



COURSE SYLLABUS

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SECTION 1: COURSE INFORMATION

Format: Eight weeks.

Course ID: THEO 3023

Course Title: Theology of God and Humanity

College: College of Unrestricted Education

Prerequisites: None

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: See the online course in MyFIRE for instructor contact information and availability.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to systematic and contextualized theologies. It addresses Scripture, God, creation, humanity, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Special attention is given to the statement of fundamental truths of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Course Overview

Theology can be an enigmatic study, but it does not have to be. It has been said that everyone is a theologian, but that does mean everyone is a good one! THEO 3023: Theology of God and Humanity is going to start you on the path of learning how to think theologically, process ideas through the lens of theology, and see why this would be important for your life and (future) ministries. In other words, THEO 3023 is going to start you on the path to hopefully become good theologians! In order for this process to begin, this course will start from the beginning of theology. Through this course you will begin to learn about what theology is, why it matters, and how to do theology faithfully and honestly, while covering topics ranging from God, Scripture, humanity, sin, Jesus, the Spirit, and the Trinity. How we think about each of these topics will directly affect the way we live our lives and how we minister.

Course Workload

Time spent on course assignments will vary by student depending on familiarity with course content, reading rate of speed, writing rate of speed, and other individual factors. Based on averages for most students, it is estimated that the course workload estimate for this course is 7.84 hours per week.

Course Materials

- Thorsen, Don. An Exploration of Christian Theology. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020.
 - Note: This textbook will also be required for THEO 3133 - Theology of Salvation, the Church, and Eschatology
- Green, Chris E. W. Surprised by God: How and Why What We Think About the Divine Matters. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018.

Required and optional textbooks are accessed and ordered through [SEU's bookstore](#).

Disclaimer: The resources utilized in this course provide information, thoughts and insights that should encourage critical thinking on the part of the student. Please note as well that as an Assembly of God institution, Southeastern University does not necessarily endorse specific personal, religious, philosophical, or political positions found in these resources.

Course Topics

The purpose of this course is to introduce, reinforce, and measure learning on the following topics:

- A Christian theology formed by Scripture and informed by tradition, reason, and religious experience
- Issues to be considered:
 - Existence, revelation, and provision of God
 - The relationship of humanity to God and to global communities
 - Creation
 - Theological anthropology
 - The life and work of Christ
 - The role and work of the Holy Spirit

Intended Learning Outcomes

As a result of reading, study, and assessments in this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify the nature of Christian theologies in the biblical, philosophical, historical, and contemporary context.
2. Identify the foundational biblical teachings and key theological concepts of Scripture, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
3. Analyze perspectives of these theological constructs.
4. Evaluate Evangelical and Pentecostal theological positions on these constructs.
5. Articulate the missio Dei regarding these theological constructs.
6. Analyze contextual dynamics and praxis.

Key Performance Indicators

Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate their

learning through performance-based activities and assessments.

Successful students will:

1. Describe the significance of Christian theology and how it applies to one's life.
2. Explain the key aspects of the doctrines of Scripture, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit as expressed in the scope of Christian theology.
3. Discuss traditional and contemporary approaches to these theological issues.
4. Appreciate the relevancy of this material for one's Christian life and ministry.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in learning by successfully completing all course assignments and examinations.

Late Work

No unexcused late work accepted.

Extra Credit

None accepted.

SECTION 2: SOUTHEASTERN POLICIES

Academic Policies

View this link to see Southeastern's Policies regarding SEU's Mission and Vision Statements, Title IX Statement, Student Services, Class Participation, Official Email, MyFIRE Use, Technical Difficulties, Technical Support, Disability Statement, Academic Honesty, Course Evaluation, Official Withdrawal, Grading Scale, and Netiquette.


SECTION 3: COURSE SCHEDULE

The **Course Schedule** provides a listing of your work in this course. The assessments are listed by Module and include the due dates and point values.


Note: Assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on the due date, unless otherwise noted.

AIM, LEARN, AND APPLY DESCRIPTIONS


Aim

 When you see the Aim icon, you will be introduced to topics and ideas that will be covered throughout this module. The AIM will also provide you with a glimpse into your learning objectives and an introduction to this module.

Learn

 When you see the Learn icon, all of your reading assignments will be listed and may include additional resources that your instructor is providing to help you complete the activities and assessments for the module.

