

The Spectrum of Christian Faith

Main Resources

Across the Spectrum: Understanding Issues in Evangelical Theology: 2nd Edition by Gregory A. Boyd and Paul R. Eddy, Baker Academic, 2009

A Flexible Faith: Rethinking What it Means to Follow Jesus Today by Bonnie Kristian, Faith Words, 2018

The Bible Binge (SWDGISS) podcast hosted by Erin Moon, Jamie Golden and Knox McCoy, <https://thebiblebinge.com/show/swdgiss/>

All Things Reconsidered: How Rethinking What We Know Helps Us Know What We Believe by Knox McCoy, Thomas Nelson 2020

Several Volumes from the Counterpoints series from Zondervan Academic

Further resources will be given during class each. For a full list of resources, see the class website at www.wabashchurch.org/spectrum

Weekly Schedule

Week 1: Essentials of Christian Faith – The Nicene Creed

What does it mean to be a Christian?

Week 2: The Bible – The Inerrant, Infallible, Inspired Spectrum

What does it mean to say that the Bible is God's Word?

Week 3: Baptism – Three Views

Why do we have to get baptized?

Week 4: Communion – Four Views

What does the Lord's supper mean?

Week 5: The Beginning – Three Views on Genesis and Science

How did we get here?

Week 6: The Divine Image – Three Views

What does it mean to be made in God's image?

Week 7: Divine Providence – Four Views

Does God plan everything that happens?

Week 8: Atonement Theory – Four Views

How does Jesus' dying mean that we can be saved?

Week 9: Hell – Three Views

What happens at the end of the world? (Part 1)

Week 10: Heaven – Four Views

What happens at the end of the world? (Part 2)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and to life in the world to come. Amen.