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## STH152 The Doctrine of God Syllabus Highlights

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
—2 Corinthians 13:14

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### Course Description

A study of the existence and attributes of the Trinitarian God revealed in Scripture, with a focus on the formulations of Nicaea.

### Learning Outcomes

The primary outcome is to grasp the classical Christian doctrine of God. At the end of this course of study, successful students will be able to:

1. Explain the nature and content of the traditional arguments for the existence of God.
2. Explain and defend the classical Christian doctrine concerning the attributes of God.
3. Explain and defend the classical Nicene doctrine of the Trinity.
4. Explain and defend the confessional Reformed doctrine of the divine decree, creation, and providence.

### Textbooks

1. Calvin, John, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, trans. Henry Beveridge (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008). ISBN: 978-159856-168-5.
2. Hyde, Daniel R., *Grace Worth Fighting For*. Lincoln, NE: The Davenant Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-949716-92-4.
3. Mastricht, Petrus van, *Theoretical-Practical Theology*, Vol. 2: *Faith in the Triune God*. Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-1-60178-674-6.
4. PCA – “Report of the Creation Study Committee” – PDF available on Populi and Canvas.
5. Swain, Scott R. *The Trinity: An Introduction*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2020. ISBN: 978-1-4335-6121-4.

### Course Requirements

1. Attend and participate in class.
2. Complete all reading assignments and submit weekly worksheets.
3. Write a “Divine Attributes Lesson Plan.” This is a summary of a six-week lesson plan on the attributes of God for an audience of the student’s choice.
4. Complete final exams.

\*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A complete syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.