in spiritual disciplines will be included.

Intro to Biblical Theology, 10th Grade

Developing a love and understanding of the Old Testament’s portrayal of Jesus as our Mediator and Hope is difficult and requires practice. While systematic theology teaches us to observe, analyze, and arrange information in categories for study, learning the literary and narrative flow to God’s redemption in history is altogether different and a form of artistic skill. But God has revealed himself through the forms and shadows of the Old Testament, slowly from seed, to stalk, to full tree. Therefore, the persons, institutions, events, and places in which, through which, and around which Jesus was present, will be traced from their Old Testament inception to their New Testament completion in order to increase student’s devotion to the spiritual discipline of Scripture reading, contemplation, and praise for the work of God over Time.

Applied Theology I: Apologetics and Ethics, 11th Grade

Because Christ was meant to be adored rather than analyzed, our intellectual work must be met by a heart continually filled with devotion and affection of our Triune God revealed in Jesus Christ. 11th grade “Applied Theology” pushes outward the previous 5 years of theological study and devotion into the public sphere and communities in which our graduates will spend the rest of their lives. Key issues we will study, discuss, and pray for wisdom about include: Apologetics and the Ethics of Medical and Economic theories.

Applied Theology II: Technology and Social Experiments, 12th Grade

Because Christ was meant to be adored rather than analyzed, our intellectual work must be met by a heart continually filled with devotion and affection of our Triune God revealed in Jesus Christ. 12th grade “Applied Theology” is the conclusion of our Gryphons’ theological engagement with various theological and non-theological texts. It draws heavily upon their completion of 11th grade Applied Theology, Moral and Political Philosophy, and various other classes from their upper school formation. Key issues engaged include: Media Ecology (how technology shapes humanity) will be treated alongside Aesthetics (study of beauty) followed by the Family-Church-State relationship, and various common ideas for Utopian, “heaven on earth” realities.

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Kindergarten Scope and Sequence

UNIT 1	Genesis and Exodus			
Lesson	Scripture Text	Lesson Theme	Word of the Week	Scripture Memory
	Genesis 1-5		Bible	Genesis 1:1
1		God creates the world		
2		God creates man		
3		Sin enters the world		
4		Cain, Abel, and Seth		
	Genesis 6-12		Grace	Ephesians 2:8
5		The Flood		
6		God's Covenant with Noah		
7		The Tower of Babel		
8		The Call of Abram		
	Genesis 15-22		Covenant	Psalms 111:9
9		God's Covenant with Abram		
10		Sodom and Gomorrah		
11		Isaac and Ishmael		
12		Abraham is tested		
	Genesis 24-28		Blessing	1 Thess. 5:24
13		Isaac and Rebekah		
14		Jacob and Esau		
15		Jacob gets Esau's blessing		
16		Jacob's dream at Bethel		
	Genesis 29-37		Israel	Psalms 46:7
17		Jacob, Leah, and Rachel		
18		Jacob flees from Laban		
19		Jacob wrestles with God		
20		Joseph's dreams		
	Genesis 37-50		Sovereign	Romans 8:31
21		Joseph sold by his brothers		
22		Joseph interprets dreams		

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23		Joseph in charge of Egypt		
24		Joseph and his brothers		
	Exodus 1-7		Slavery	Galatians 5:1
25		Israel in Egypt		
26		The birth of Moses		
27		God calls Moses		
28		Moses confronts Pharaoh		
	Exodus 7-18		Redeem	Galatians 3:13a
29		The Ten Plagues		
30		The First Passover		
31		God parts the Red Sea		
32		God provides for Israel		
	Exodus 19-40		Holy	Psalms 103:1
33		The Ten Commandments		
34		The Tabernacle		
35		The Golden Calf		
36		Justice and mercy of God		

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UNIT 2	Leviticus-1 Kings			
Lesson	Scripture Text	Lesson Theme	Word of the Week	Scripture Memory
	Leviticus 1 – Numbers 12		Anoint	Psalms 28:8
1		Priests and offerings		
2		The Day of Atonement		
3		Fire, manna, and quail		
4		Miriam and Aaron oppose God		
	Numbers 13-36		Unbelief	Hebrews 3:19
5		Exploring Canaan		
6		Moses disobeys God		
7		The bronze snake		
8		Balaam's donkey		
	Deuteronomy 1 – Joshua 6		Meditate	Joshua 1:8a
9		Moses' blessing and death		
10		The Lord commands Joshua		
11		Rahab and the spies		
12		The fall of Jericho		
	Joshua 7 – Judges 5		Transgress	Psalms 32:1
13		Achan and Ai		
14		Joshua and covenant renewal		
15		Days of the Judges		
16		Deborah and Barak		
	Judges 6-21		Sign	Isaiah 7:14
17		God calls Gideon		
18		Gideon and the Midianites		
19		Samson's strength		

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20		Samson as deliverer		
	Ruth 1 – 1 Samuel 7		Call	Romans 8:28
21		Ruth and Naomi		
22		Hannah's prayers and vow		
23		God calls Samuel		
24		The Ark of God		
	1 Samuel 8-17		Chosen	Psalms 33:12
25		Israel demands a king		
26		Saul disobeys God		
27		God chooses David		
28		David and Goliath		
	1 Samuel 18 – 1 Kings 10		Wisdom	Proverbs 1:7
29		David and Jonathan		
30		King David		
31		Solomon asks for wisdom		
32		Solomon builds the temple		
	1 Kings 11-22		Divided	Mark 3:24
33		The Kingdom is divided		
34		God provides for Elijah		
35		Elijah and the Prophets of Baal		
36		Naboth's vineyard		

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UNIT 3	2 Kings – Malachi, The Gospels			
Lesson	Scripture Text	Lesson Theme	Word of the Week	Scripture Memory
	2 Kings 1-11		Prophet	James 5:10
1		Elisha's ministry		
2		Naaman healed of leprosy		
3		Elisha and the Syrians		
4		Athaliah and Jehosheba		
	2 Kings 12-25		Captivity	Luke 4:18a
5		Israel into captivity		
6		King Hezekiah		
7		Josiah and the Book of the Law		
8		The Fall of Jerusalem		
	Jonah, Esther, Daniel		Salvation	Psalm 62:2
9		Jonah and Nineveh		
10		Esther and Mordecai		
11		Daniel in Babylon		
12		The Fiery Furnace		
	Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah		Help	Psalm 46:1
13		Daniel in the Lion's Den		
14		The exiles return		
15		The temple rebuilt		
16		Nehemiah and the wall		
	The Gospels		Fulfill	Galatians 6:2
17		Birth of Jesus Christ		
18		John the Baptist		
19		Baptism and Temptation		
20		Jesus calls disciples		
	The Gospels		Miracle	Matthew 6:33
21		Sermon on the Mount		
22		Jesus heals many		

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23		Dead girl, sick woman		
24		Jesus feeds the crowds		
	The Gospels		Gospel	Romans 1:16a
25		Parable of the Sower		
26		Jesus and the sea		
27		The Transfiguration		
28		Jesus raises Lazarus		
	The Gospels		Prepare	1 Corinthians 2:9
29		Anointed at Bethany		
30		The Triumphal Entry		
31		The Last Supper		
32		The Garden of Gethsemane		
	The Gospels		Cross	1 Corinthians 1:18
33		Judas betrays Jesus		
34		Peter denies Jesus		
35		Jesus Crucified		
36		Jesus Resurrected		

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UNIT 4	Acts - Revelation			
Lesson	Scripture Text	Lesson Theme	Word of the Week	Scripture Memory
	Acts 1-4		Apostle	Galatians 5:16
1		Jesus' Ascension		
2		Pentecost		
3		The New Testament Church		
4		Peter and John		
	Acts 5-8		Persecuted	Matthew 5:10
5		Ananias and Sapphira		
6		Stephen, the first martyr		
7		Church grows, is persecuted		
8		Philip and the Ethiopian		
	Acts 9-12		Conversion	Acts 3:19
9		Saul becomes a Christian		
10		Peter and Cornelius		
11		The Church at Antioch		
12		Paul freed from prison		
	Acts 13-19		Missionary	Acts 16:31
13		Paul and Barnabas		
14		Paul and Silas in prison		
15		Paul in Athens		
16		Priscilla, Aquila, Apollos		
	Acts 20-28		Afraid	John 14:27
17		Eutychus raised from the dead		
18		Paul arrested		
19		Paul on trial		
20		Paul shipwrecked		
	The Epistles		Christ	Romans 6:23
21		Salvation by Faith Alone		
22		Dead to sin, Alive in Christ		

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23		The Body of Christ		
24		Christian Love		
	The Epistles		Obedience	Ephesians 6:1
25		Adopted by God		
26		Obedience to parents		
27		The Armor of God		
28		Christ's humility		
	The Epistles		Faith	Hebrews 11:1
29		The Second Coming		
30		By Faith		
31		Taming the tongue		
32		Suffering		
	The Epistles, Revelation		New	2 Peter 3:13
33		Walking in the light		
34		Love one another		
35		New Heavens and New Earth		
36		Jesus is Coming Again		

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1	Genesis 1:1-2:7	The Bible Review	Bible	Genesis 1:1	Creation	The Bible's Authority
2	Genesis 2:8-3:24	Days of Creation Review	Sin	Romans 6:23	Creation	The fallen world
3	Genesis 4-5	The first sin Cain and Abel	Worship	John 4:24	Fear of God	Cain's wife
4	Genesis 6-7	Cain and Abel Noah	Grace	Genesis 6:8	Fear of God	
5	Genesis 8-9	The Flood Noah	Covenant	Genesis 9:11	Providence	A worldwide flood
6	Genesis 10-11	Noah's family Shem, Ham, Japheth	Pride	Proverbs 16:18	Fear of God	Languages
7	Genesis 12-13	Babel Abram	Altar	Hebrews 11:8a	Fear of God	
8	Genesis 14-15	God's faithfulness Lot	Faith	Genesis 15:6	Providence	What is faith?
9	Genesis 16-17	God's covenant Hagar	Bless	Psalms 112:1	Providence	What does every sin deserve?

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10	Genesis 18-19	Abraham and Sarah Abraham's visitors	Mercy	Genesis 18:14a	Fear of God	Evil
11	Genesis 20-21	Sodom, Gomorrah Abraham, Isaac	Omnipotent	Hebrews 10:23	Providence	Isaac & Ishmael
12	Genesis 22-23	Isaac and Ishmael Abraham's Test	Offering	Hebrews 11:17a	Providence	God's testing
13	Genesis 24	Abraham's faith Abraham's servant	Faithful	I Thess. 5:24	Providence	Why pray?
14	Genesis 25-26	Abraham's sons Jacob and Esau	Birthright	Colossians 1:15	Fear of God	God's blessings
15	Genesis 27-28	Jacob and Esau Esau and Jacob	Blessing	Ephesians 1:3	Fear of God	God's choice
16	Genesis 29:1-31:21	Isaac and Jacob Jacob's family	Deceive	Galatians 6:7	Providence	Author of life
17	Genesis 31:22-33:20	Jacob's family Laban and Esau	Israel	Psalms 46:7	Providence	Who can change hearts?
18	Genesis 34-36	Jacob and Esau Dinah	Purify	James 4:8b	Fear of God	Idol worship

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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	Genesis 37-38	Cain and Abel Joseph the dreamer	Jealousy	Acts 7:9	Providence	God's Love
2	Genesis 39-40	Joseph and brothers Joseph in Egypt	Favor	Romans 8:31b	Fear of God	Where is God?
3	Genesis 41-42	Joseph in Egypt Pharaoh's dreams	Famine	Psalms 103:4	Providence	The future
4	Genesis 43-44	Joseph in Egypt II Joseph and brothers	Substitute	Romans 5:8	Fear of God	Why did Christ need to die?
5	Genesis 45-46	Joseph's dreams Joseph reveals identity	Reunion	John 14:2	Providence	Heaven
6	Genesis 47-48	Faith of our fathers Jacob in Egypt	Descendants	Galatians 3:29	Fear of God	God's blessing
7	Genesis 49-50	Sons of Israel Sons of Israel	Aid	Psalms 106:4	Providence	Forgiveness
8	Job	Satan, the first sin Job	Almighty	Job 42:2	Fear of God	Satan
9	Exodus 1:1-2:10	The Pentateuch Exodus	Exodus	Psalms 9:9	Providence	Disobeying Authorities

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10	Exodus 2:11-3:22	Suffering in Egypt Flight to Midian	Holy	Psalm 99:9	Fear of God	A holy God
11	Exodus 4	Moses in Midian The Burning Bush	Miracle	Psalm 56:3	Providence	Miracles today
12	Exodus 5:1-6:13	Miraculous signs Israel in bondage	Bondage	Psalm 18:2a	Providence	Who is the LORD?
13	Exodus 6:14-7:25	Moses and Pharaoh Moses and Aaron	Plague	Psalm 96:5	Fear of God	Worshiping Creation
14	Exodus 8:1-9:12	The plagues begin Four plagues	Heart	Proverbs 28:14	Providence	Believing in God
15	Exodus 9:13-10:29	Five more plagues More plagues	Fear	Psalm 147:11	Fear of God	What is sin?
16	Exodus 11:1-12:42	Three more plagues The tenth plague	Passover	John 1:29	Providence	The blood of Christ
17	Exodus 12:43-13:22	Passover Passover first born	Redeem	Galatians 3:13a	Providence	Who belongs to God?
18	Exodus 14:1-15:21	Redeeming love Crossing Red Sea	Deliverance	Exodus 15:2	Providence	That wasn't a miracle!


