



# On-Campus Course Syllabus

## THS 202 L2

### Baptist History and Distinctives

### Spring 2021

#### Class Information

**Day and Time:** Thursday morning 11:00am-noon on the dates listed in the calendar below

**Room Number:** e201

#### Contact Information

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Instructor's Office hours	By appointment. Please e-mail me and we will set up a time to talk by phone, Zoom, or meet in my office.

#### Course Description and Prerequisites

A study of Anabaptists and their origins is followed by an examination of the emergence of the English Baptists and their subsequent history. A discussion of the history of Baptists in the U.S. emphasizing Southern Baptists. Stress is placed on the distinctive beliefs of Baptists within the context of the broader reformation heritage.

#### Course Objectives

At the end of this course, the student should have the ability to . . .

1. Articulate a working knowledge of the significant phases, events, and persons in Baptist history and significant terms and concepts regarding Baptist doctrine.
2. Recognize how Baptist ministry (doctrine and practice) has been influenced by contemporary and antecedent forces and develop a sense of discernment regarding the forces impacting his or her ministry.
3. Encourage others as to their place in the history of God's work especially as they find themselves in or impacted by the Baptist movement.
4. Enunciate the warrant for Baptist doctrinal distinctives while engaged in sympathetic but critical dialogue with other Christian communities, traditions, and denominations.

#### Required Textbooks

- Blount, Douglas K. and Joseph D. Wooddell. *Baptist Faith and Message 2000*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007. (ISBN: 9780742551039)
- McBeth, H. Leon. *The Baptist Heritage*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1987. (ISBNs: 9781462747702 or 9780805465693)
- *Criswell College Manual of Style*, 3rd ed. Dallas: Criswell College, 2010. (Available on-line at [http://www.criswell.edu/academics/resources-support/.](http://www.criswell.edu/academics/resources-support/))

#### Recommended Reading

Adler, Mortimer. *How To Read a Book*. Revised ed. New York: Touchstone, 1972 (ISBN: 9780671212094).

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### Presentation of Research:

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3. 1½ -2 pages (375–500 words)– Personal application. Examples of questions that could be answered: How have you seen this doctrine manifest in your local congregation? If you haven’t seen it manifest, identify possible reasons for this absence. How will you incorporate the truths you discovered in your research on this doctrine into your ministry? What questions were raised in your mind as you learned more about this doctrine *and* how were you able to find answers to these questions?
4. Bibliography of sources cited and consulted.

Form and style: The *Criswell College Manual of Style* must be consulted for proper form. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation will be considered in the grading. Only the first 13 pages of the paper will be graded.

Due Date and Late Penalty: The paper is due by **5:00 pm on April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It should be e-mailed to the instructor. (A response will be provided with 24 hours indicating receipt of the paper. If the student does not receive a receipt message from the instructor, it is up to the student to contact the instructor to arrange for alternative delivery.) If it is not submitted on time, a student earns an automatic extension penalty of 10 points with an additional 10-point deduction for every day thereafter.

## Course/Classroom Policies and Information

**Recording:** Students may not record class sessions in any media. If a student desires to record a class session, written permission must be obtained in advance of the recording. Please submit a written request explaining the purpose of recording and the extent of use of the recording. Under no conditions may recordings be duplicated, given, or lent to anyone who has not been granted permission by the instructor.

**Textbooks:** The selection of textbooks should not be interpreted as implying the instructor's endorsement of any of the views of the authors. Textbooks are selected for their perceived value in helping to meet the course goals and objectives.

**Institutional Assessment:** Material submitted by students in this course may be used for assessment of the college's academic programs. Since programmatic and institutional assessment is done without reference to specific students, the results of these assessments have no effect on a student's course grade or academic standing at the college. Before submitting a student's work for this type of assessment, the course instructor will redact the work to remove anything that identifies the student (e.g., title pages, identifying references within the work itself).

## Class Attendance

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to attend every class session on the day and time appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. When unavoidable situations result in absence or tardiness, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Instructors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual instructors may determine how attendance affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether attendance affects course grades.

## Grading Scale

A	93-100	4.0 grade points per semester hour
A-	90-92	3.7 grade points per semester hour
B+	87-89	3.3 grade points per semester hour
B	83-86	3.0 grade points per semester hour
B-	80-82	2.7 grade points per semester hour
C+	77-79	2.3 grade points per semester hour
C	73-76	2.0 grade points per semester hour
C-	70-72	1.7 grade points per semester hour
D+	67-69	1.3 grade points per semester hour
D	63-66	1.0 grade point per semester hour
D-	60-62	0.7 grade points per semester hour
F	0-59	0.0 grade points per semester hour

## Incomplete Grades

Students requesting a grade of Incomplete (I) must understand that incomplete grades may be given only upon approval of the faculty member involved. An "I" may be assigned only when a student is currently passing a course and in situations involving extended illness, serious injury, death in the family, or employment or government reassignment, not student neglect.