Apply

 When you see the Apply Icon, it will be time to demonstrate your learning for the module. The items here are those in which you'll be graded and may include discussions, activities, assignments, quizzes, exams, and projects.

MODULE 1

XX/XX/XX-XX/XX/XX



Aim:

- Reflect on the nature of theology, revelation, and apologetics
- Distinguish the different approaches of theology.
- Recognize the different ways God reveals Himself to creation.
- Identify how apologetics shapes the practice of ministry.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 1, 2, and 5
- **Read:** Green: Chapters 1 and 2
- **View:** Resources (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 1 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Module 1 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 1 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 18

MODULE 2:

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Aim:

- Read and reflect on the nature of scripture and authority.
- Distinguish the different approaches of what serves as religious authority.
- Recognize the role of Scripture in the community of faith.
- Identify the way in which we reflect on God.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 3 and 4
- **Read:** Green: Chapter 5
- **View:** Resources (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 2 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Module 2 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 2 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 12

MODULE 3:

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Aim:

- Reflect on the relationship of God and humanity.
- Analyze the doctrine of God in relation to common ecclesial understanding.
- Discover and evaluate the proofs for the existence of God.
- Apply the doctrine of God and the works of God for use in the church community.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 6, 8, and 9
- **Read:** Green: Chapter 4
- **View:** Resources (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 3 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Module 3 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 3 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 26

MODULE 4:

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Aim:

- Differentiate between the different views of creation and their relation to Scripture.
- Recognize the means by which God interacts within the world and deals with evil.
- Evaluate arguments on gender dynamics as it relates to the creation narrative in Scripture.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 10 and 11
- **Read:** Green: Chapter 6
- **View:** Resources (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 4 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Module 4 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 4 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 10

MODULE 5:

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Aim:

- Evaluate the different theological perspectives on the *imago Dei*.
- Discuss the implications of the different views on the part of personhood.
- Determine how humanity is both individuality and community.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 12 and 13
- **Read:** Green: Chapter 10
- **View:** Resources (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 5 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Module 5 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 5 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 14

MODULE 6:

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Aim:

- Evaluate the different perspectives on the origin, nature, and extent of sin.
- Discuss the effects of sin on human nature.
- Explain how Lent speaks to sinful nature.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 14 and 15
- **Read:** Green: Chapter 7
- **View:** Resource (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 6 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Module 6 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 6 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 11

MODULE 7:

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Aim:

- Discuss the importance of the historical Jesus
- Explain with the works of Jesus in relation to the church
- Evaluate the main doctrines of the incarnation.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 16, 17, and 18
- **Read:** Green: Chapter 12
- **View:** Resources (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Book Critique: Surprised by God: How and Why What We Think About the Divine Matters
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 7 Reading Questions:
 - ILO: 3
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 100
- Module 7 Quiz
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 30

MODULE 8:

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Aim:

- Identify how the Spirit is discussed within the Bible.
- Discuss the role and work of the Spirit.
- Recognize God as Trinity.
- Identify the works of the Spirit as they relate to the Church today.



Learn:

- **Read:** Thorsen: Chapters 19, 20, and 7
- **View:** Resource (provided in the course)



Apply:

- Module 8 Discussion Forum
 - ILO: 5
 - Due: Saturday (initial post), Tuesday (response posts)
 - Points: 15
- Final Exam
 - ILOs: 1, 2
 - Due: Tuesday
 - Points: 150

SECTION 4: ASSESSMENTS

Discussion Forums

Description

A discussion forum is assigned for the first 7 weeks of the course. Your response to the thread question should be 100 to 150 words unless otherwise stated in the instructions. Do not exceed 250 words. You should respond to at least two of your classmates in 100 to 150 words. Do not exceed 150 words. Please remember to be polite and respectful at all times. You should also be aware that spelling and grammar will be part of the grading process. This is a university correspondence and it should not be treated as a text message or a personal correspondence to a friend.

Total Possible Points

105

Grade Weight

20%

Weekly/Modular Reading Questions

Description

Questions related to the reading of your texts will be presented each week. A response to these questions should interact with the material from the text and incorporate other readings from the course where appropriate. The response should be 600–750 words (all the questions, not each question).

Total Possible Points

700

Grade Weight

20%

Book Critique: *Surprised by God: How and Why What We Think About the Divine Matters*

Description

Complete a book critique of Green, Chris E. W. *Surprised by God: How and Why What We Think About the Divine Matters*.