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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	Exodus 15:22-16:36	Crossing Red Sea Grumbling	Providence	Philippians 4:19	Fear of God	Sabbath day
2	Exodus 17-18	God provides At Rephidim	Decree	Psalms 136:16	Providence	The church
3	Exodus 19-20	God provides again At Mt. Sinai	Decalogue	Matthew 22:37	Fear of God	The law of God
4	Exodus 21-23	10 Commandments 10 Commandments	Justice	Psalms 33:5	Providence	Why do we need laws?
5	Exodus 24-27	10 Commandments Mt. Sinai	Glory	Psalms 72:19	Creation	How do we give God glory?
6	Exodus 28-31	Aaron Priests	Priest	Hebrews 4:14	Fear of God	Christ our High Priest
7	Exodus 32:1-33:6	The Sabbath The Golden Calf	Idolatry	I John 5:21	Fear of God	What's wrong with idols?
8	Exodus 33:7-34:35	The Golden Calf Mt. Sinai	Presence	Psalms 51:11	Fear of God	Does God have a body?
9	Exodus 35-40	Noah's ark The Tabernacle	Tabernacle	Hebrews 3:5a,6a	Creation	Worshipping God

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10	Matthew 1:1-2:12	Abraham's children Matthew	Immanuel	Matthew 1:23	Creation	The Incarnation
11	Matthew 2:13-3:17	Birth of Jesus Baby Jesus	Baptize	Matthew 3:8	Providence	
12	Matthew 4	Jesus' baptism Temptation of Adam and Eve	Temptation	Matthew 4:4	Fear of God	Jesus' temptations
13	Matthew 5:1-37	Temptation of Jesus Sermon on Mount	Beatitude	Matthew 5:8	Fear of God	Blessed by God
14	Matthew 5:38-6:24	The Beatitudes Sermon on Mount	Hypocrite	Matthew 6:21	Fear of God	Why pray?
15	Matthew 6:25-7:29	The Lord's Prayer Sermon on Mount	Worry	Matthew 6:33	Fear of God	Faith and works
16	Matthew 8	The first disciples Jesus heals	Heal	Matthew 8:17b	Fear of God	Why doesn't Jesus heal all?
17	Matthew 9	Jesus' healings First disciples	BlaspHEME	I John 5:1a	Fear of God	Life without Christ

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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	Matthew 10	Matthew The disciples	Disciple	Matthew 10:38	Fear of God	Can't I just follow teaching?
2	Matthew 11	The Twelve John the Baptist	Repent	Matthew 11:28	Fear of God	What is true repentance?
3	Matthew 12	The Twelve Pharisees and Jesus	Pharisee	Matthew 12:34b	Fear of God	Just a great prophet?
4	Matthew 13:1-52	Pharisees Parable of Sower	Parable	Colossians 3:2	Fear of God	God changes our hearts
5	Matthew 13:53-14:36	Creation Jesus' power	Power	I Corinthians 4:20	Providence	Did Jesus really do miracles?
6	Matthew 15	Parables Our mouths	Mouth	Matthew 15:18	Fear of God	The heart of the problems
7	Matthew 16	Miracles of Christ Pharisees and Sadducees	Christ	Matthew 16:24	Rationality	Savior and Lord
8	Matthew 17	Jesus' baptism Transfiguration	Transfigure	II Corinthians 3:18	Fear of God	Faith in Jesus
9	Matthew 18	Joseph and brothers Kingdom of heaven	Kingdom of heaven	Matthew 18:3	Fear of God	How can I forgive?


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10	Matthew 19	The Fall 10 Commandments	Law	Galatians 3:24	Fear of God	What good must I do?
11	Matthew 20	James and John Parables	Ransom	Matthew 20:28	Providence	What do you want from Him?
12	Matthew 21	Jerusalem Triumphal Entry	Hosanna	Matthew 21:9	Fear of God	Christ's authority
13	Matthew 22-23	Triumphal Entry Commandments	Question	II Timothy 2:23	Fear of God	Son and Lord
14	Matthew 24	In the Beginning Commandments	End times	Matthew 24:42	Providence	Will it end?
15	Matthew 25	End times Ten Virgins	Entrust	II Timothy 1:14	Fear of God	Showing mercy
16	Matthew 26:1-46	God's covenant Plotting against Him	Betray	I Corinthians 11:23b-24a	Providence	Lord's Supper
17	Matthew 26:47-27:31	Judas and Peter Peter's denial	Crucify	Galatians 2:20a	Fear of God	Why crucified?
18	Matthew 27:32-28:20	Jesus' trial The Crucifixion	Resurrection	I Corinthians 15:21	Providence	Doubting the resurrection

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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	Leviticus 1:1-5:13	The tabernacle Offerings	Atonement	Hebrews 13:15	Fear of God	Atonement
2	Leviticus 5:14-7:38	Defining atonement Guilt offering	Guilt	Hebrews 13:16	Providence	Feeling guilty
3	Leviticus 8-10	The priesthood Aaron's ordination	Anoint	Psalms 28:8	Fear of God	Pleasing God
4	Leviticus 11-15	Nadab and Abihu First Bible books	Unclean	Mark 7:15	Fear of God	Becoming clean
5	Leviticus 16-17	Unclean, unclean! Day of Atonement	Scapegoat	Hebrews 10:4	Providence	The blood of Christ
6	Leviticus 18-22	Day of Atonement The Israelites	Holy (review)	I Peter 1:15	Fear of God	
7	Leviticus 23-27	Holiness Sabbath	Sabbath	Exodus 20:8	Fear of God	The importance of Sabbaths
8	Numbers 1-4	The Pentateuch Numbers	Census	Psalms 84:10b	Providence	The importance of family
9	Numbers 5-9	The Census Numbers review	Dedicate	Numbers 6:24-25	Providence	The name of Christian

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10	Numbers 10-12	The Glory Cloud Leaving Sinai	Complaining	Philippians 2:14	Fear of God	God's righteous anger
11	Numbers 13-14	Complaining Israelites Exploring Canaan	Unbelief	Hebrews 3:19	Fear of God	Rebelling against God
12	Numbers 15-18	Priests and Levites Korah, Dathan, Abiram	Mediator	I Timothy 2:5	Fear of God	Christ, our Mediator
13	Numbers 19-21	God's provision Moses	Trust	Psalms 4:5	Providence	Why don't we trust God?
14	Numbers 22-24	Water from the rock Balaam	Curse	Ephesians 1:3	Fear of God	God's blessings
15	Numbers 25-30	Balak and Balaam The Moabites	Zeal	I Peter 3:13	Fear of God	The one, true God
16	Numbers 31-36	The Promised Land Tribes of Israel	Possession	I Peter 2:9a	Providence	Is heaven real?
17	Deuteronomy 1-8	Ten Commandments Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deut. 6:4-5	Rationality	The purpose of the law
18	Deuteronomy 9-18	Ten Commandments Golden calf	Stiff-necked	Deut. 10:16	Fear of God	Idol worship

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1	Deuteronomy 19-28	Ten Commandments Deuteronomy	All	James 2:10	Fear of God	Perfection
2	Deuteronomy 29-34	Moses and Joshua Moses' death	Choose	John 15:16a	Providence	Why is the Bible important?
3	Joshua 1	Days of Creation Joshua	Exalt	Joshua 1:9	Fear of God	God's presence
4	Joshua 2	Original Sin Rahab	Holy	Hebrews 11:31	Providence	The act of faith
5	Joshua 3-4	The first murder Crossing over	Memorial	Joshua 4:24	Providence	Why read the Bible?
6	Joshua 5-6	The Rainbow Entering Canaan	Covenant	Hebrews 11:30	Fear of God	Spiritual Warfare
7	Joshua 7	Satan tempts Jesus Jericho and Ai	Transgression	Psalms 31:1-2	Fear of God	What does every sin deserve?
8	Joshua 8	The tenth plague Ai	Altar	Romans 12:1	Providence	The covenant of grace
9	Joshua 9:1-10:15	Jacob's deception Gibeonite deception	Omniscient	Psalms 72:18-19	Providence	That couldn't happen!

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10	Joshua 10:16-11:23	The Wise Men Joshua	Sovereign	Revelation 17:14	Fear of God	Aren't all wars wrong?
11	Joshua 12-15	Jacob's sons Taking the land	Inheritance	Colossians 3:23-24	Providence	Inheriting life
12	Joshua 16-19	Jacob's sons Books of the Bible	Allotment	Philippians 4:19	Providence	How does God speak?
13	Joshua 20-21	Wild. Wanderings Cities of Refuge	Refuge	Nahum 1:7	Providence	Why do people need the Lord?
14	Joshua 22	Memorial stones The Eastern tribes	Witness	John 4:24	Fear of God	The mark of a Christian
15	Joshua 23-24	Fathers of the Faith The Promised Land	Covenant (review)	Joshua 24:15	Fear of God	Our jealous God
16	Judges 1:1-2:10	Book of Joshua Book of Joshua II	Generation	Psalms 78:4	Fear of God	Christian friendships
17	Judges 2:11-3:31	Noah's ark Judges summary	Judge	I Timothy 1:15	Fear of God	Testing vs. Temptation
18	Judges 4-5	Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar Deborah and Barak	Subdue	Psalms 18:3	Providence	Why do we praise God?


