

ThB Capstone Project: A Confession of Faith (CH499) Course Syllabus

I. Introduction

CH499 (6 credit hours) is the final course for non-thesis ThB students. In this course, you will produce a confession of faith in your own words which expresses your theology in ten areas of doctrine.

II. Preparation

<u>Required Lectures:</u> Bill Mounce, <u>Statement of Faith</u>. <u>Required Reading:</u> Michael R. Burgos, *Credo: An Introduction to Confessional Theology*, (Torrington, CT: Church Militant Pub., 2017).

Consult a variety of confessions of faith, both ancient and modern.

III. Production

Produce a confession of faith including the following headings:

<u>Headings</u>

Theology Proper: The doctrine of the Triune God. Christology: The doctrine of Christ Pneumatology: The doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Bibliology: The doctrine of Holy Scripture. Anthropology: The doctrine of mankind. Soteriology: The doctrine of salvation. Last Things: The doctrine of eschatology, including the intermediate state, final state, and resurrection. Ecclesiology: The doctrine of the church including ecclesiastical polity, authority, and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Law: A theology of the ongoing relevance of the moral law of God. Gender and Marriage: A theology of the family and human sexuality.

Your confession should be in your own words and it should be written using language the average church member can understand. While you are free to incorporate other confessions in your own, refrain from copy and pasting large portions of other confessions. That is, feel free to incorporate traditional language from, for example, the Westminster Confession of Faith, but do not merely copy it.



Utilize 11 point Times New Roman font for the body and bold twelve point font for the headings. Provide supporting biblical citations in the footnotes in abbreviated form (i.e., Rom. 3:21).

IV. Draft Submission

Present the draft of your confession to your program supervisor for review. Make any suggested corrections or changes.

V. Submission

Submit your confession of faith to your program supervisor for review by the thesis and dissertation review committee. While a confession is not a thesis or dissertation, it will be evaluated and graded by our panel.