



# October Study Guide

*Christ & Humanity*

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## Learning Outcomes

Learners who complete this course will be able to:

- Articulate a christian doctrine of Christology inflected by early church theology in order to inform their practice of ministry in tomorrow's world.
- Articulate a christian doctrine of Humanity inflected by early church theology in order to inform their practice of ministry in tomorrow's world.
- Construct a christological conception of salvation that carefully considers the nature of humanity, sin, and covenant in order to inform their practice of ministry in tomorrow's world.

## Read these before class

*Introduction to Theology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, by Owen C. Thomas and Ellen K. Wondra. Morehouse, 2002.

Chapter 8      Humanity

Chapter 9      Sin

Chapter 10     Christ

Chapter 11     Salvation

Chapter 12     Providence

Chapter 13     Election and Predestination

*Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*, by Kelly Brown Douglas. Orbis, 2015.

Chapter 5

## What kinds of questions should you begin asking?

- What is a human being?
- What is the image of God?
- What is the likeness of God?
- What do we mean when we say “Incarnation”?
- Are humanity and divinity in competition?
- If Jesus is God, then how does he relate to the God of the Old Testament?
- Is Jesus another God, another Person, or just another manifestation distinct from the Father?
- How did the early church use the Scriptures to interpret Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- What is freedom?
- Jesus saves.
  - From what?
  - For what purpose?
  - Why?
  - In what way(s)?
  - Who?
- How have different Christians talked about God’s election?
  - Of Israel?
  - Of Individuals?
  - Of Humanity?
- Sin is...
  - Slavery?
  - A burden?
  - An illness?
  - A mistake?
  - A crime?
- When we say “The Word of God”...to what do we refer?
- Salvation is...
  - Freedom?
  - Participation?
  - Eternal Life?
  - Communion?
- To whom is a “debt for sin” owed?
  - Satan?
  - Death?
  - The First Person of the Trinity?
  - Our neighbor?
- What do we mean when we say “The Body of Christ”?
  - Jesus’ body?
  - The Church?
  - Communion?
- Is Mary the Mother of God?

## Assessment: Paper

I learned this model of assessment from my teacher Willie Jennings.

Your paper is due to me no later than Friday, October 14, at 12:00 PM CST.

Submit a paper to my email address: [jacob@holyfamilyhtx.org](mailto:jacob@holyfamilyhtx.org)

1. Please make the subject of your email: “*Last Name* Christ & Humanity Paper”.
2. At the end of our in-person class, I will give you a document with three (3) pastoral scenarios as prompts. You will select one (1) prompt and write about how you would respond to it for at least two pages.
  1. Again, your paper is due to me no later than Friday, October 14, at 12:00 PM CST.
3. Your paper must be typed in font Times New Roman 12 or an equivalent, double-spaced.
4. Submit your paper as a .pdf. Do not submit as a word document (.doc or .docx).
5. Your paper will be graded on the basis of:
  1. Your grasp of the pastoral issue in the prompt.
  2. Your integration of our class discussions and readings.
  3. The richness of your theological insights—more than just reciting what you’ve heard.

I encourage you to chat about the prompts outside of class with your fellow cohort members. Peer consultation is an important practice to maintain in your ministry. However, your paper should demonstrate your work alone.

Papers are due on time. Unless you and I work out something in advance, any late paper will not be accepted. If an extreme situation arises, like a death in your immediate family, you become ill, or something urgent with someone in your home, communicate with me with as much advance notice as you are able and we will co-create an appropriate solution.

## Criteria for Assessment

**100-97 A+ / 96-93 A / 92-90 A-**

These grades indicate that you have submitted exceptional work, signaling an extraordinary grasp of the material, superior pastoral sensitivities, and composed in a creative manner.

**89-87 B+ / 86-83 B / 82-80 B-**

These grades indicate that good work has been done with a few issues that could be improved in a second iteration.

**79-77 C+ / 76-73 C / 72-70 C-**

These grades indicate that you have met the basic requirements for the course.

**69-67 D+ / 66-63 D / 62-60 D-**

These grades indicate that your work did not meet the expectations of coursework for someone pursuing ordained ministry and credentialed lay ministry.

**59 and below is an F**

An F indicates that your work did not follow instructions.