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1	Judges 6	Moses and Joshua Gideon	Sign	Isaiah 7:14	Fear of God	Building our faith
2	Judges 7-8	Joshua and Jericho The Midianites	Encourage	II Corinthians 12:9a	Providence	God uses the weak
3	Judges 9-10	The Cross of Christ Abimelech	Forsake	Psalms 38:21	Fear of God	What is true repentance?
4	Judges 11-12	The Exodus Jephthah	Vow	Proverbs 21:3	Providence	True vows
5	Judges 13-14	The Birth of Jesus John the Baptist	Nazirite	Galatians 4:6	Providence	The Holy Spirit
6	Judges 15-16	Samson, Nazirite Samson	Revenge	Romans 12:19	Fear of God	God's revenge
7	Judges 17-18	Idolatry Micah's idols	Levite	Deuteronomy 5:8-9a	Fear of God	Silly little idols
8	Judges 19-21	Sodom, Gomorrah Twelve tribes	Depravity	Psalms 79:9	Rationality	Why do I need a king?
9	Ruth 1-2	The Judges Ruth	Moabitess	Ruth 1:16b	Providence	Caring for widows, orphans

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10	Ruth 3-4	Abraham leaves Ruth and Boaz	Kinsman-redeemer	Luke 1:68	Providence	Redemption
11	I Samuel 1:1-2:11	Ruth Hannah	Dedicate	I Samuel 2:2	Providence	If God knows, why pray?
12	I Samuel 2:12-36	Priests Books of the Bible	Rebuke	I Samuel 2:30b	Fear of God	Our sin finds us out!
13	I Samuel 3	Hophni, Phinehas Young Samuel	Call	Romans 8:28	Providence	
14	I Samuel 4	Ark of the Covenant Hophni, Phinehas	Ichabod	Psalms 4:2	Fear of God	God's presence
15	I Samuel 5:1-6:12	The Ten Plagues Ark in Philistia	Supremacy	Psalms 68:1	Fear of God	Anything by chance?
16	I Samuel 6:13-7:17	The Red Sea Ark returns	Intercede	Romans 8:34b	Fear of God	Prayers of Intercession
17	I Samuel 8	Leaders of Israel Israel requests king	Monarchy	Psalms 47:2	Fear of God	Only Jesus as Savior?
18	I Samuel 9:1-10:8	Jesus' Disciples Saul	Change	Matthew 18:3	Providence	Why do I need to be changed?

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1	I Samuel 10:9-11:11	God's people Saul made king	Chosen	Psalms 33:12	Providence	Is God unfair?
2	I Samuel 11:12-12:25	Samuel I Samuel Review	Renewal	I Samuel 12:24	Providence	The need for teachers
3	I Samuel 13:1-14:14	Offerings Saul and Samuel	Compelled	Psalms 119:166	Fear of God	Why do I need the Spirit?
4	I Samuel 14:15-52	Jesus calms storm Jonathan	Rescue	Galatians 1:3-4a	Providence	Who really saves?
5	I Samuel 15	Jesus rejected King Saul	Reject	I Samuel 15:22b	Fear of God	What makes God sad?
6	Mark 1	Birth of Jesus John baptizes Jesus	Authority	Matthew 28:18	Fear of God	Why was Jesus baptized?
7	Mark 2:1-3:12	Sabbath Day Jesus heals paralytic	Sinner	Mark 2:17	Fear of God	Sabbath Day
8	Mark 3:13-4:34	First disciples Jesus' disciples	Satan	Mark 3:35	Rationality	Is Satan real?
9	Mark 4:35-5:43	Jesus and Satan Jesus' power	Faith	Hebrews 11:6a	Fear of God	Sick or Dead?

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10	Mark 6	John the Baptist John beheaded	Amazed	Hebrews 13:8	Providence	Amazing miracles
11	Mark 7	Jesus' miracles Clean and unclean	Tradition	Mark 7:8	Fear of God	Following the rules
12	Mark 8	Feeding of 5,000 Feeding the 4,000	Soul	Mark 8:35	Fear of God	Who is Jesus?
13	Mark 9	Moses Who is Jesus?	Rabbi	Mark 9:35b	Providence	True greatness
14	Mark 10	Transfiguration Rich, young ruler	Eternal Life	I John 5:11	Fear of God	No one is good
15	Mark 11:1-12:17	The tabernacle Triumphal Entry	Prayer	Colossians 4:2	Fear of God	What do we give to God?
16	Mark 12:18-13:37	In the beginning Great Command	Commandment	Mark 12:30	Fear of God	The end of time
17	Mark 14	Passover Jesus anointed	Testimony	I Timothy 2:5-6	Fear of God	Why was the cross the way?
18	Mark 15-16	The Lord's Supper Before Pilate	Cross	I Corinthians 1:18	Providence	Was Jesus really resurrected?

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1	I Samuel 16	Days of Creation Samuel anoints	Anoint	I Samuel 16:7b	Fear of God	The Holy Spirit
2	I Samuel 17	Joshua and Jericho Goliath	Defy	Psalms 27:1	Fear of God	True Courage
3	I Samuel 18	10 Commandments Saul and David	Adversary	Psalms 138:7	Fear of God	True Success
4	I Samuel 19	10 Commandments Saul and David	Persecute	Matthew 5:10,12	Providence	God or Luck?
5	I Samuel 20	Four Fishermen David and Jonathan	Hesed	I Peter 3:8	Providence	Christians suffer
6	I Samuel 21:1-22:5	Five loaves, two fish David and Nob	Jehovah-jireh	Psalms 91:1-2	Providence	What to do with fear?
7	I Samuel 22:6-23:13	Jesus' Betrayal David and Goliath	Conspire	Psalms 32:7	Fear of God	Evil in this world
8	I Samuel 23:14-24:22	God provides Saul and David	Providence	Psalms 57:1	Providence	Revenge
9	I Samuel 25	David and Goliath Nabal, Abigail	Folly	Proverbs 14:29	Providence	The need for wisdom

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10	I Samuel 26:1-28:2	The Gibeonites David spares Saul	Hypocrisy	Proverbs 3:5-6	Fear of God	Real or fake?
11	I Samuel 28:3-29:11	Golden Calf Witch at Endor	Abomination	Hebrews 4:16	Rationality	
12	I Samuel 30	Red Sea crossing The Amalekites	Omnipotent	Psalms 118:14-15	Providence	Faith and suffering
13	I Samuel 31	The Lord's Prayer Review Quiz	Kingdom of God	II Timothy 4:18	Providence	Is God always in control?
14	I Chronicles 1-9	Jesus' Genealogy Genealogy review	Genealogy	I Cor. 15:21-22	Creation	Where we come from
15	II Samuel 1, I Chronicles 10	King Saul King Saul	Lament	II Cor. 7:10	Fear of God	Christians mourn?
16	II Samuel 2:1-3:5	Samuel anoints David Tribes of Israel	Possession	I Timothy 1:17	Providence	Are wars wrong?
17	II Samuel 3:6-4:12	David and Saul Abner and Joab	Innocent	Hebrews 12:28	Rationality	Loving our enemies
18	II Samuel 5, I Chronicles 11:1-9	Promises to Abraham David becomes king	Zion	Psalms 9:11	Fear of God	The power of prayer

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1	II Samuel 6:1-11, I Chron. 11:10-13:14	Achan's sin David's mighty men	Wrath	I Thess. 5:9	Fear of God	God's righteous anger
2	II Samuel 6:12-23, I Chron. 14:1-16:6	David and Michal David's early reign	Dignity	Psalms 47:1-2	Fear of God	Praise and worship
3	II Samuel 7, I Chron. 16:7-17:27	The Tabernacle David's Psalms	Condescend	II Samuel 7:22	Providence	Does God need a house?
4	II Samuel 8, I Chron. 18	Joshua and Jericho David's victories	Victory	I Cor. 15:55,57	Providence	Why we need a King
5	II Samuel 9	David and Jonathan Mephibosheth	Mercy	Ephesians 2:4-5	Providence	Dead in our sins
6	II Samuel 10, I Chron. 19	Triumphal Entry David review	Insult	Psalms 117:1-2	Providence	Why resist mercy?
7	II Samuel 11:1-12:14	Cain and Abel David and Bathsheba	Despise	Psalms 32:5	Fear of God	Can Christians be perfect?
8	II Samuel 12:15-31, I Chron. 20	Jesus and Lazarus David and Nathan	Contrite	Psalms 51:17	Providence	Sinning against God
9	II Samuel 13-14	David's sin Amnon, Tamar, Absalom	Judgment	I Peter 4:17	Fear of God	Why do the innocent suffer?


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10	II Samuel 15	Christ's temptations Absalom	Revolt	Psalms 68:6	Fear of God	How are we all rebels?
11	II Samuel 16	Judas Iscariot Mephibosheth	Betray	Romans 8:32	Rationality	Why does God discipline?
12	II Samuel 17	Pharaoh & plagues Kings of Israel	Determined	II Samuel 17:14b	Providence	
13	II Samuel 18:1-19:8	Absalom Death of Absalom	Mourning	Revelation 21:4	Providence	Christians grieve?
14	II Samuel 19:9-43	Twelve tribes Twelve disciples	Division	Psalms 133:1	Fear of God	Why so much division?
15	II Samuel 20	Joseph's brothers King David review	Scheme	Ephesians 6:11	Fear of God	Why so much evil?
16	Luke 1	Books of Bible Luke	Impossible	Luke 1:37	Providence	Son of God, Son of Man
17	Luke 2-3	Gabriel Birth of Jesus	Prepare	Luke 2:30-31	Providence	Why was Jesus born?
18	Luke 4:1-5:16	John the Baptist Temptation of Jesus	Preach	Romans 10:15	Fear of God	Why do we sin?

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1	Luke 5:17-6:46	The Sabbath Calling of Matthew	Forgive	Luke 6:37	Fear of God	The Sabbath
2	Luke 7:1-8:25	Twelve Disciples Healing miracles	Faith	Luke 8:21	Fear of God	
3	Luke 8:26-9:62	Temptation of Jesus Jesus' healings	Forfeit	Luke 9:25	Providence	Cost of discipleship
4	Luke 10-11	Jesus' healings Good Samaritan	Harvest	Luke 10:2	Providence	Why pray when God knows?
5	Luke 12-13	Lord's Prayer The Rich Fool	Warning	Luke 12:15	Fear of God	The future
6	Luke 14-16	Twelve Disciples Great Banquet	Parable	Luke 14:27	Providence	Do we seek God?
7	Luke 17:1-19:10	Lost and Found Ten Lepers	Humble	Luke 18:17	Fear of God	Self-righteousness
8	Luke 19:11-21:37	Responding to Jesus Triumphal Entry	Temple	I Cor. 6:19-20	Providence	Stumbling block
9	Luke 22:1-23:25	Passover The Last Supper	Sacrifices	Hebrews 9:26b	Fear of God	Why no Passover?

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10	Luke 23:26-24:53	Judas and Peter The Crucifixion	Save	Romans 10:9	Fear of God	Is Jesus really alive today?
11	Acts 1	The Twelve Book of Acts	Ascension	Acts 1:8	Providence	How will Jesus return?
12	Acts 2	Jesus' Ascension Pentecost	Pentecost	Acts 2:38	Providence	The power of preaching
13	Acts 3:1-4:12	Jesus' arrest, trial Crippled beggar	Message	Acts 4:12	Providence	Healing today
14	Acts 4:13-5:16	Pentecost Twelve apostles	Ordinary	Acts 4:13	Fear of God	God of the New Testament
15	Acts 5:17-6:15	Ten Commandments The Apostles	Deacon	Acts 5:29	Fear of God	Elders and Deacons
16	Acts 7	The prophets History review	Martyr	Luke 11:49	Providence	Persecuted Christians
17	Acts 8	Jesus' baptism Acts review	Scatter	Acts 8:35	Fear of God	God's Word changes lives
18	Acts 9	Stephen Saul	Way	John 14:6	Fear of God	What is true conversion?

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1	Acts 10	Saul's conversion Cornelius and Peter	Vision	Acts 10:34-35	Fear of God	Jesus is for everyone!
2	Acts 11	Peter The Twelve	Christian	I Peter 4:16	Fear of God	The Christian's identity
3	Acts 12:1-13:12	Angels Peter in prison	Sent	Hebrews 1:14	Providence	Angels
4	Acts 13:13-52	Abraham Acts review	Justification	Acts 13:39	Providence	Why Gentiles?
5	Acts 14	Acts review Paul and Barnabas	Good News	Acts 14:15b	Fear of God	Why do we worship idols?
6	Acts 15	Saul's conversion Great Banquet	Gentile	Acts 15:11	Providence	Do we seek God?
7	Acts 16	Peter in prison Paul's journeys	Believer	Acts 16:30-31	Fear of God	Joy in suffering
8	Acts 17	Philip and Ethiopian Paul's journeys	Apologetic	I Peter 3:15	Providence	Studying the Bible
9	Acts 18	Paul's epistles I Paul's epistles II	Fervor	Romans 12:11-12	Fear of God	Inspired by God

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10	Acts 19	Christ's baptism Paul in Ephesus	Divine	II Peter 1:3	Fear of God	The power of idolatry
11	Acts 20	Ark of the Covenant Eutychus	Testimony	I John 5:11-12	Providence	Witnessing
12	Acts 21:1-36	The Holy Spirit Pentecost	Persuade	I Corinthians 2:4-5	Providence	Martyrs
13	Acts 21:37-22:29	Christ arrested Paul's testimony	Persecution	II Corinthians 12:10	Providence	Jews and Gentiles
14	Acts 22:30-23:35	Jesus and Sanhedrin The apostles	Plot	Romans 8:31-32	Providence	The truth of the resurrection
15	Acts 24:1-25:12	Jesus before Pilate Paul on trial	Trial	James 12:3	Fear of God	How to defend the faith
16	Acts 25:13-26:32	Daniel in Babylon Paul on trial	Appeal	II Corinthians 5:20	Rationality	Crazy Christians
17	Acts 27	Jesus calms storm Acts review	Courage	John 16:33	Fear of God	God or self?
18	Acts 28	Nicodemus Life of Paul	Conversion	Romans 1:16	Fear of God	What is true conversion?

