



HANOVERDALE CHURCH
SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Syllabus of a Basic Survey of our Christian Faith

Class meets Thursday evenings 7:00-8:00

There will be no attendance taken but you are encouraged to be there regularly to gain as much from the class as possible.

There are no required tests or papers, but opportunities will be given for participants to research a theological term and present their findings to the class. Presentations should be no longer than 5 minutes long but should have Bible verse(s) to explain the term.

Lesson 1: Thy Word is Truth - The Bible is God's unique message to humanity.

Lesson 2: The Person of God - What is the evidence of the existence and person of God?

Lesson 3: God's Personality - God is unique but shares some attributes with us.

Lesson 4: The Origin of Humanity - What is His purpose and responsibility?

Lesson 5: The Sin Problem - Definitions, origins and results.

Lesson 6: Eternity - There are two possible destinies for every human being that need to be considered.

Lesson 7: God's Provision - Jesus Christ's Deity. His Coming foretold. His Humanity.

Lesson 8: The Cross - What did Christ accomplish by dying on a cross and then rising from death?

Lesson 9: The New Birth - What does it mean to be born again?

Lesson 10: Salvation by God's Grace - How does someone actually make it to heaven?

Lesson 11: Real Faith - Believing in Jesus Christ.

Lesson 12: Assurance of Salvation - No cheap grace. You can be sure of eternal life.

Lesson 13: Principles for a New Way of Living



Regeneration: The beginning of spiritual life for every believer. That moment that the person hears the Truth of the Gospel, believes in the heart, and responds in repenting confession. At that time the Holy Spirit enters the believer's body (John 3:3-8; Romans 10:17; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Peter 1:23; Titus 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Reconciliation: Bringing together those who have separated. Gaining a pardon from an offended King (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Redemption: To purchase a coveted item and free it from the marketplace. Believers, once the slaves of sin and cursed to impending death are now made free in Christ. who paid the purchase price with His blood (Romans 3:24; Hebrews 9:12; Romans 6:17-20; Galatians 3:13; 4:5; Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 1:13;2:15; John 8:36; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

Atonement: All that Jesus accomplished on the cross as the grounds for salvation. Offered to anyone who will come to God in faith in Jesus Christ. The sacrificial work that satisfies the price of punishment and forgives our sin. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 5:11; Hebrews 2:7)

Justification: A Divine act whereby a holy God pronounces the sinner who believes in Christ to be righteous before God and acquits the sinner of all charges. This is done freely by God's grace. It is to be noted that this is a declaration of God, not something that is experienced by our will. Justification is by grace, by faith and by Christ's blood (Romans 3:24; Romans 4:4-5; 5:1; Galatians 2:16; 3:11), James 2:14-24)

Imputation: A banking term, to 'reckon' or put on one's account by a judicial act of God. Christ put our sin on Christ at the cross and put Christ's righteousness upon us as believers (Philemon 18; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21).

Mediator: A middle man is needed to bring together a holy God and a sinful person. Christ is that middle man (Job 9:33; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8:6;9:15; 12:24)

Propitiation: The seat of mercy before God that is sprinkled with the blood of the sacrificial lamb (Jesus Christ). God is now favorable toward us, the claims of justice having been satisfied (Romans 3:24-25; Hebrews 9:5-7;1 John 4:10)

Sanctification: The relationship into which people enter by faith in Christ. To be set apart and be different from the sinful life of the world unto the sacred purposes of God. We are positioned with Christ and then progressively become more and more like Christ until we are perfected in Christ in heaven (Acts 26:18; Acts 20:32; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:10; Jude 1; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 5:1-2; Romans 8:29)