

Contemporary Protestant Theology (BIB336) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for BIB336

Contemporary Protestant Theology will provide students with an understanding of premodern theology, modernity, the Enlightenment and its effects on theology, and modern theological liberalism.

II. Required Reading

Roger E. Olson, *<u>The Journey of Modern Theology</u>*, (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2013), 1-420.

J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*.

III. Lectures

Kirk R. MacGregor, Contemporary Theology Video Lectures.

IV. Assignments

All written assignments should be handed in together at the end of the course.

- 1. Read pp. 1-420 in *The Journey of Modern Theology* and read the entirety of *Christianity and Liberalism*.
- 2. Watch/Listen to lectures 1-38.
- **3.** In a two page essay, define and describe the "Acids of Modernity" and how they affected and informed theological modernity. Footnote all citations.
- 4. In a two page essay, describe theological fundamentalism (i.e., what it is and is not within a historical context) and the contribution of Charles Hodge. Footnote all citations.
- 5. Write an eight page double-spaced research paper delineating the epistemological differences between modern theological liberalism and evangelical Christianity. Cite at least five texts not utilize in the required reading. Include a title page and bibliography, and footnote all sources.