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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	II Samuel 21	Day of Atonement The Gibeonites	Atonement	I John 2:2	Fear of God	Sin has consequences?
2	II Samuel 22	The Psalms The Psalms	Psalm	II Samuel 22:31	Providence	Choosing not to sing
3	II Samuel 23	The Word of God David's Oracle	Oracle	II Timothy 2:15	Providence	A peaceful religion
4	II Samuel 24, I Chronicles 21	All about altars Fighting men	Conscience	Hebrews 10:22	Fear of God	Importance of conscience
5	I Chronicles 22-27	David's sons The temple	Preparation	I Peter 1:13	Providence	Why is church so important?
6	I Chronicles 28-29	Widow's mite David and Temple	Devotion	Romans 12:10-11	Providence	Why bring offerings?
7	I Kings 1	King Saul David, Adonijah	Sovereign	Philippians 2:10-11	Fear of God	Who rules this world?
8	I Kings 2	City of David David and Solomon	Decree	Psalms 119:171-172	Providence	Training our children
9	I Kings 3, II Chron. 1:1-12	The Lord's Prayer Solomon rules	Wisdom	James 1:5	Providence	Wisdom is essential

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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	I Kings 4, II Chron. 1:13-17	Abrahamic Covenant Solomon's Wisdom	Immutable	Proverbs 9:10	Providence	Renewing the mind
11	I Kings 5, II Chronicles 2	Books of the Bible Solomon's temple	Scripture	II Chronicles 2:5	Rationality	True peace
12	I Kings 6, II Chronicles 3	The Tabernacle Building the Temple	Sanctuary	Psalm 68:35	Providence	Why no temples?
13	I Kings 7, II Chronicles 4	The Golden Calf Solomon Review	Worship	John 4:23	Providence	Why do I need to read?
14	I Kings 8:1-13, II Chronicles 5	Ark of the Covenant Ark and the Temple	Covenant	Psalm 111:9	Providence	Where is God?
15	I Kings 8:14-53, II Chronicles 6	The Ten Plagues Dedicating the Temple	Supplication	Philippians 4:6-7	Fear of God	What is true repentance?
16	I Kings 8:54-66, II Chron. 7:1-11	The High Priest Tribes of Israel	Consecrate	Psalm 105:1-2	Providence	Animal sacrifices
17	I Kings 9, II Chron. 7:12-8:18	The Judges The LORD appears	Apostasy	II Chronicles 7:14	Rationality	How God appears to us
18	I Kings 10, II Chron. 9:1-28	The Doxology Queen of Sheba	Doxology	Psalm 72:18-19	Fear of God	Christians and wealth

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4th Grade ~ Unit 2

<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	I Kings 12, II Chronicles 10	Solomon & Jeroboam Rehoboam	Rebellion	Daniel 9:9-10	Providence	Division among the people
2	I Kings 13	Creation Jeroboam	Word of the LORD	Psalms 18:30	Fear of God	Total obedience?
3	I Kings 14:1-20, II Chronicles 11	Joshua's farewell Abijah and Ahijah	Omniscient	Hebrews 4:13	Providence	God knows all things?
4	I Kings 14:21-31, II Chronicles 12	Jesus on the cross Rehoboam	Abandon	Psalms 27:9	Fear of God	Why we need the Law
5	I Kings 15:1-8, II Chron. 13:1-14:1	Kings of Israel Abijah	Rely	Isaiah 50:10	Providence	The promises of God
6	I Kings 15:9-24, II Chron. 14:2-16:14	First two commands King Asa	Committed	II Chron. 16:9a	Fear of God	A Christians' family
7	I Kings 15:25- 16:28	Sodom & Gomorrah Nadab & Bashan	Provoke	Psalms 103:8-9	Fear of God	The wrath of God
8	I Kings 16:29-17:24	Manna and Quail Ahab and Elijah	Baal	Matthew 5:6	Providence	Life without God
9	I Kings 18	John the Baptist Elijah and Ahab	Repent	Acts 3:19	Fear of God	The power of God

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<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	I Kings 19	Mt. Sinai Elijah and Jezebel	Zealous	Psalms 71:1-2	Providence	How we view the world
11	I Kings 20, II Chronicles 17	Moses and Egypt Jehoshaphat	Assimilation	James 4:4	Rationality	Learning God's Word
12	I Kings 21	David, Bathsheba Naboth's vineyard	Sackcloth	Psalms 30:10-11	Providence	Why die for Jesus?
13	I Kings 22, II Chronicles 18-20	Solomon's wisdom Absalom	Inquire	James 1:5	Providence	Is anything just random?
14	II Kings 1-2	Elijah, Mt. Carmel Elijah, Ahaziah	Spirit	II Timothy 1:7	Providence	What happens at death?
15	II Kings 3	Elisha Jehoram	Cling	Romans 12:9	Fear of God	Why do we pray?
16	II Kings 4:1-37	Jesus raises the dead Elisha, the widow	Distress	Psalms 4:1	Providence	The risen Christ
17	II Kings 4:38-5:27	Jesus' miracles Elisha	Leprosy	James 4:6	Providence	Free gift
18	II Kings 6	Jesus arrested Elisha and Naaman	Supernatural	Romans 8:31,33	Fear of God	


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4th Grade ~ Unit 3						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	II Kings 7:1-8:6	Elisha's miracles Lepers and Syrians	Floodgates	Malachi 3:10	Providence	Doubting God's goodness
2	II Kings 8:7-24, II Chronicles 21	Divided Kingdom Hazeel, Ben-Hadad	Walk	Psalms 1:1-2	Fear of God	Walking with God
3	II Kings 8:25-9:29, II Chron. 22:1-9	Naboth's vineyard Ahaziah and Jehu	Avenge	Romans 12:19	Providence	Christians and revenge
4	II Kings 9:30-10:31	The death of Christ Jehu and Jezebel	Slaughter	Isaiah 53:7	Fear of God	Violence, God's Way
5	II Kings 10:32-11:21, II Chron. 22:10-23:21	Baby Moses Joash and Jehosheba	Intervene	Luke 2:10-11	Providence	My purpose in life?
6	II Kings 12, II Chronicles 24	The Temple Joash	Account	Romans 14:11-12	Fear of God	Standing on my record
7	Joel	King Joash Joel	Rend	Joel 2:13	Fear of God	Turning away from God
8	Jonah	God's sovereignty Jonah	Compassion	Psalms 86:15	Providence	Loving our enemies
9	John 1	In the Beginning The WORD	Word	John 1:14	Creation	Man or God?


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4th Grade ~ Unit 3						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	John 2-3	Jesus' first disciples Wedding at Cana	Believer	John 3:16	Providence	
11	John 4:1-5:15	Nicodemus Woman at the Well	Samaritan	John 3:17	Rationality	Sin and sickness
12	John 5:16-6:24	The Trinity Jesus and God	Testify	John 5:21	Fear of God	God, but no Jesus?
13	John 6:25-7:24	Manna The Bread of Life	Bread of Life	John 6:35	Providence	Why kill Jesus?
14	John 7:25-8:59	Abraham Jesus and the people	I Am	John 8:12	Providence	Two fathers
15	John 9:1-10:21	David The blind man	Blindness	John 10:14-15	Fear of God	Seeing Jesus
16	John 10:22-11:57	The blind man Father and Son	Resurrection	John 11:25	Providence	Never die?
17	John 12:1-13:17	Lazarus Mary anoints Jesus	Glorify	Psalms 86:12	Providence	Jews believing Jesus
18	John 13:18-14:14	Triumphal Entry Judas Iscariot	Truth	John 14:6	Fear of God	Love one another?

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4th Grade ~ Unit 4						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	John 15:18-17:26	The "I Ams" The World	World	John 17:16-17	Providence	In the world, not of it
2	John 18:1-19:27	The kings of Israel Betrayal of Jesus	Kings	John 18:37b	Fear of God	Jesus as King
3	John 19:28-21:25	Jesus arrested Death of Jesus	Believe	John 20:31	Providence	Is He really alive?
4	Romans 1-5	The Apostle Paul Romans Review	Righteousness	Romans 3:22-23	Fear of God	No excuses?
5	Romans 6-11	The Crucifixion United to Christ	Condemnation	Romans 8:1-2	Providence	Obey God's Law?
6	Romans 12-16	Paul's last days Living as Christians	Transformation	Romans 12:2	Fear of God	How we treat others
7	I Corinthians 1-9	Paul's epistles Paul's epistles	Sanctification	I Corinthians 6:11	Fear of God	Division in the church
8	I Corinthians 10-16	Christ's resurrection I Corinthians review	Body of Christ	I Corinthians 10:31	Providence	
9	II Corinthians 1-7	Moses at Mt. Sinai II Corinthians	Reconciliation	II Corinthians 5:18	Providence	Enemies first

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4th Grade ~ Unit 4						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	II Corinthians 8-13	Job Generosity	Weakness	II Corinthians 12:10	Providence	Weakness is good?
11	Galatians	Sarah and Hagar Galatians	Freedom	Galatians 5:1	Rationality	Real Freedom
12	Ephesians	Fruit of the Spirit Ephesians	Grace	Ephesians 2:8-9	Fear of God	Grace and faith
13	Philippians	Birth of Christ Philippians	Attitude	Philippians 2:3	Providence	Lights in the world
14	Colossians	New Testament Colossians	Admonish	Colossians 1:28	Providence	Why do we study?
15	I Thessalonians	New Testament II I Thessalonians	Encourage	I Thessalonians 5:14	Fear of God	Christ is coming again
16	II Thessalonians	10 Commandments II Thessalonians	Perseverance	II Thessalonians 3:5	Providence	Why do people believe lies?
17	I Timothy	Paul's companions I Timothy	Doctrine	I Timothy 4:16	Providence	Danger of false teachers
18	II Timothy	Joshua II Timothy	Equip	II Timothy 3:16-17	Fear of God	We need to be equipped

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5th Grade ~ Unit 1						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	II Kings 13	OT History Books Jehoahaz, Jehoash	History	Psalms 103:13-14	Fear of God	Total trust in God?
2	II Kings 14:1-22, II Chron. 25	Three Kings Amaziah	Inerrancy	Jeremiah 17:5	Providence	Heart Change
3	II Kings 14-15, II Chron. 26	The first sin Jeroboam II, Azariah	Pride	Proverbs 16:18-19	Fear of God	Don't believe in yourself
4	II Kings 15, II Chron. 27	Plot to kill Jesus Three Kings	Conspire	Psalms 93:1	Fear of God	Just like the world
5	Hosea	10 Commandments Hosea	Idolatry	Hosea 14:1-2	Providence	The patience of God
6	Amos	10 Commandments Amos	Sovereign	Amos 5:14,24	Providence	Prophets today?
7	II Kings 16, II Chron. 28	Elijah, Mt. Carmel Ahaz in Judah	Orthodoxy	II Corinthians 6:14	Fear of God	Our worship of God
8	II Kings 17	Sodom & Gomorrah Hoshea & Exile	Ubiquitous	Psalms 68:6	Fear of God	Why we don't obey God
9	Micah	The Promised Land Micah	Justice	Micah 6:8	Providence	Doing Justice


