

**Biblical Theology**  
Course Syllabus  
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Course Description: This course will give an overview of biblical theology, including a survey of major biblical themes.

Course objectives:

- Learn an overview of biblical theology.
- Develop healthy views of the Gospel, God, Christ, salvation, holiness, the church, and eschatology.
- Learn about the different views of theology.
- Develop the ability to defend biblical teachings.
- Gain understanding about theology's role in the life of the church.

Lecture Series:

- Lesson One: An invitation to do theology; what is the Gospel  
Read: Chad Ragsdale, *Christian Convictions: Discerning the Essential, Important, and Personal Elements* (available either in *Real Life Theology*, or sold separately as a short book)
- Lesson Two: The essential, important, personal; the nature of God  
Read: Matthew Bates, *The Gospels Precisely: Surprisingly Good News about Jesus Christ the King* (available either in *Real Life Theology*, or sold separately as a short book)
- Lesson Three: Sin and salvation
- Lesson Four: Holiness and the Christian view of sexuality  
Read: Bobby Harrington, *Complementarian vs. Egalitarian*, ebook available at [renew.org](http://renew.org)
- Lesson Five: The nature and work of the church  
Read: Bobby Harrington and Anthony Walker, *What the Bible says about Endtimes*, ebook available at [renew.org](http://renew.org)
- Lesson Six: Eschatology

Course requirements:

- Watching the course lectures (there are 6 course lectures)
- Attendance in cohort discussions (there are 2 cohort meetings per course)
- Read selections from Bobby Harrington and Daniel McCoy, eds., *Real Life Theology: Fuel for Effective and Faithful Disciple Making.* **Selections are listed in "Lecture Series" above,** Bobby Harrington and Anthony Walker, *What the Bible Says about Endtimes*, Renew free ebook, and Bobby Harrington, *Complementarian vs. Egalitarian*, Renew free ebook. Ebooks are available at [www.renew.org](http://www.renew.org)
- Memorize verses
- Pass final exam

Memory Verses

- Romans 1:16-17
- Romans 1:20-21
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

### Digging Deeper--Recommended Readings:

- Jack Cottrell, *His Truth: Scriptural Truths about Biblical Doctrines* (Wipf and Stock, 2001)
- Corey Trimble, *An Authentic Experience: Creating an Inviting Culture with Biblical Integrity* (Renew, 2020).
- Bobby Harrington and Jason Henderson, *Conviction and Civility* (Renew, 2019)
- Gerald Bray, *A History of Christian Theology* (Crossway, 2024)
- Mikel Del Rosario, *Did Jesus Really Say He Was God?* (IVP, 2025)
- David Young, *The Holy Spirit: Filled, Empowered, and Led*
- Harrington, Twist, Young, *Baptism: What the Bible Teaches*
- Guy Hammond, *Following Jesus in an LGBTQ+ World* (Renew, 2025)
- Sam Allberry, *Is God Anti-Gay* (Good Book Co., 2023)
- Robert Gagnon, *The Bible and Homosexual Practice* (Abingdon, 2002)
- Bobby Harrington, *What is a Church*, ebook at Renew.org
- Alexander Strauch, *Biblical Eldership* (BER, 2024)
- Renée Webb Sproles, *Male and Female, A Biblical Look at Gender* (Renew, 2023)
- Rose Publishing, *Four Views of the End Times* (2006)
- N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope* (HarperOne, 2009)
- David Young, *Grand Illusion: How Progressive Christianity Undermines Biblical Faith* (Renew, 2019)
- David Young, *Resilient: Standing Firm in Hostile World* (Renew, 2023)

### Digging Deeper--Recommended Videos:

- Basic Christian Doctrine, Ozark Christian College, multiple sessions, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGzOkIJ4oW8>
- R. R. Reno, A Christian Society, North Boulevard School of Christian Thought, <https://www.newdayresources.org/resource/r.-r.-reno-%7C-session-1>
- Jack Cottrell, Yahweh, the Trinity in God's Name, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgeVkJQjxE>
- Jack Cottrell, Works, Baptism, and Salvation, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVfAdTeogfo>
- Sam Allberry, *Is God Antigay?* North Boulevard School of Christian Thought, <https://www.newdayresources.org/resource/sam-allberry-%7C-main-session>
- Renée Sproles, Does God really care about Gender? North Boulevard School of Christian Thought, <https://www.newdayresources.org/resource/ren%C3%A9e-sproles-%7C-main-session>
- Bobby Harrington and Renée Sproles, Understanding Gender Roles (5 parts), <https://renew.org/understanding-biblical-gender-roles/>
- Mike Winger, Different Views of Revelation, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmw0uVLunwU>
- Southern Seminary, What is the Millennial Reign of Christ in Revelation 20? Amil, Premil or Postmil? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEUtplvjexU>

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<sup>i</sup> *Real Life Theology* is a collection of shorter books. You can either purchase the big book *Real Life Theology*, which has twelve shorter books within it, or you can purchase the two shorter books, Chad Ragsdale, *Christian Convictions: Discerning the Essential, Important, and Personal Elements* and Matthew Bates, *The Gospels Precisely: Surprisingly Good News about Jesus Christ the King*. All are published by Renew.