**Essential Doctrine**

Course: Certificate of Spiritual Knowledge
Pre-requisites: Nil
Date: Semester 1, 2019
Co-ordinator: Ps Josh Chan
Lecturer: Various
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Nominal Hours: 15

**Purpose**

The purpose of this subject is to give students a solid foundation in biblical doctrine in a practical way that applies to everyday life.

**Content**

Introduction to Doctrine
Salvation
The Trinity
Creation and Evolution
Ethics
Revelation
The church

**Delivery Method**

Lectures

**Assessment**

To pass subjects, students cannot miss more than four classes for the entire semester. Exceptions will be granted if students give prior notice for valid reasons. All exceptions will be at the discretion of the course coordinator.

Simplifying Doctrine Assessment

Prepare and present a five minute presentation to a friend and have them assess your presentation. The presentation should be based on one of the topics covered in the subject. Choose a topic where you explain a doctrinal truth and concept about God. Choose a specific topic and not something broad (it’s easier to present a specific truth rather than a broad one).

You will need to hand in a typed out version of your presentation as well as the assessment form (please see final page) given to your friend.

Length: Five minute presentation and 300 – 500 word outline.
Due: 4th June 2019 (assessment can be handed in early, but it is advised that you listen to a number of lectures before choosing a topic)

**Lecture Outline**

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| Date | Topic | Due dates |
| 05-Feb-19 | Intro to Doctrine |  |
| 12-Feb-19 | Intro to Doctrine |  |
| 19-Feb-19 | Soteriology |  |
| 26-Feb-19 | Soteriology |  |
| 05-Mar-19 | The Trinity |  |
| 12-Mar-19 | No class |  |
| 19-Mar-19 | The Trinity |  |
| 26-Mar-19 | Creation and Evolution |  |
| 02-Apr-19 | Creation and Evolution |  |
| 09-Apr-19 | Holiday |  |
| 16-Apr-19 | Holiday |  |
| 23-Apr-19 | No class |  |
| 30-Apr-19 | Ethics |  |
| 07-May-19 | The Validity of the Bible |  |
| 14-May-19 | Revelation |  |
| 21-May-19 | Value and sanctity of life |  |
| 28-May-19 | Guest Speaker |  |
| 04-Jun-19 | Guest Speaker | Assessment Due |
| 11-Jun-19 | No class |  |
| 18-Jun-19 | The church | Test |

**Reading List**

Recommended Reading:

Grenz, Stanley J., & Smith, Jay T. (2014). *Created for Community: Connecting Christian Belief with Christian Living (3rd ed.)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

Additional Reading:

Erickson, Millard J. (2001). *Introducing Christian Doctrine (2nd ed.).* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

Pilch, John J. & Malina, Bruce J. (Eds). (2009). *Handbook of Biblical Social Values*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.

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Simplifying Doctrine Assessment Evaluation Form

Due: Tuesday, June 4th, 2019

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Essential Doctrine Topic: (e.g. God as Creator; the Deity of Christ; the Existence of God)

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(Ensure that you have attached an outline of how you will explain the topic.)
Please ask the person to whom you are communicating to fill out the form below.

**How well was the topic communicated to you? Please put a number between 1 and 5, where 1 is not at all and 5 is completely.**

The concept was easy to understand: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It was clearly communicated to me: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I understood the terms being used: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I gained knowledge from the presentation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Further comments:

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Assessor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_