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5th Grade ~ Unit 1						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	II Kings 18:1-12, II Chron. 29-31	Cleansing of Temple Hezekiah	Consecration	I Peter 2:9	Providence	How can we obey God?
11	II Kings 18:13-37, II Chronicles 32	Satan tempts Jesus Sennacherib	Revile	Matthew 5:11-12	Fear of God	Faith brings prosperity?
12	II Kings 19-20, II Chronicles 32	The Lord's Prayer Hezekiah & Isaiah	Supplication	Psalms 119:169-170	Providence	Why do Christians pray?
13	II Kings 21, II Chronicles 33	The Great Flood King Manasseh	Abomination	Proverbs 15:8-9	Providence	Why does God allow evil?
14	Isaiah 1-23	King Uzziah Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah 12:2-3	Providence	The holiness of God
15	Isaiah 24-39	King Hezekiah Isaiah	Ransom	Isaiah 35:10	Fear of God	What is grace?
16	Isaiah 40-51	John the Baptist Isaiah	Comfort	Isaiah 40:31	Providence	Redeemed?
17	Isaiah 52-66	Day of Atonement Isaiah	Iniquity	Isaiah 53:6	Rationality	Why is Jesus the Messiah?
18	II Kings 22, II Chronicles 34	Deuteronomy Josiah	Purge	Hebrews 9:14	Fear of God	Cleansing from sin

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5th Grade ~ Unit 2						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	II Kings 23:1-30, II Chron. 34-35	The Passover Josiah	Desecrate	Psalms 19:7-8a	Fear of God	Do Christians prosper?
2	II Kings 23-24, II Chron. 36:1-10	Israel into Exile Jehoahaz, Jehoakim	Forgive	Romans 4:7-8	Providence	What if I'm not forgiven?
3	II Kings 24-25, II Chron. 36:11-23	The temple Fall of Judah	Captivity	Luke 4:18	Fear of God	Today's captivity
4	Jeremiah 1-14	Last kings of Judah Jeremiah	Calling	Jeremiah 9:23-24a	Fear of God	
5	Jeremiah 15-29	The Golden Calf Jeremiah	Remnant	Jeremiah 29:11	Providence	Being different
6	Jeremiah 30-40	The Last Supper Jeremiah	New Covenant	Jeremiah 31:33	Providence	Why we need all things new
7	Jeremiah 41-52	Tower of Babel Jeremiah	Disaster	Jeremiah 17:9	Fear of God	True safety and security
8	Lamentations	Fall of Jerusalem Jeremiah	Lamentations	Lamentations 3:22-23	Fear of God	What we should grieve over
9	Ezekiel 1-20	History review Ezekiel	Prophet	Ezekiel 11:19-20	Providence	Consequences for sin

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5th Grade ~ Unit 2						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	Ezekiel 21-48	OT Prophetic Books Ezekiel	Regeneration	Ephesians 2:4-5	Providence	Life in Christ
11	Daniel 1	The Law of God Daniel	Defile	Proverbs 2:6-7	Fear of God	True Wisdom
12	Daniel 2	Joseph and dreams Nebuchadnezzar	Discernment	Daniel 2:20-21	Providence	Who controls the future?
13	Daniel 3	Against Idolatry Fiery furnace	Theophany	I Peter 4:12-13	Providence	How long has Christ existed?
14	Daniel 4	Babel Nebuchadnezzar	Pride	Daniel 4:37	Providence	God's sovereignty
15	Daniel 5	Joshua and Jericho Belshazzar	Interpretation	Psalms 47:7-8	Fear of God	Our Interpreter
16	Daniel 6	The Lord's Prayer King Darius	Discipline	Daniel 6:26b-27a	Providence	Self-salvation
17	Daniel 7-9	Jesus' ascension Daniel's dreams	Son of Man	Matthew 26:64	Rationality	Why fear the future?
18	Daniel 10-12	The Angel Gabriel Daniel's prophecy	Eschatology	Matthew 24:42,44	Fear of God	When will Jesus return?

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5th Grade ~ Unit 3						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	Obadiah, Nahum	Jonah Obadiah	Judgment	Nahum 1:3	Fear of God	Why am I guilty?
2	Habakkuk	Job Habakkuk	Theodicy	Habakkuk 3:19	Providence	What if God isn't sovereign?
3	Zephaniah	King Josiah Zephaniah	Zion	Zephaniah 3:17	Fear of God	Taking our punishment
4	Ezra 1-3	Judah in Exile Ezra	Inspiration	Psalms 107:1-3	Fear of God	The work of the Spirit
5	Ezra 4-6	Nebuchadnezzar Rebuilding	Decree	Proverbs 21:1	Providence	God is in control
6	Ezra 7-10	Two criminals Ezra	Guilt	James 2:10	Providence	What if I don't feel guilty?
7	Nehemiah 1-2	The Book of Ezra Nehemiah	Disgrace	Nehemiah 1:5	Fear of God	Favor vs. Favorites
8	Nehemiah 3-4	Pharisees and Jesus Nehemiah	Opposition	Ephesians 6:17-18	Fear of God	When is it good to fight?
9	Nehemiah 5-7	Cleansing temple Nehemiah	Usury	Romans 13:8	Providence	Taking care of the poor

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5th Grade ~ Unit 3						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	Nehemiah 8-13	Mount Sinai Ezra	Tutor	Galatians 3:24	Providence	Bible teachers
11	Esther 1-3	Joseph in Egypt King Ahasuerus	Favor	Psalms 5:12	Providence	What is grace?
12	Esther 4-6	King Herod Esther & Mordecai	Perish	Esther 4:14	Providence	Coincidence
13	Esther 7-10	Feasts and Festivals Haman	Petition	Philippians 4:6	Providence	Why pray?
14	Haggai	Building the temple Haggai	Consider	Hebrews 10:24-25	Fear of God	Christians are thinkers
15	Zechariah	The other Zechariah Zechariah	LORD of hosts	Zechariah 9:9	Fear of God	Does God forget?
16	Malachi	John the Baptist Malachi	Tithe	Malachi 3:10	Providence	Why do we tithe?
17	Ecclesiastes 1-6	King Solomon Ecclesiastes	Meaningless	Ecclesiastes 5:10	Rationality	Where do we find meaning?
18	Ecclesiastes 7-12	Books of the Bible Ecclesiastes	Conclusion	Ecclesiastes 12:13	Fear of God	What is most important?

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5th Grade ~ Unit 4						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
1	Hebrews 1:1-6:15	Leaders of Israel Hebrews	Maturity	Hebrews 5:13-14	Fear of God	Maturing in Christ
2	Hebrews 6:16-10:39	Abraham and Lot Hebrews	Sacrifice	Hebrews 9:28	Providence	How were OT people saved?
3	Hebrews 11-13	Heroes of Faith Hebrews	Faith	Hebrews 12:2	Fear of God	Faith is more than believing
4	James 1-2	Satan tempts Jesus James	Tempt	James 1:13-14	Fear of God	Good works save us?
5	James 3-5	Solomon's wisdom James	Humility	James 3:13	Providence	God controls the future?
6	I Peter	Noah and the ark Peter	Submit	I Peter 4:19	Providence	Must I submit?
7	II Peter	Life of Peter Peter	Error	II Peter 3:17-18	Fear of God	Good character
8	Revelation 1-2	Birth of Christ Revelation	Revelation	Revelation 1:8	Fear of God	Wrong pictures of Jesus
9	Revelation 2-3	Christ as King Revelation	Overcome	Revelation 3:21	Fear of God	Being rich

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5th Grade ~ Unit 4						
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Scripture Text</i>	<i>Quiz Time</i>	<i>Word of the Week (W.O.W!)</i>	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	<i>Worldview Builder</i>	<i>Defend the Faith</i>
10	Revelation 4-6	The Twelve Tribes Revelation	Worthy	Revelation 5:12	Providence	Why is God so worthy?
11	Revelation 7-9	The Seals Revelation	Tribulation	Revelation 7:17	Providence	Afraid of the future
12	Revelation 9-11	Ten Plagues Revelation	Apocalypse	Revelation 11:15b	Providence	Bible is offensive?
13	Revelation 12-13	Satan Revelation	Counterfeit	Ephesians 2:1-2	Providence	How to spot a fake
14	Revelation 14-15	Sodom, Gomorrah Revelation	Wrath	Romans 5:9	Fear of God	God of wrath, God is love
15	Revelation 16-17	The Judges Bowls of Wrath	Armageddon	Revelation 17:4	Fear of God	Christians and the World
16	Revelation 18-19	Nebuchadnezzar Revelation	Hallelujah	Revelation 19:1-2a	Providence	What is the Bible all about?
17	Revelation 19-21	Revelation Review I Revelation 19	Millennium	Revelation 21:6-7	Rationality	Fearing Satan
18	Revelation 21-22	Revelation Review II Twelve	Maranatha	Revelation 22:20	Fear of God	When is Christ coming again?

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Upper School Theology

This document, and the curriculum it represents, are a work in progress. Wordings, content, and organization can and should be improved as the courses are taught and refined. It will, therefore, undergo revision both before, during, and after the 2025-2026 school year.

Detailed points are given for a teacher to gauge their strengths and weaknesses in delivering the ideal content. A responsible teacher must decide where to spend more or less time based on his own, and his students', abilities.

Teacher resources and student books will be categorized and stored according to the Librarian's standards.

6th Grade: Hermeneutics through Hebrews

Hebrews is the only fully inerrant and inspired commentary ever written on the major figures, events, institutions, and practices of the Old Testament that find their fulfillment in the reality of the Son. While Hebrews does not speak to everything, a full immersion into its thought establishes the best means of learning to interpret history and other Scripture the way in which it is intended. The longer students spend understanding how the Letter to the Hebrews "thinks," the more students will be firm in their interpretive skills. The course centers around a series of expository "Capstone texts" which lead students through the book of Hebrews, and form the departure point for all reflection and disciplinary cross-fertilization.

Course Goals:

- To spend as much time in the text of Hebrews so its words are fluent parts of the discussion in class, with students' learning essential interpretive skills by learning to *think* like the Apostles as they relate to the history of redemption.
- To confess the major ways Christ is supreme to the institutions and persons and methods Hebrews' uses to compare/contrast the old to the new.

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- To pray in a way that incorporates the lessons from meditation on and study of the Letter to the Hebrews in adoration, confession, and supplication.
- To expand spiritual disciplines in line with Christ's supremacy built on the foundation of Hebrews' practical and theological concerns.

