



The Essentials: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine  
Class Syllabus

**Instructor**

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**Time and Location**

Tuesday – 7:15-8:45pm  
Templo Victoria

**Recommended Texts**

Here is a list of books I recommend for further study in Christian doctrine and theology:

Chafter, Lewis Sperry. Systematic Theology  
\_\_\_\_\_. Major Bible Themes

Geisler, Norman. Conviction without Compromise  
\_\_\_\_\_. Systematic Theology

Grudem, Wayne. Systematic Theology

Ryrie, Charles C. Basic Theology

Stott, John. Basic Christianity

Thiessen, Henry C. Lectures in Systematic Theology

**Class Description**

This class is a basic introduction to the essential doctrines and teachings of the historic Christian faith. We will seek to gain a greater familiarization and understanding of the core doctrines and teachings of the Christian faith. What do evangelical Christians believe? By the end of the class, students will be able to provide a general, biblical answer to that question. They will be able to identify the essentials doctrines of the Christian faith and properly communicate them to others. Our attention will be focused specifically on the major doctrines of the Christian faith, thus, the minor doctrines will not be addressed within the scope of this class. By no means is this class an exhaustive study of Christian doctrine, but simply a basic, general introduction to the essentials of the faith.

**Class Goal**

The class goal is two-fold:

1) To grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ – that your relationship with the Lord Jesus may deepen and mature through the study of God’s Word.

2) To gain a basic, biblical understanding of the essential doctrines and teachings of the historic Christian faith.

My desire is that this class would arouse a greater desire and passion for the study of God's Word within the hearts of the students. That the body of Christ would be edified, established, and equipped in the faith, rooted in Christ, and more prepared to serve in the Kingdom of God.

### **Class Assignment (Optional)**

Students will be given a weekly reading assignment from the assigned textbook. Students will be expected to read the weekly assigned chapter, answer questions on the chapter, and turn them in the following week. The class textbook is titled *Basic Christianity* by John Stott. If you are interested in participating in the homework and purchasing the textbook, please bring \$6.00 next week and your book will be ordered.

### **Class Schedule and Topics:**

Typically, classes will consist of 10 minutes of worship, 70 minutes of teaching, and 10 minutes of Q & A.

The class will run for 10 weeks and these will be the topics covered:

Class #1: June 14<sup>th</sup> – Overview of the Essential Doctrines and The Bible

Class #2: June 21<sup>st</sup> – God

No Class: June 28<sup>th</sup> – Kids VBS

Class #3: July 5<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Christ

Class #4: July 12<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Christ

Class #5: July 19<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Spirit

Class #6: July 26<sup>th</sup> – Salvation

No Class: August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Uth VBS

Class #7: August 9<sup>th</sup> – The Church

Class #8: August 16<sup>th</sup> – Christian Living

Class #9: August 23<sup>rd</sup> – End Times

Class #10: August 30<sup>th</sup> – End Times

### **Class Commitment**

Please purpose in your heart to stay committed to the class and faithfully finish the 10-weeks.