

Bible Doctrine and the Book of Romans
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Here's the plan: We are going to study critical thinking, the books of Romans, theology, doctrine, and life. To help us keep things in "mental order" we will also study the Nicene and Apostles creeds.

Doctrine is "something that we believe and teach to be true." The book of Romans is the one book in the New Testament that lays out what Christ-followers should believe in a systematic (or topical) way. When you go off to college you are going to get your heads and hearts beaten up regarding things related to faith; so it is good to know what you believe and why you believe it. Not only that, our worldview shapes our experience just as our experience shapes our worldview. A Christian worldview will shape how we experience life and doctrine shapes how we see God, ourselves, others and the rest of the cosmos.

Here are some important things about the class I want you to know:

- The class will involve outside reading, projects, papers, quizzes and tests.
- I will expect you to take notes in class, do the reading, and complete your work on time (one letter grade reduction per day it is late, with the lowest grade for a very late but decently done assignment being a 60 %.)
- I will expect you to bring a Bible, your doctrine notebook and a pen or pencil to class every day. Your doctrine notebook should have pockets to hold handouts.
- I will expect everyone to have internet access, as there will be an on-line component to the class. If you do not have access, please let me know in writing.
- Be on time, be in dress code.
- Please be respectful of the opinions of others during the class discussions.

The grading system is as follows:

Homework 40% (this includes papers and projects)

Quizzes and Tests 40% (usually "open note" so take good notes)

Contributing to an intellectual environment 20% (We will have a lot of fun in class, but in order to enjoy any class, students must be self-regulated. How you regulate yourself including, but not limited to, promptness, compliance with dress code, being quiet and speaking at appropriate times all, having the right materials in class at the right time, giving full attention to class and not doing other homework all figure into this 20% of your grade.)

I maintain a website (www.drbuzz.org) and it has a page dedicated to Bible 11. It has the current assignment, details about assignments, resources to use for assignments, the style requirements for papers and copies of class notes, posted once a week. Assignments are also posted on Renweb. OK, you know the drill . . . you sign below, have your folks sign below and you get 5 points!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Student's Name printed _____ Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____