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1. Christ Offers a Supreme Revelation

- a. Capstone Text - Heb. 1:1-2
 - i. Basic Themes of Hebrews: Contrasting periods of revelation; Jesus' unique status as Son of God; Jesus' purifying work; supremacy of the Son
 - ii. Connection to wisdom (Prov. 1:20-33; Wisdom 7:22-30)
- b. Our Response (Possible introduction to Oikos Map here—The Responses are an integral part of the application of classroom reflection on the main themes. They will

2. Christ's Offers a Supreme Ministerial Agency (cf. to Angels)

- a. Capstone Text - Heb. 1:1-2:18
 - i. Ancient & Modern Cosmology
 - ii. The Hierarchy of Beings
 - iii. Jesus in relation to angels
 - iv. Jesus as "Son of God"
 - v. Jesus as "Son of Man"
- b. Our Response

3. Christ Offers a Supreme Descent (Sonship)

- a. Capstone Text - Heb. 1:1-14
 - i. Sonship
 - ii. Inheritance
 - iii. Names
 - iv. Cf. Selections from John Chrysostom, *Homily 2 on Hebrews*
- b. Our Response

4. Christ Offers a Supreme Warning: Neglecting Salvation

- a. Capstone Text - Heb. 2:1-4
 - i. Major argumentative movements in Heb. 2:1-4
 - ii. Jewish rhetorical techniques (From lesser to greater)
 - iii. Physical, Emotional, Spiritual Danger in One's Life
 - iv. Cf. Selections from "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," Jonathan Edwards
- b. Our Response

5. Christ Offers a Supreme Foundation for Salvation

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- a. Capstone Text - Heb. 2:5-18
 - i. Subjection of world to Son
 - ii. Participation of Son in humanity through Christ's sufferings
 - iii. Participation of regenerate Christians in God through being united in a death like his
 - iv. Meaning of Baptism viz. Above
- b. Our Response
- 6. Christ Offers a Supreme Law**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 3:1-10:18
 - i. Superiority of Jesus to Moses, Aaron, the former covenant
 - ii. Superiority of Jesus' death over sacrificial system
 - iii. The Three Exhortations to Perseverance (3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:12; 10:19-39)
 - iv. Connection between Jesus' superiority and daily perseverance
 - v. Persecution
 - vi. Acedia
 - b. Our Response
- 7. Christ Offers a Supreme Prophecy**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 3:1-6
 - i. Evaluating morality of OT figures
 - ii. Distinction between Moses and Jesus
 - iii. The Transfiguration
 - iv. Biblical Prophecy/Prophet
 - v. Cf. Selections from Abraham Heschel, *The Prophets*
 - b. Our Response
- 8. Christ Offers Supreme Rest**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 3:7-4:13
 - i. Biblical concept of *shalom*
 - ii. Paradigmatic nature of Israel's cyclical faithlessness and God's faithfulness
 - iii. Comparison of Heb. 3:7-4:13 with Psalm 95
 - iv. "Scripture Interprets Scripture"
 - b. Our Response
- 9. Christ Offers a Supreme Priest**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 4:14-10:18
 - i. High Priesthood
 - ii. Melchizedek; Comparison to Jesus
 - iii. Priestly superiority of Jesus
 - iv. God's promises in light of God's character
 - v. Redemptive History/Economy of Salvation
 - b. Our Response
- 10. Christ Offers a Supreme Source of Endurance**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 10:19-12:29
 - i. Relationship between faith and perseverance

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- ii. Concepts of and relationship between faith, hope, and love
- b. Our Response
- 11. Christ Offers a Supreme Guarantee**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 10:19-39
 - i. Assurance of Salvation
 - ii. Pascal, Dostoyevsky, Psalm 139 on discerning one's motivations
 - iii. Forensic vs. Subjective Assurance
 - iv. Self-authoring suite as spiritual discipline
 - b. Our Response
- 12. Christ Offers a Supreme Authorship for Faith**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 11:1-40
 - i. Return to relationship between faith, hope, love
 - ii. The Last Day
 - iii. Relationship between students and OT examples of faith
 - iv. Relationship between contemporary and previous generations of believers
 - b. Our Response
- 13. Christ Offers a Supreme Kingship and Kingdom**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 12:1-29
 - i. Life as "race"
 - ii. Jesus' endurance on cross in relation to OT examples of faith (12:1-2)
 - iii. Discipline in the life of the believer
 - iv. The Final Judgement
 - v. Cf. "The Bema Seat," Pete Briscoe
 - b. Our Response
- 14. Christ Offers a Supreme Headship of the Body (the Church)**
 - a. Capstone Text - Heb. 13:1-25
 - i. "Oikos Map" for Personal Prayer and Mission
 - ii. Application of Scripture (Students develop specific points of application for their communities, and develop blessings and prayers for those communities.)
 - b. Our Response

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7th Grade: Paul's Letters & Church Health

Students will spend equal time considering healthy and unhealthy churches through the lived-experience of Paul's ministry to them, whether he knew them (most) or did not (Romans). Arranged according to major problems (vices) in the Churches to which Paul ministered, the class will contrast the failures of various churches with the Spirit-led behavior and commitments (virtues) Paul commands they have because of who Christ is and what he has done for them, transferring them from the Kingdom of Darkness into that of Light (cf. Col 1). Special emphasis should be given to the ground of his encouragement(s), warning(s), rebuke(s), and hope(s) for each and connection made to current events and developments across the 21st century Christian Western scene.

Course Goals:

- Identify the 7 key and endemic problems in Paul's churches
- Identify and own those 7 key problems in our denominations today
- Identify Paul's key points for Christ-based anthropology and seek to implement student interactions in accordance with love

Teacher Resources

- *Paul and the Self*, J. Knox Chamblin
- Ortlund Jr., *God's Unfaithful Wife: Biblical Theology of Spiritual Adultery*
- Beale, *We Become What We Worship: Biblical Theology of Idolatry*
- Sanders, *Paul: A Very Short Introduction* (for teacher awareness)
- Bruce, *Paul: Apostle of A Heart Set Free*

Student books, selections from:

- Fee, *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God*
- Ibid, *Pauline Christology*
- Bruce, *Paul: Apostle of A Heart Set Free*

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1. Idolatry & Holiness¹

a. The Call to Faithfulness

i. Rel. of God's promises & commands

1. Cf. Indicative Mood (*en Christo*) & Imperative Mood (*en Kyrio*)

ii. Rel. to human exertions

1. "Grace isn't opposed to effort, grace is opposed to earning" (Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*)
2. Rom 6:13, 22; Phil. 2:12-13, cf. 4:13; Eph 2:10; 2 Tim. 2:1-6; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:25; Eph 5:18, Titus 1:1, 16; 1 Tim. 4:12, 16

iii. Slavery to Sin as Self's Willful Surrender

1. *Mutatis mutandis* for Slaves of Christ
 - a. 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10

b. The Call to Holiness

i. 'Holiness' in the Context of Eschatology

1. Holiness in the *Ordo Salutis*
2. Rom 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11; 1 Thess. 4:3, 7; Rom 6:19, 22; Eph. 1:13; 4:17-32; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; Phil. 1:6; 2:12-13)

ii. Restoring the Image

1. "Equipped for good works" and "called to be holy"
 - a. Rom 12:2, 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18; Eph 2:10, 4:24
2. Restored knowledge of God through union w/ Christ
 - a. "First and Second Things," in C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, ed. Walter Hooper. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970), 278-81.
 - b. 1 Cor. 6:13, 19-20, 7:2-5; 2 Tim. 4:10; Gal 1:4; Eph. 2:2
3. Love for God as freedom from polluted image
 - a. Chamblin, 159ff.
4. Respect for humanity, esp. fellow believers
 - a. Philemon; Eph. 4:22-25, Gal. 3:27-28, 6:10;

¹ Units need not be treated in the order listed.

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5. Capacity for perception of God's benevolent "fingerprints" on Creation; responsibility for dominion
 - a. 1 Tim. 4:3-5; Gen 1:28; 1 Cor. 3:7, 9:10; Titus 3:14; 2 Thess. 3:6-13
6. Responsibilities to people & nature viz. submission to authority
 - a. Church Authority
 - i. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:8; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Cor. 9:9-14
 - b. Household Authority
 - i. 1 Tim. 3:4-5, 3:12; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 1 Tim 5:14 (cf. Gen 1:28); 1 Tim. 2:15; Titus 2:4-5; Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20; 1 Tim. 5:3-8; 16.
 - c. The State
 - i. Rom. 13:1-10
- iii. "Put Off the Old, Put On the New"
 1. Saying 'No' to Certain Practices
 - a. E.g., Rom. 6:1-13; Gal. 5:16-26; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:1-14
 - b. Selections from James D. Hunter, "Evangelicals: Strangers in a Strange Land," *RTS Ministry* (Winter 1989): 10.
 2. Reflection on Contemporary Culture and Self-Denial
- iv. The Body
 1. Selections from C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves* (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1960), 142-43.
 - a. 1 Tim 4:8; Rom. 6:11-23; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:10
 2. Bodily Appetites, esp. gluttony
 - a. Eph. 5:18; 1 Cor. 6:10; 1 Tim. 3:2-3, 8; Titus 1:7, 2:3.
 - b. Cf. 1 Tim. 5:23
 3. Sexuality
 - a. Cultural Encouragement of
 - i. Rom. 1:32, 1:24-27; Phil. 3:19; 1 Cor. 5:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:12, 5:1-2; 2 Tim. 2:22;
 - b. Word Study: πορνεία
 - i. Selection from *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* 6:579-95

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- ii. Eph. 5:25-33, Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:9-10
- 4. Controlling the Tongue
 - a. Col. 3:8-9; Eph. 5:4; 1 Tim. 3:11, 5:13; Titus 1:7, 2:3, 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:16-18
- 5. Money & Material Things
 - a. Word Study: φιλάργυροι
 - b. Warnings (i) and Salutory Effects (ii)
 - i. 2 Tim. 3:1-3, 8, 6:17; Col. 3:5; Rom. 13:6-9; Titus 2:10; 1 Tim 6:10, 17
 - ii. Eph. 4:23; Phil. 4:11-13; 1:21; 1 Tim. 4:3-5; 6:6-10, 17-18; Eph. 4:28; Rom. 12:13, 13:6-9; 2 Cor. 8-9; Titus 2:10; cf. Acts 20:35b and 20:33-35.
 - iii. Selections from Richard J. Foster, *Money, Sex and Power* (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1985), 19-87.
- 6. The Work of God as prime mover in sanctification
 - a. ("What if I can't beat my sin?")
- 2. Ignorance & Knowledge (~4 weeks)
 - a. Ignorance
 - i. Image vs. Reality (Cf. Impressionism/Post-Impressionism)
 - ii. As "natural" state of non-believer (Romans 1 & Ephesians 4:17-18)
 - iii. Comparing Romans 1, Ephesians 4 with *Notes from the Underground*
 - iv. Definition from Heidelberg, Q&A 95 compared w/ scripture
 - b. Knowledge
 - i. The Three Relationships ("Without knowledge of self there is no knowledge of God. Without knowledge of God there is no knowledge of self.")
 - ii. God-Centeredness/*Coram Deo* Living
 - iii. The Triune God (Rom 16:26-27; 1 Cor 8:6; Titus 2:13; Rom 8:3; Col. 1:13)
 - iv. Humanity as Crown of God's Creation
 - v. The Self's Diversity in Unity/Unity in Diversity
 - vi. The Experience of Knowledge
 - vii. Thralldom to Sin
 - viii. Effects on Three Relationships
- 3. Pride & Humility
 - a. "There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which every one in the world loathe when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly

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any people [...] ever imagine that they are guilty themselves. . . .” -C. S. Lewis, “The Great Sin.” In *Mere Christianity*.

- b. The Character of Pride & the Humbling of Paul
 - i. Good vs. Bad Competition
 - 1. REFERENCES
 - ii. The Humbling of Paul: Pride’s Finding New Avenues of Expression
 - 1. Acts 22:3, 26:5; Phil. 3:4-6; Gal. 1:13-14
 - iii. The Humbling of Paul: Shattered on Damascus Road
 - 1. Acts 9:3-8; 22:6-11; 26:13-14; cf. 1 Cor. 15:8-10; Gal. 1:13-16; 1 Tim. 1:13-17
 - iv. The Humbling of Paul: Recognition and Renunciation
 - 1. Phil. 3:7-8
 - v. The Humbling of Paul: The Boasting That Remains
 - 1. Phil. 3:3, 8-10; 1:21; Rom. 4:4, 10:3;
 - vi. The Humbling of Paul: Neither Self-Pity nor Anxiety, but Redirected Zeal
 - 1. 1 Cor. 15:9-10; 2 Cor. 12:7-10
 - 2. Connect to/foreshadow “Power & Weakness” unit
- c. Confronting Pride in the Galatians
 - i. REFERENCES
- d. Confronting Pride in 1 Corinthians
 - i. REFERENCES
- e. Confronting Pride in Philippians
 - i. REFERENCES
- f. Confronting Pride in Romans
 - i. Romans 12:1-15:13
- g. What has God done to save the proud?
 - i. 1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 6:4-6; Gal 2:20; Eph. 2:4-7; Phil 2:1, 5, 10; 13, 3:10b; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:19; Rom 8:9, 13, 5:5; Gal 5:19-26
- h. Three Avenues of Humility
 - i. God: Magnifying God
 - 1. 1 Cor. 1:29-31; Phil 3:3; Rom. 15:5-6
 - ii. Others: Coping with “Rivals”; the High-Low-High pattern in Scripture
 - 1. Phil 1:15-21; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; 1 Cor. 1:18-2:5; Gal 6:14
 - iii. Self: Recognizing Pride and Letting Go to Take Hold of the Gift of Joy
 - 1. 1 Cor. 1-3; 1 Cor. 15:9-10; Eph 2:8-10; Rom 15:3; Phil 2:7

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2. See *Mere Christianity*, 99. "He will not be thinking about himself at all."

