

**AIM INSTITUTE | THEOLOGY II**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**2023 | September Term**

**COURSE:** Theology II

**Course Term:** Weekly Zoom Debriefs begin Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 PM (US Eastern Standard Time) for 11 weeks (No Zoom classes on September 28 and November 23).

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Theology II covers three doctrinal topics; Bibliology, Anthropology and Hamartiology. Bibliology (the nature and structure of the Bible) explores the concepts of general and special revelation, the development of the Canon, the inspiration, inerrancy, and infallibility of Scripture as well as its authority, sufficiency, clarity, and necessity. We will look at rules for interpretation and two important Bible study methods. Hamartiology (the doctrine of sin) examines the origin, effects, and consequences of sin and looks at how to confront sin in our lives and in the church. In Biblical Anthropology (the nature of human beings and their relationship with God) we will study man being made in the image of God, man's constitution and man being created as male and female.

Each of our Theology courses are designed to stand alone. It is helpful but not necessary to have taken Theology I before taking this course.

**INTRODUCTION VIDEO:** <https://vimeo.com/849235614>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop a practical understanding of the theological themes of Bibliology, Hamartiology, and Anthropology.
- Explore the diverse beliefs held by the church fathers and within the orthodox streams in the body of Christ.
- Strengthen the student's faith while deepening the understanding of the faith of others.
- Improve the student's ability to identify and resist heresy while manifesting the newness that Christ has for His people with today's significant cultural changes.
- Develop a personal theological position on one of the main topics to be covered in this course.

**INSTRUCTOR:** John Guido and his wife Marilyn have served in Ecuador since 1988. They planted and pastor in a church in Cuenca, Ecuador with many community ministries. The work includes a hospital, Christian school, an FM radio station, after school programs for underprivileged children, and medical missions' outreaches. John has pastored five congregations and was instrumental in planting 12 churches in Ecuador and Peru. He is one of the founding team members and currently serves as the presiding elder of Arco Ministries. He is also a member of the Coordinating Team of Alliance International Ministries. In addition to 47 years of ministry experience, John has a master's degree in leadership development from Azusa Pacific University. He has 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

**COURSE FORMAT:** The Course Format enables you to receive college level instruction while studying at home (Note, AIM Institute is not accredited and does not offer college credits.) The course grade will be pass/fail. In addition to the videos, which you can view anything during the week, we will have weekly zoom debriefing sessions. These sessions will give you an opportunity to discuss the course material with a facilitator and fellow students.

Like all our AIM institute classes, Theology II will allow you to receive a college level course during a 11-week period (excluding the dates mentioned when the class won't meet). You will be given regular reading assignments from our text *Introducing Christian Doctrine* by Millard J. Erickson and this Study Guide. You will be able to view a half-hour video each week at your own convenience and then meet with classmates where we will examine the material together, exchanging perspectives, insights, and allowing time for questions and dialogue.

### **COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

- The weekly course schedule is provided in the course Study Guide.
- Weekly video assignments.
- Required textbook reading assignments.
- Contact time with the instructor and classmates is provided in a weekly Zoom debrief classroom.
- Study questions are for your personal benefit as well as preparation for the weekly debrief.
- The Course will be graded as pass or fail. Bear in mind your weekly preparation will have a direct bearing on how much you gain from the course.
- Weekly Zoom Debrief begins September 7 at 7:00 PM (US Eastern Standard Time) for 12 weeks except September 29 and November 25.
- You will receive a Zoom invite by email for each debrief.
- Preparation can be done at any time before the debrief.
- To maximize the use of your time, we will not cover information from the videos in the debrief unless there are questions.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- This is an intensive course; students should plan to participate in all class sessions.
- Complete all course reading, watch videos, and writing assignments (approximately one to two hours per week).

- Completion of the course requires a project. Students to develop and write a 2-to-3-page personal theological position on one of the main topics to be covered in this course.

## **TEXT**

- “Introducing Christian Doctrine” (third edition) by Milliard Erickson, Baker Academic, 2015
  - This textbook will be used for other AIM Institute theology courses as well.
  - We are using the third edition; page numbers used in notes and debrief will match this edition.
- “An Outline Study of Theology” edited by Terry King, available by download from AIM Institute

Online registration form: <https://aimteam.org/aim-institute/theoii23-app/>