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## **STH254 The Doctrine of Christ Syllabus Highlights**

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,  
glory as of the only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*  
—John 1:14

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### **Course Description**

A study of the person and work of God the Son with a focus on the formulations of Chalcedon.

### **Learning Outcomes**

1. To be familiar with the historical development and articulation of the doctrine of Christ.
2. To articulate the doctrine of Christ's person and work from specific passages of Scripture.
3. To explain and support the doctrine of Christ outlined in the ecumenical creeds and Reformed confessions.
4. To defend orthodox Christology from various heresies throughout the centuries.
5. To understand the Reformed doctrine of the work of Christ, especially the atonement.

### **Textbooks**

1. The Holy Bible in any translation.
2. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*, Popular Patristics Series (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2011).
3. Joel R. Beeke and Paul M. Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology: Volume 2: Man and Christ* (Crossway, 2020).
4. Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, expanded edition (Banner of Truth, 2021).
5. John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (1559), either the Beveridge or McNeill/Battles edition.
6. Gregory of Nazianzus, *On God and Christ*, Popular Patristics Series (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2002).
7. Richard A. Muller, *Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Baker Academic, 2017).

### **Course Requirements**

1. Attendance and Participation.
2. Reading.
3. Research Paper.
4. Midterm.
5. Final Exam.

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