3. Etymology: *humble* - *humus*

4. Freedom & Slavery

a. Socratic on Gal. 5:1, Rom. 6:20-22

i. See Porphyry's *Apocrit.* III.30-III.36, in Porphyry's 'Against the Christians:' *The Literary Remains*, ed. R. Joseph Hoffman (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994), 58-65.

b. Word Studies: δουλεύειν & διακονίαν

i. Key Point: *Doulos* can only have one master; see Matt. 6:24

c. Everyone is a Slave to Something or Someone

i. See Chamblin, 132ff.

ii. Speech: David Foster Wallace, ["This is Water"](#)

d. Slaves of Christ - Rom. 6-8

i. What Sort of Master is He?

1. Rom. 15:3; Eph. 5:2, 25; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:14 [vv.11-21]

ii. The Slavery to Christ Entails Slavery to Others

1. Gal. 5:13-14; Titus 3:3-8; 1 Cor. 9:19

e. The Liberation of Paul - 1 Cor. 2:16 & Acts 22:10

i. Effects of bondage to Christ during Antioch Crisis

1. Gal. 2:11-14

2. See Chamblin 136f.

f. The Corinthian Crisis: Food to Idols

i. Porphyry's Challenge (*Apocrit.* III.30-III.36)

ii. Gifts From God

1. 1 Cor. 8:1, 4-6, 8; 10:25-26; 9:1, 3-18; 10:23, 27, 29b-30

iii. Perils of Freedom

1. Viz. Former Pagans

a. 1 Cor. 10:23; 8:4-11;

2. Viz. Christian Life

a. 1 Cor. 10:23 viz. 8:5, 12; 10:12, 18-22

iv. Answering Porphyry (Letter-writing Project)

v. Bondage to Love

1. "A Christian man is a most free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian man is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to all. Subject to none in respect of his liberty; subject to all in respect of his charity." - Bruce, quoting Luther

2. Knowledge vs. Love

a. 1 Cor. 8:1-3, 13:2; Gal. 5:22

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3. How well do I love God? How well do I love his people?
 - a. 1 Cor. 8:11-13; 13:5
4. Case Study: Paul's Vegetarianism
 - a. 1 Cor. 8:13; Acts 15:20, 29; 2 Cor. 3:2-3
5. Free to Relinquish, Free to Receive
 - a. 1 Cor. 9: 14-23; 9:24-27, 6:19-20;
6. Seeking the Good of Others
 - a. 1 Cor. 10: 24, 27, 29b-30; cf. qualification viz. "weaker brother," 10:28-29a.
- g. Poem: "Make Me A Captive, Lord," George Matheson
5. **Power & Weakness**
 - a. Group Word Studies: δύναμις and χάρις in 2 Corinthians 12:8-10.
 - i. Cf. Rom. 1:16; Titus 2:11 and 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Tim. 2:1
 - b. The Saving Work of Christ
 - i. Connexion between Christology & strength in weakness
 1. 2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 1:4-5; Titus 2:11; Phil. 2:6-7
 - ii. The *dynamis* of *charis*
 1. 2 Cor. 12:9-10
 - iii. The Weakness of God
 1. Phil. 2:8 (cf. Isa 53:12); 1 Cor. 1:23-24, 2:6-7; 2 Cor. 13:4
 2. Selections from Peter J. Kreeft, "Unraveling the Mystery of Weakness and Strength," *Christianity Today*, 21 April 1989, 23.
 3. "He will be victor and victim in all his wars, and will make his triumph in defeat." -Dorothy Sayers, *The Man Born to be King*
 - iv. The Attack on Paul's Weakness by the Judeans in 2 Corinthians
 1. See 2 Cor. 1:15-24; 2:16b-17; 3:1-5; 4:2, 5, 7; 5:12-13; 8:20-21; 10:7, 10, 12-13, 18; 11:6-9, 12, 16-23; 12:1, 13, 16-18
 - v. Paul's Counterattack
 1. The Message: Proclamation as the fundamental character of Paul's ministry (2 Cor. 2:14-7:16; 10:1-13:10. Cf Gal. 1-2)
 - a. Proclamation of Glory
 - i. 2 Cor. 3-4. See all 15 uses of δόξα.
 - b. Proclamation of Power
 - i. 2 Cor. 13:3; 4:4, 7; 6:7; 10:4; 13:8

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- c. Proclamation of Authenticity (Self-Authentication of the gospel)
 - i. 2 Cor. 4:2-7; 11:4
 - 2. The Messenger: “Do[ing] Things for the Truth” (2 Cor. 13:8)
 - a. Messenger in Humility
 - i. 2 Cor. 4:2-7; 3:6-18; 11:4; 10:12a, 17-18; 12:1, 7
 - ii. “Defend the Bible? I would as soon defend a lion.” -Charles Spurgeon
 - b. Messenger in Weakness
 - i. 2 Cor 3:5-6; 13:4; 4:5, 7; 10-11
 - c. Messenger in Authenticity
 - i. 2 Cor 6:8; 1:1; 12:13-18; 1:24 & 13:10; 2:7-12; 11:13-15; Cf. 1 Thess 2:3-6
 - c. Application & Implications: Leading From Weakness
 - i. Submission in Relation to God, Ourselves, Other People
 - 1. See Chamblin 194ff.
- 6. Despair & Hope
 - a. Sauroman, Frodo, Gandalf, Samwise (*Lord of the Rings*)
 - b. Historical Perspective of Paul & Original Audience
 - i. Now & Not Yet
 - ii. Rel. of Personal and Historical
 - iii. Suffering & Glory
 - c. The Return of Christ
 - d. The Resurrection of the Body
 - e. The Final Judgment
 - f. The Hope of Glory
 - i. Glory of God
 - 1. Rom 5:2, 8:29-30; 1 Cor. 1:18-31, 2:7-8
 - ii. Glorious Inheritance
 - 1. Rom 8:21, Col. 1:19, 2 Tim 4:18, etc.
 - iii. Glorious Body
 - 1. Phil. 3:21, 1 Cor. 15:43, etc.)
 - g. Song: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, “ Charles Wesley

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8th Grade: Systematic Theology I

If every heresy and idolatry begins with a twisting and conflation of the Creator-creature distinction, then lasting love for God (and Man) comes from embracing who and what God is, and who and what Man is. This course provides a macroscopic overview of God (Theology Proper) and Man (biblical Anthropology) and space within class to practice greater spiritual disciplines (especially prayer, reflection, and singing) to help us order our affections/loves the right way.

Course Goals:

- Develop expectations and habits of defining critical truths and terms on the nature of God and man from the best tools found in sacred and secular sources
- Practice theological counterfactuals around the nature of God and man
- Articulate and recognize truths from the Creator-creature distinction in prayer and devotional poetry and hymnology

Prolegomena, Theology Proper, Anthropology

Teacher Resources:

- Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Vols 1-2
- Beeke, *Systematic Theology*, Vols 1-2
- Muller, *Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms*
- Van Mastricht, *Theological-Practical Theology*, Vols 1-2*
- Ed. Matz and Thornhill, *Divine Impassibility: Four Views of God's...*
- Dolezal, *God Without Parts*
- Dolezal, *All That Is In God**
- Aquinas, *Summa*, Vol 1*
- Gavriluk, *The Suffering of the Impassible God*
- Various authors, *The Openness of God*
- Charnock (ed. Jones), *Existence and Attributes of God* (2 vols)
- Kelley, *Systematic Theology* (Vols 1-3)
- Packer, *Knowing God*
- Ibid, *Concise Theology*
- Jones, *Knowing Christ*
- Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (Vols 1-2)*
- Celsus, *On the True Doctrine*, selections

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Student Books

- Sheed, *Theology for Beginners**
- Sheed, *Theology and Sanity*
- Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (selections)*
- Celsus, *On the True Doctrine*, selections*

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Prolegomena

1. Task of Systematic Theology
 - a. Compared to other disciplines
 - i. Aquinas, *ST Ia*. Q.1 A.1-8, esp. Article 5
 - b. Compared to Scripture's manner of revelation (biblical theology)
 - i. Calvin, *Institutes* I.VI-X
 - ii. Aquinas, *ST Ia*. Q.1 A.9-10
 1. [John Boyle, "Aquinas & Sacred Scripture"](#)
 - c. Compared to General Revelation/Natural Law
 - i. Calvin, *Institutes* I.I-V
 - ii. Aquinas, *ST Ia*. Q.1

Theology Proper

2. Creator-creature Distinction
 - a. Definitions of God
 - i. Review Calvin, *Institutes* I.I-V, X-XIV
 - ii. Calvin's *Commentaries* on [Psalm 19:1-6](#); [Romans 1:19-20](#); [Romans 2:14-15](#); [Acts 17:16-34](#)
 - iii. *Westminster Shorter Catechism* Question 4; *Westminster Larger Catechism* Question 7
 - b. Definitions of Man
 - i. Calvin, *Institutes* I.XIV-XV
 - ii. Aquinas, *ST Ia*. Q.75-82; *Ia IIae* Q.1-2
3. Macro
 - a. Simplicity
 - i. Dolezal, "Simple God" & "Simple God Lost," in *All That is in God* (Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2017), 37ff.
 - ii. Aquinas, *ST Ia*. Q. 11
 - b. Immutability

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- i. Dolezal, "Unchanging God," *All That is in God*, 9ff.
 - ii. Aquinas, *ST Ia. Q. 9*
 - c. Eternality
 - i. Dolezal, "Eternal Creator," *All That is in God*, 79ff.
 - ii. Aquinas, *ST Ia. Q. 10*
 - d. Infinity
 - i. WSC Question 4
 - ii. John 4:24; Malachi 3:6; Psalm 147:5; Revelation 19:6; Isaiah 57:15; Deuteronomy 32:4; Romans 2:4; Psalm 117:2
 - e. Ad intra
 - f. Ad extra
- 4. Micro
 - a. Trinitarian Nature
 - b. Personal Relations

To cover: challenges to Faithful Theology Proper: Open Theism, Eternal subordination of the Son (ESS), "Involved" God, Oneness-ism, Patripassianism, Macedonianism, Partialism, Modalism, Tri-theism, Alternate views of the divine (introductions only to Pantheism, Panentheism, atheism, deism, Islamism's view of a radical monad), (4 weeks)

Anthropology

- 1. Image of God as Archetypal Theology: Man, the Archetype
 - a. Dominion
 - b. Knowledge
 - c. Righteousness
 - d. Holiness
 - e. Composition
 - f. Noetic Effects
 - i. Intellect
 - ii. Will
 - iii. Emotion
- 2. Image of God as Ectypal Theology: Christ, the Ectype ("How was Christ present as Mediator in...")
 - a. Pre-diluvian 1 epoch
 - i. Garden waters
 - ii. Noahic waters
 - b. Pre-diluvian 2 epoch
 - i. Patriarchal waters (wells)
 - ii. Pre-Exodus (waters of Goshen)

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- iii. Canaanite Judgment & Canaan's Conquest (Red Sea and Jordan)
- iv. Exilic waters (back across the "4 rivers")
- c. Pre-diluvian 3 epoch
 - i. Baptismal waters of Christ, the Head
 - ii. Baptismal waters of Church, the Body
- d. Fulfilling waters of New Jerusalem
 - i. Sanctification
 - ii. Glorification

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9th Grade: Systematic Theology II

Because God's Being in Theology Proper is not known unless he condescends to reveal himself to us through general and special revelation, this course focuses on the limits of Natural Law (General Revelation) and the necessity and provision of the person and work of Christ—the Way, Truth, and Life—the giving of the Holy Spirit, and the Church's growth from the first to the last Garden. Growth in spiritual disciplines will be included.

