

## ***God & His Word***

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### **Course Information**

#### **I. Course Description**

An introduction to theology and hermeneutics, and a study of the doctrines of revelation, Scripture, and God. The lectures were recorded in Fall 1999.

#### **II. Objectives**

- \*Identify and discuss the issues related to “theology” and its relevance for Christian discipleship.
- \*Locate and describe a scriptural doctrine of God, especially in His relationship to creation and man through His Word.
- \*Use Scripture to demonstrate significant truths about God and their application to Christian Discipleship.

#### **III. Themes and Key Words**

Theology; revelation; general revelation; special revelation; Scripture; three-fold word; inspiration; inerrancy; structure and direction; creation, fall, redemption, consummation; interpretation; covenant; attributes; names; deeds; Trinity; providence

#### **IV. Texts**

These books can be purchased from most Christian booksellers, or you can order them online from the Covenant Seminary bookstore by visiting [www.covenantseminary.edu](http://www.covenantseminary.edu) or by calling the bookstore at 314-434-0110 (toll-free 877-213-3353).

- \*Geisler, Norman, ed. *Inerrancy*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1980.
- \*Clayton, Charles, and Dan McCartney. *Let the Reader Understand*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2002.
- \*Bray, Gerald. *The Doctrine of God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993.
- \*Calvin Seerveld, *How to Read the Bible to Hear God Speak*. Sioux Center, IA: Dorst College Press, 2003. (Formerly entitled *Balaam's Apocalyptic*)

#### **V. Class Calendar**

Lecture 1—What is Theology? (*Reading: Wenham, Packer, & Lewis articles in Geisler*)

Lecture 2—What is Theology? (cont.), (*Wenham, Packer, & Lewis articles in Geisler*)

Lecture 3—What is Revelation? (*Feinberg & Geisler articles in Geisler*)

Lecture 4—What is Revelation? (cont.)

Lecture 5—What is Revelation? (cont.); The Doctrine of Scripture (*Clayton & McCartney, pp. 11-98*)

Lecture 6—The Doctrine of Scripture (cont.)

Lecture 7—The Biblical Storyline (*Clayton & McCartney, pp. 112-228*)

Lecture 8—The Biblical Storyline (cont.)

Lecture 9—Interpretation (*Clayton & McCartney, pp. 229-273; Seerveld*)

Lecture 10—Interpretation (cont.)

Lecture 11—The Doctrine of God: Introduction (*The Doctrine of God, ch. 1*)

Lecture 12—The Doctrine of God: Introduction (cont.); Classical Proofs for God's Existence

Lecture 13—Classical Proofs for God's Existence (cont.)

Lecture 14—Essence & Attributes; Names, Roles & Historical Acts (*Bray, ch. 3*)

Lecture 15—Names, Roles, & Historical Acts

Lecture 16—Divine Attributes (*Bray, ch. 4*)

Lecture 17—The Trinity

Lecture 18—The Trinity (cont.), (*Bray, ch. 4*)

Lecture 19—The Trinity & the Old Testament; The Trinity & the New Testament

Lecture 20—The Trinity & the New Testament (cont.); The Work of God: Creation (*Bray, ch. 5*)

Lecture 21—The Work of God: Creation (cont.) & Providence

Lecture 22—Providence (cont.), (*Bray, ch. 6*)

Lecture 23—Angels

Lecture 24—God & Gender Language

### **About the Professor**

Dr. Michael D. Williams, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology. BA, Calvin College; MTS, Harvard Divinity School; MDiv, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary; PhD University of Toronto. An adult convert to the Christian faith, Dr. Williams was a Professor of Theology at Dordt College for six years before joining Covenant's faculty in 1996. Dr. Williams has a very strong reputation among Reformed and evangelical theologians, due largely to dozens of astute articles and book reviews. He has written particularly in the areas of the nature of theology and the theological method, history, and homosexuality. Dr. Williams was a youth pastor for three years in the 1970s.