Students are responsible for contacting their instructors prior to the end of the semester, plus filing the appropriate completed and approved academic request form with the Registrar's Office. The "I" must be removed (by completing

the remaining course requirements) no later than 60 calendar days after the close of the term or semester in which the grade was awarded, or the “I” will become an “F.”

## **Academic Honesty**

Absolute truth is an essential belief and basis of behavior for those who believe in a God who cannot lie and forbids falsehood. Academic honesty is the application of the principle of truth in the classroom setting. Academic honesty includes the basic premise that all work submitted by students must be their own and any ideas derived or copied from elsewhere must be carefully documented.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating of any kind,
- submitting, without proper approval, work originally prepared by the student for another course,
- plagiarism, which is the submitting of work prepared by someone else as if it were his own, and
- failing to credit sources properly in written work.

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## **Institutional Email Policy**

All official college email communications to students enrolled in this course will be sent exclusively to students’ institutional email accounts. Students are expected to check their student email accounts regularly and to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all communications from faculty and administrative departments.

Students are permitted to setup automatic forwarding of emails from their student email accounts to one or more personal email accounts. The student is responsible to setup and maintain email forwarding without assistance from college staff. If a student chooses to use this forwarding option, he/she will continue to be responsible for responding appropriately to all communications from faculty and administrative departments of the college. Criswell College bears no responsibility for the use of emails that have been forwarded from student email accounts to other email accounts.

## **Disabilities**

Criswell College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and similar state laws, which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Criswell College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualifying students, faculty, and employees with disabilities as required by applicable laws. For more information, please contact the Student Services Office.

## **Intellectual Property Rights**

Unless otherwise specifically instructed in writing by the instructor, students must neither materially nor digitally reproduce materials from any course offered by Criswell College for or with the significant possibility of distribution.

## **Resources and Supports**

Canvas and SONIS: Criswell College uses Canvas as its web-based learning tool and SONIS for student data. Students needing assistance with Canvas should contact the Canvas Help Support line at (844) 358-6140. Tech support is

available at this number, twenty-four hours a day. Students needing help with SONIS should contact the Campus Software Manager at [studenttechsupport@criswell.edu](mailto:studenttechsupport@criswell.edu).

Student Services: The Student Services Office exists to foster and encourage success in all areas of life—physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance by contacting the office at 214.818.1332 or [studentservices@criswell.edu](mailto:studentservices@criswell.edu). Pastoral and certified counseling services are also available to Criswell students. Appointments are scheduled through the Dean of Students, at [deanofstudents@criswell.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@criswell.edu).

Wallace Library: Students can access academic resources and obtain research assistance by contacting or visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, email the Wallace Library at [library@criswell.edu](mailto:library@criswell.edu). Offsite login information is available in Canvas in the “Criswell Student Training Course” under “Library Information.”

Tutoring Center: Students are encouraged to consult with tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence in any subject matter taught at the college. Tutors have been recommended by the faculty to ensure that the tutor(s) are qualified to serve the student body. Every tutor brings experience and expertise in an effort to provide the proper resources for the subject matter at hand. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Tutoring Center located on the second floor in room E203, or schedule an appointment by emailing [tutoringcenter@criswell.edu](mailto:tutoringcenter@criswell.edu) or by calling 214.818.1373.

## Course Outline/Calendar (Original-January 2021)

(This course schedule is subject to revision during the semester. Any revisions made to the course schedule will be announced in class and a revised schedule will be distributed.)

DATE	CLASS CONTENT	BLOUNT/WOODDELL	MCBETH
1-28 (Th)	Intro to Course		
2-11 (Th)	<b>Doctrine for Research Assignment chosen</b>	vii-24	19-63 ( <b>Quiz 1</b> )
2-25 (Th)		25-53	64-150 ( <b>Quiz 2</b> )
3-11 (Th)		55-88	151-2, 200-283 ( <b>Quiz 3</b> )
4-1 (Th)		89-135	285-87; 343-447 ( <b>Quiz 4</b> )
4-1 (Th)	Last Day to Withdraw		
4-15 (Th)		137-149	447-463; 495-98; 563-608 ( <b>Quiz 5</b> )
4-23 (F)	<b>Research Paper Due</b>		
4-29 (Th)		151-181	609-701 ( <b>Quiz 6</b> )



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## ADDENDUM FOR SP-21

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In the event that Criswell College has to close the campus to on-campus classes in during the FA-20 semester, this addendum specifies how your instructor intends to adjust the course in order to allow students to meet the course objectives.

The course requirements, assignments, calendar, and attendance requirements from the syllabus for this course are replicated below. Notes and changes to the information in syllabus are highlighted. Information that is no longer relevant is indicated with a strike through the font and replacement or new information is placed in italics.

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