Course Goals:

- Accurately complete a historic timeline of the Church's creedal formulations in the first millenium
- Articulate the historic crises that led to the Church's credal imperatives
- Articulate and understand the historic terms and foundations used for understanding the nature of Christ and the Spirit and Inter-trinitarian relations
- Articulate and appreciate the contemporary need for clear doctrinal formulations on the person and work of Christ

Teacher Resources

- Jones, *Knowing Christ**
- Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Vols 3-4.;
- Beeke, *Systematic Theology*, Vols 2-4
- Nash, *Word of God and the Mind of Man*
- Van Mastricht, *Theological-Practical Theology*, Vols 3-4*
- Anselm, *Prosologion* and *Cur Deus Homo?*
- Athanasius, *On the Incarnation**
- Ferguson, *The Holy Spirit**
- Letham, *The Work of Christ*
- Bray, *The Doctrine of God*
- Jensen, *The Revelation of God*
- Macleod, *The Person of Christ*
- Clowney, *The Church**
- Sherlock, *The Doctrine of Humanity*
- Fee, *Pauline Christology*
- Aquinas, *Summa*, various selections*
- Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*

Student Books

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- Sheed, *Theology for Beginnings*
- Jones, *Knowing Christ**
- Celsus, *On the True Doctrine*, selections

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(Teachers may truncate or expand units as needed, within reason)

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1. Person and Work of Christ
 - a. The Limits of Man and the Greatness of God
 - i. Trinity of Trinities
 1. Time
 - a. Temporal
 - b. Eternal
 2. Space
 - a. Finite
 - b. Infinite
 3. Matter
 - a. Changeable
 - b. Unchangeable
 - ii. Greatness of God seen through Mediator(s)
 - b. *Cur Deus Homo?* The Person of Christ
 - i. As speech (cf. Heb 1)
 - ii. As prophet (John), priest (Matthew and Luke), king (Mark)
 - c. God's Grace and Man's Need: Work of Christ
 - i. Nature of sin, nature of Christ's P/A obedience
 - ii. Effect of sin, effect of Christ's P/A obedience
 - iii. Duration of sin, duration of Christ's P/A obedience
 - iv. Legacy of sin, legacy of Christ's P/A obedience
2. Person and Work of the Holy Spirit
3. The Head, the Breath, and the Body: Christ, Spirit, and People
 - a. Foundation of the Spirit: love (cf. Rom 5)
 - b. Gift of the Spirit
 - i. Cause (cf. John 15)
 - ii. Effect
 - c. Fruit/gifts of the Spirit

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10th Grade: Intro to Biblical Theology

Developing a love and understanding of the Old Testament's portrayal of Jesus as our Mediator and Hope is difficult and requires practice. While systematic theology teaches us to observe, analyze, and arrange information in categories for study, learning the literary and narrative flow to God's redemption in history is altogether different and a form of artistic skill. But God has revealed himself through the forms and shadows of the Old Testament, slowly from seed, to stalk, to full tree. Therefore, the persons, institutions, events, and places in which, through which, and around which Jesus was present, will be traced from their Old Testament inception to their New Testament completion in order to increase student's devotion to the spiritual discipline of Scripture reading, contemplation, and praise for the work of God over Time.

Course Goals:

- Define biblical theology and its necessity alongside systematic theology for a full appreciation of God's speech to Man in Christ
- Trace the major institutions, events, persons, and places from Genesis to their fullest expectation or fulfillment over salvation history
- Complete a hermeneutical paper on a passage, assigned by the teacher and with a faculty editor, on a biblical-theological theme (become excellent amateur readers and interpreters in hermeneutics)

Teacher Resources

- Vos, *Biblical Theology**
- Hamilton, *What is Biblical Theology?*
- Lawrence, *Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church*
- Alexander (T. Desmond), *From Eden to the New Jerusalem*
- Dempster, *Dominion and Dynasty: Intro to the Hebrew Bible**
- Various eds., *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*
- Barnett, *Jesus and the Logic of History*
- Webb, *Five Festal Garments: Christian Reflections on Song of Songs, Ruth...**
- Hays, *From Every People and Nation*
- Beale, *Temple and the Church's Mission*
- Ibid., "Eden, the Temple, and the Church's Mission in the New Creation" *
- Ibid., *We Become What We Worship: Biblical Theology of Idolatry*
- Morales, *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord: Bib. Theo. of Leviticus**
- Millar, *Calling on the Name of the Lord: Bib. Theo. of Prayer*
- Ibid., *Changed Into His Likeness: Bib. Theo. of Personal Transformation*

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- Emadi, *The Royal Priest: Psalm 110 in Biblical Theology*
- Kostenberger, *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*

Student Books

- Hamilton, *What is Biblical Theology?**
- Roberts, *Echoes of Exodus**

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1. Prolegomena
 - a. Scope of Biblical Theology
 - b. Limits of Biblical Theology (cf. Systematics)
 - c. Theodicy and Biblical Theology
 - d. Definition of Biblical Theology
2. 3-fold Promise in Biblical Theology (people, place, presence)
 - a. People
 - i. Major and Minor Figures
 - ii. Head and Body (Christ and People)
 - iii. World Family—Remnant/Stump—World Family
 - b. Place
 - i. Eden and New Eden
 - ii. Garden and New Garden
 1. Place of cities
 2. Plains of sin (Shinar and Megiddo)
 - iii. Temples as micro-cosmos
 1. Garden—First Temple—New Jerusalem
 2. Temples as Anti-Christ centers of presence
 - c. Presence
 - i. In places
 1. In Temples
 2. In Promised Lands
 - ii. In people
 1. In hearts “temporarily”
 2. In hearts permanently
 - a. For sealing
 - b. For gifting and abundance
3. Persons, Institutions, Events, and Places, generally considered
 - a. Type/Anti-type generally
 - b. Persons
 - i. The Adams
 - ii. The Seed of Woman (Gen 5., Cains, etc.)
 - iii. The Seed of Serpent (Gen 4., Pharaohs, etc.)
 - c. Institutions

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- i. Offices of kingship, prophecy, and priesthood (Adam to Christ)
 - ii. ?
- d. Events
 - i. Festivals and Feasts
 - ii. Worship
- e. Places (already covered—reviewed)

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11th Grade: Applied Theology I: Apologetics & Ethics

Because Christ was meant to be adored rather than analyzed, our intellectual work must be met by a heart continually filled with devotion and affection of our Triune God revealed in Jesus Christ. 11th grade "Applied Theology" pushes outward the previous 5 years of theological study and devotion into the public sphere and communities in which our graduates will spend the rest of their lives. Key issues we will study, discuss, and pray for wisdom about include: Apologetics and the Ethics of Medical and Economic theories.

Course Goals:

- For all students to move from a focus on Self and God ("personal relationship") to World and God (Universal Kingship)
- To practice in-class debates with peers and teacher(s) around major cultural flash points
- To be familiar with historical events and arguments, especially around the nature of theodicies, and the Church's response to them through time

Teacher Resources:

- O'Donovan, *The Desire of the Nations: Rediscovering the Roots of Political...**
- Rieff, *My Life Among the Deathworks*
- Ibid., *The Crisis of the Officer Class*
- Ibid., *The Triumph of the Therapeutic*
- Ibid., *The Mind of the Moralist*
- Trueman, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self**
- Ibid., *The Wages of Spin*
- Schlossberg, *Idols for Destruction: The Conflict of Christian...and American...*
- Horton, *Made in America*
- Feser, *Five Proofs of the Existence of God: Aristotle, Plotinus, Augustine, etc.**
- Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society*

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- Hunter, *Culture Wars: The Struggle to Define America*
- Williams, *The Shadow of the Antichrist: Nietzsche's Critique of Christianity*
- Schleiermacher, *On Religion: Speeches to Its Cultured Despisers*

Student Resources:

- Sproul, *Reasons to Believe*
- Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (selections)*
- Blamires, *The Christian Mind* (selections)*

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Part 1: Apologetics

1. Jerusalem vs. Athens in Christian Thought ("How should a Christian interact with the world?")
 - a. How we think about the World
 - i. Ally
 - ii. Enemy
 - iii. Alternatives
 1. Pilgrim Theology
 2. Remnant Theology
 3. Salt Theology
 - b. How we argue with the World
 - i. Theories of Apologetical engagement
 - ii. Historical Apologetics
 - iii. Modern Apologetics
 - c. How we serve the World
 - i. In Life
 - ii. In Death
2. Jerusalem vs. Jerusalem ("How should Christians interact with each other?")
 - a. How we think about divisions
 - b. How we think about doctrinal purity
 - c. How we think about the Spirit's varied gifts
 - d. How we honor the Spirit and one another
3. Athens vs. Athens ("How should Christians react to unified unbelief?")

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- a. The World as divided kingdom
- b. The World as alternative kingdom
- c. The World as failed kingdoms

Part 2: Medical and Economic Ethics

- 1. Economic Ethics
 - a. The chart of opposites (cf., Capitalism/Communism) (review)
 - b. Failures of various systems
 - c. Successes of various systems
 - d. Christian attempts at various “new communities”
- 2. Medical Ethics
 - a. Life extensions
 - b. Life alterations
 - c. Life confusions/blending
 - i. Animal/Man
 - 1. Chimeras
 - 2. Organ/Tissue “borrowing” or replacement therapies
 - ii. Technological/Man
 - 1. Singularity
 - 2. IVF
 - 3. Contraception
 - 4. A.I.

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12th Grade: Applied Theology II: Technology and Social Experiments

Because Christ was meant to be adored rather than analyzed, our intellectual work must be met by a heart continually filled with devotion and affection of our Triune God revealed in Jesus Christ. 12th grade “Applied Theology” is the conclusion of our Gryphons’ theological engagement with various theological and non-theological texts. It draws heavily upon their completion of 11th grade Applied Theology, Moral and Political Philosophy, and various other classes from their upper school formation. Key issues engaged include: Media Ecology (how technology shapes humanity) will be treated alongside Aesthetics (study of beauty) followed by the Family–Church–State relationship, and various common ideas for Utopian, “heaven on earth” realities.

Course Goals:

- To understand Media Ecology as an essential field of Christian study and engagement
- To understand that, and provide an alternative to, the utopian eschatology of Tech Bros and their like
- To become familiar with major thinkers and works in the fields of socio-political theory and technological advancements

Teacher Resources:

- Ellul, *The Technological Society & The Meaning of the City*
- Rienke, *12 Ways Your iPhone is Changing You**
- Goetz, *Death By Suburb: How to Keep the Suburbs from Killing Your Soul*
- Chesterton, *Brave New Family**
- Behr, *Becoming Human: Meditations on Christian Anthropology in Word and...*
- Strate, *Media Ecology: An Approach to Understanding the Human Condition*
- Dennis Cali, *Mapping Media Ecology: Introduction to the Field*
- McLuhan, *Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man**
- Innis, *The Bias of Communication*

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- Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death**
- Ellul, *Propaganda*
- Postman and Weingartner, *Teaching as a Subversive Activity*
- McLuhan, *The Gutenberg Galaxy*
- Kirschenbaum, *Track Changes: A Literary History of Word Processing*
- Kurzweil, *The Singularity**
- Hall, *The Hidden Dimension*
- Turkle, *Alone Together**
- Nisbet, *The Question for Community*
- Kilde, *Sacred Power, Sacred Space: An Intro to Christian Architecture and Worship*

Student Resources:

- Scruton, *Beauty: A Very Short Introduction**
- Strate, *Amazing Ourselves to Death: Neil Postman's Brave New World Revisited**
- Ellul, *Propaganda* (selections)
- Ellul, *The Meaning of the City* (selections)
- Turkle, *Alone Together* (selections)

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