- In submitting a review, you are indicating that you have fully and thoroughly read the complete text or the pertinent pages that are identified in the assignment.
- The paper must be your work in its entirety and must not have been used in another class, nor will it be used in another class.
- Turabian formatting must be used. Be meticulous in your formatting, including font, margins, formatting of citations, etc.
- The paper should be 1000 words.
- Use formal language throughout. Do not use first person, unless there is no other way to present the thought in a comfortable manner.

See the full assignment instructions (provided in the course).

Total Possible Points

100

Grade Weight

15%

Quizzes

Description

A portion of your grade will be based on issues you read about and engage each week. Quizzes will be objective in nature (multiple choices, matching, and true/false) and will cover materials studied throughout each week the quiz is assigned, with particular emphasis upon vocabulary, though engaging the whole of the issues studied. Students should consult their notes they take while reading when preparing for the quizzes.

Note: All quizzes have different point values but will be weighted evenly in the gradebook.

Total Possible Points

121

Grade Weight

20%

Final Exam**Description**

A portion of your grade will be based on the comprehensive final exam to be completed during the finals week. This exam will be objective in nature (multiple choices, matching, and true/false) and will cover materials studied throughout the course. Students should consult their quizzes when preparing for the exam.

Total Possible Points

150

Grade Weight

25%

Appendix A

These are selections of works that can be beneficial to the study of theology. This is an expansive field with new scholarship developing. These should be considered as a starting point, not an exhaustive selection of resources.

- Alexander, Donald L., ed. Christian Spirituality: Five Views of Sanctification. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1988. A very good, diverse survey of the meaning of sanctification from the Lutheran, Reformed, Wesleyan, Pentecostal, and Contemplative perspectives.
- Alland, Kurt. Did the Early Church Baptize Infants? Philadelphia: Westminster, 1963. This eminent German scholar says no to the question posed in the title.
- Allis, Oswald T. Prophecy and the Church. Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1945. Criticism of dispensationalism.
- Anderson, Leith. A Church for the 21st Century. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1992. A challenging work by a nationally recognized expert on how churches can and must change to survive and thrive in the new century.
- Anderson, Neil T. and Robert L. Saucy. The Common Made Holy: Being Conformed to the Image of God. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1997. A thorough work on the subject by two respected evangelical scholars. Helps one understand how to live a holy life in an unholy and imperfect world.
- Archer, Gleason L., et al. The Rapture: Pre-, Mid-, or Post-Tribulational? Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984. Prominent evangelical theologians present cases for each of the three major positions, followed by critical responses from the opposition. Helpful in clarifying the strengths and weaknesses of each position.
- Bass, Clarence. Backgrounds to Dispensationalism. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1960. A good survey and critical analysis of dispensationalism.
- Beasley-Murray, G. R. Baptism in the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1973. An extensive exegetical study; holds to believer's baptism.
- Berkhof, Louis. Systematic Theology. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1949. A standard Calvinistic text. One of the best one-volume theological works available.
- ———. Systematic Theology. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1941. Standard Calvinistic theology. A good presentation of the amillennial view.

- Berkhouwer, G. C. The Church. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976. A significant study of the unity, catholicity, apostolicity, and holiness of the church. Dutch Reformed theologian. See also the author's The Sacraments (1969) and The Return of Christ (1972).
- ———. Man: The Image of God. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1962. Excellent discussion of this subject by a Dutch Reformed theologian. Other excellent works by this author which pertain to this course include Sin (1971), Faith and Justification (1954), and Faith and Sanctification (1966).
- Best, Ernest. One Body in Christ. London: SPCK, 1955. A helpful study of Pauline ecclesiology.
- Bloesch, Donald G. Essentials of Evangelical Theology. 2 vols. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1978–79. A fresh expression of American evangelical theology. Reformed in orientation; makes use of positive insights from Roman Catholicism and Karl Barth.
- ———. The Reform of the Church. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970. A call for renewal in Protestant worship by an evangelical reformed theologian.
- Brunner, Emil. Man in Revolt. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1947. A good discussion by a leading neoorthodox theologian.
- ———. The Misunderstanding of the Church. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1953. Stresses the nature of the church as fellowship rather than organization.
- Buswell, J. Oliver. Sin and Atonement. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1937. A brief biblical study of the subject.
- Clouse, Robert G. The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1977. Essays by leading evangelical theologians on the major perspectives of the millennium, followed by responses from the opposing positions.
- Cullmann, Oscar, and F. J. Leehardt. Essays on the Lord's Supper. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1958. A theological and historical study of the meaning of the Lord's Supper.
- Dickason, C. Fred. Angels: Elect and Evil. rev. ed. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995. A thorough and well-organized study of the subject from a conservative, Calvinistic perspective.

