ST5101 DOCTRINAL SYNTHESIS PAPEr

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ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology

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BRIEF STATEMENT (150–200 words or one-fourth to one-third of a page).

This first section will summarize Bibliology in non-technical (but biblically and theologically accurate) language similar to an article in a church’s or ministry’s doctrinal statement. It will include parenthetical key Scripture references and reflect the orthodox, protestant, evangelical faith. (See sample doctrinal synthesis paper provided.)

### DETAILED EXPOSITION (500–750 words or two-thirds to three-fourths of a page).

This second section will provide a succinct but thorough elucidation of the course doctrine using technical, traditional language and covering the major issues related to the course doctrine.[[2]](#endnote-2) This exposition should read like a paper one would submit as part of an ordination or interviewing process. Substantiating their detailed exposition, the student will include three to five single-spaced pages of endnotes (not footnotes)[[3]](#endnote-3) that provide biblical-exegetical, historical-theological, and scientific-philosophical evidences, arguments, and explanations of the doctrinal assertions.[[4]](#endnote-4) These endnotes will include not only key biblical references but also interpretive notes that incorporate commentaries, theological works, or historical citations. Biblical citations should be without quotation, except when an exegetical point is not obvious. Justify interpretations of ambiguous passages with clarifying notes. Exegetical, theological, and historical sources, references, and observations should explain the student’s reasons for the affirmations in the main Detailed Exposition. In these notes, the student should incorporate insights gained from other courses in the curriculum, especially from other courses in the Biblical Studies and Theological Studies divisions. Bibliographic references should use Turabian formatting. The student must incorporate sources beyond the required reading for this course.

### PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS (500-750 words).

In this section, you will discuss practical applications and ministry implications of the course doctrine. In this section, the student will integrate course insights into their ministry emphasis, degree program, or anticipated area of vocational ministry focus. The student should also incorporate any insights gained from other courses in the curriculum, especially from the Ministry and Communications Division, as well reflections on his or her Christian walk and ministry experiences. Endnotes in this section should be minimal, but the student must properly cite any sources or quotations.

**BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Bibliography

THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY IS OPTIONAL for the Doc Synth assignment. However, it is an excellent habit to develop because you will always need a bibliography for all sources you reference in other papers. Having an extensive bibliography can also help you in future research assignments. Ensure you format these sources according to the samples below.

Dallas Theological Seminary Thesis Style Committee. “Supplement to Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for* *Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed.” Dallas: Dallas Theological Seminary, 2018.

Strunk, William, Jr. and E. B. White. *The Elements of Style*. 4th ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1999.

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertations*. Revised by Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, Joseph M. Williams, Joseph Bizup, William T. Fitzgerald, and the University of Chicago Press Editorial Staff. 9th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018.

Vyhmeister, Nancy Jean. *Your Guide to Writing Quality Research Papers: For Students of Religion and Theology*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 2014.

1. The above title page may not be necessary. Check with your professor or GTA for guidance. The highlighted portions throughout indicate where you need to change the information. Also, endnotes should be in Arabic, not Roman numerals. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. For ST 5101, you are only to address the doctrine of Bibliology. You will engage with the doctrines of Soteriology, Christology, Hamartiology, etc., in other classes. Resist the temptation to discuss any doctrine(s) besides the course doctrine. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. For this assignment, you will only use endnotes and only in sections two and three. Read the syllabus instructions carefully. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. This note is an example of how you should format your endnotes. If you quote someone or discuss someone else’s view or idea, use Turabian formatting for the citation. E.g. Glenn R Kreider, “Wise Unto Salvation: Gospel, Atonement, and Saving Grace,” in *Exploring Christian Theology: Creation, Fall, and Salvation*, ed. Michael J Svigel and Nathan D. Holsteen, vol. 2 (Bloomington: Bethany House, 2015), 127. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)