- Dieter, Melvin E., Anthony A. Hoekema, Stanley M. Horton, J. Robertson McQuilkin, and John F. Walvoord. Five Views on Sanctification. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987. A scholarly appraisal of the doctrine of sanctification from the perspectives of differing evangelical positions. The Pentecostal position is delineated by A/G theologian Stanley Horton.
- Duffield, Guy P. and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave. Foundations of Pentecostal Theology. Los Angeles: L.I.F.E. Bible College, 1987. A first attempt to put an extensive theology in writing from a Pentecostal perspective. The authors are representatives of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Sometimes it lacks scholarly profoundness.
- Ellisen, Stanley A. Divorce and Remarriage in the Church. rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980. A good, scholarly examination of this controversial topic.
- Erickson, Millard J. Christian Theology. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985. One of the best evangelical studies in theology. Moderately Calvinist in perspective; scholarly, yet readable. Recommended for purchase for those preparing for ministry and/or advanced theological studies. See also the author's A Basic Guide to Eschatology: Making Sense of the Millennium (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998).
- ———. Christian Theology. Vol. II. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1984. An excellent study by an evangelical scholar. The student should also consult the author's Man's Need and God's Gift, The New Life, and Does It Matter That I'm Saved?
- Grudem, Wayne A. The Gift of Prophecy: In the New Testament and Today. Westchester, IL: Crossway Books, 1988. An interesting volume that has caused some amount of controversy in evangelical circles. The author is an evangelical scholar, who argues that the gift of prophecy has a place in the modern church. See also the author's recent Systematic Theology (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994).
- Hodge, Charles. Systematic Theology. Vols II, III. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975 (first published 1872). American Calvinist; the major theologian of the "old Princeton school."
- ———. Systematic Theology. 3 vols. New York: Scribners, 1871. The leader of the "old Princeton school" of theology. Volume 3 contains the classical 19th century postmillennial outlook.
- Hollenweger, Walter J. The Pentecostals. London: SCM Press, 1976. A major historical, sociological, and theological study on the Pentecostal Movement from a liberal and ecumenical perspective.

- ———. Pentecostalism: Origins and Developments Worldwide. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 1997. An update of his first books The Pentecostals.
- Horton, Stanley M. Our Destiny: Biblical Teachings on the Last Things. Springfield, MO: Logion Press, 1996. A good examination of both individual and general eschatology by an esteemed Pentecostal theologian.
- Gundry, Stanley N., ed. Tensions in Contemporary Theology. Chicago: Moody Press, 1978. An evangelical analysis and response to the main theological streams of this century.
- Jewett, Paul. Infant Baptism and the Covenant of Grace. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978. A good criticism of infant baptism.
- Keener, Craig S. And Marries Another: Divorce and Remarriage in the Teachings of the New Testament. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1991. A fresh examination of the teachings of Jesus and Paul on this topic, especially as they pertain to those holding leadership positions in the Church.
- Kung, Hans. The Church. New York: Sheed and Ward, 1967. A thorough and significant study by a revisionist Roman Catholic theologian.
- Lovelace, Richard F. Renewal as a Way of Life: A Guidebook for Spiritual Growth. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1985. A solid examination of how one can attain and sustain spiritual growth and renewal.
- Machen, J. Gresham. The Christian View of Man. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1947. Good conservative treatment. Reformed in orientation.
- McGrath, Alister. Christian Theology: An Introduction. Hoboken, New Jersey: Blackwell Publishers, 2nd edition, 1997. A historical theology by one of the world's leading evangelical teachers. From the Patristic period to the present, McGrath hits all the major theological topics, important voices, major heresies and the relationship between Christianity and other world religions.
- ———. Historical Theology: An introduction to the History of Christian Thought. Hoboken, New Jersey: Blackwell Publishers, 1997. A good resource as an introduction to historical Christian theology.
- Menninger, Karl. Whatever Became of Sin? New York: Hawthorn Books, 1973. An excellent discussion by a leading American psychologist.
- Minear, Paul. Images of the Church in the New Testament. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960. One of the most helpful biblical studies in this area.

- Moltmann, Jurgen. Man: Christian Anthropology in the Conflicts of the Present. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1974. A modern treatment of the doctrine of man, from a nonconservative perspective.
- ———. The Church in the Power of the Spirit. New York: Harper, 1977. A nonconservative but thought-provoking account of the nature and potential ministry of the church.
- Needham, David C. Alive for the First Time. Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1995. A fresh examination of the miracle of the new birth.
- Nicole, Roger. "The Nature of Redemption." In Christian Faith and Modern Theology, edited by Carl F. H. Henry. New York: Channel Press, 1964. An excellent treatment of the New Testament doctrine of redemption by a conservative Reformed scholar.
- Niebuhr, Reinhold. The Nature and Destiny of Man. 2 vols. New York: Scribners, 1949. A classic work on this subject by an American neoorthodox theologian. Sociological in orientation, Niebuhr shows that only a Christian view of human nature and destiny can offer a meaningful interpretation of history.
- Okholm, Dennis L. and Timothy R. Phillips, gen. eds. Four Views on Salvation in a Pluralistic World. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. A thorough examination of the topic from four different perspectives: pluralist, inclusivist, particularist-post-enlightenment, and particularist-evidentialist.
- Pannenberg, Wolfhart. What is Man? Philadelphia: Fortress, 1970. A modern nonconservative examination, philosophical in approach.
- Payne, J. Barton. Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy. New York: Harper, 1973. A comprehensive work written from a premillennial perspective.
- Pentecost, J. Dwight. Things to Come. Findlay, OH: Duham, 1958. Eschatology from a premillennial, pretribulational position.
- Plantinga, Jr., Cornelius. Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995. A lively engagement of the topic from an evangelical perspective. Winner of the *Christianity Today* Book of the Year Award for 1996.
- Pruitt, Raymond M. Fundamentals of the Faith. Cleveland, TN: White Wing Publishing House and Press, 1981. Written from a Pentecostal perspective. Holds to a second definite work of grace view of sanctification, and other areas which differ from the A/G position.

- Ramm, Bernard. Offense to Reason: The Theology of Sin. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1985. A fresh, evangelical examination of sin, critiquing both the secular and traditional theological perspectives of this subject.
- Sanders, John. No Other Name: An Investigation Into the Destiny of the Unevangelized. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992. A very comprehensive view of the historic and contemporary positions on this difficult subject.
- Sauer, Erich. The King of the Earth. Palm Springs, CA: Ronald Haynes Publishing, 1981. A good conservative treatment of the origin, fall, and redemption of man.
- Schlink, Edmund. The Doctrine of Baptism. St. Louis: Concordia, 1972. A very thorough study of the topic, treated from a Lutheran, sacramentalist viewpoint.
- Schweizer, Eduard. The Church as the Body of Christ. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1964. Emphasizes the corporate nature of Christianity, showing man's responsibility to God and his relation to his fellow men.
- Shank, Robert. Life in the Son. 2d ed. Springfield, MO: Westcott Publishers, 1961. An excellent study of the doctrine of perseverance, written by one who was trained in that tradition. See also the author's Elect in the Son (Springfield: Westcott, 1970).
- Snyder, Howard. The Problem of Wineskins. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1975. Challenging and insightful discussions of church structure and church renewal. See also the author's The Community of the King (Downers Grove: IVP, 1977).
- Stibbs, A. M. God's Church: A Study in the Biblical Doctrine of the People of God. London: InterVarsity, 1959. A brief biblical study by a British evangelical.
- Strong, A. H. Systematic Theology. Valley Forge, PA: Judson, 1962. (First published 1907). American Baptist. Calvinistic.
- Van Engen, Charles. God's Missionary People: Rethinking the Purpose of the Local Church. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991. Provides a fuller identification between the local congregation and the universal church, challenging ministry leaders to redefine the true meaning of ecclesiology.
- Warfield, B. B. The Plan of Salvation. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1942. A leading conservative theologian of the early twentieth century; Reformed perspective.
- Wiley, H. Orton. Christian Theology. Vol. 3. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill, 1960. Conservative, evangelical (Nazarene) perspective.

- ———. Christian Theology. Vols. I, II. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill, 1960.
American Nazarene theologian. Arminian perspective; adheres to a second definite work position on sanctification.