

**Note:**

**Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.**

## ***COURSE SYLLABUS***

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### **BIBL 820**

#### **THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An examination of the various approaches to biblical theology, including historical, worldview, canonical, and theological, with a focus on how biblical theology shapes ministry practice today. (Available to DMIN students only)

#### **RATIONALE**

Oftentimes today, a leader is tempted to design his or her ministries around apparently successful ministry models simply because those models seem to work. After the fact, the leader consults the Bible in order to justify the pragmatic approach to ministry. Conversely, in order to shape a ministry that is deeply and thoroughly biblical, the leader must go first to Scripture. This course enables the student to understand and articulate his or her own approach to biblical theology and apply his or her methodology to his or her specific ministry context in very practical ways.

#### **I. PREREQUISITE**

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

#### **II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE**

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

#### **III. RECOMMENDED RESOURCE**

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. Current ed. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Blackboard [recommended browsers](#)
- D. Microsoft Word
- E. School of Divinity Writing Guide:  
<http://www.liberty.edu/divinity/index.cfm?PID=28160>

**V. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Evaluate various approaches to biblical theology.
- B. Defend their preferred approach to biblical theology.
- C. Apply their preferred approach to their ministry context.

**VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

- C. Discussion Board Forums (2)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 300 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates' threads. Each reply must be at least 150 words.

- D. Biblical Theology in the Church Manual: Parts 1–4

The student will create a Biblical Theology in the Church Manual in weekly stages during this course.

Part 1: The student will select an area of ministry for which he or she will develop a biblical theology. Further, the student will select a target group for which he or she will develop a training manual based on that biblical theology. In at least 250 words in current Turabian format, the student will identify the area of ministry and the target group for the training manual and provide a brief rationale for the project.

Part 2: The student will write a 500–1,000-word paper in current Turabian format describing the methodology that he or she will use in the paper. This will include 1) what approach to biblical theology he or she will employ and 2) how his or her biblical theology will translate into specific ministry practices. The student must include 5 sources and a bibliography page.

Part 3: The student will write a 2,000–3,000-word paper in current Turabian format describing the biblical theology for his or her chosen area of ministry. The student must include 5 sources and a bibliography page.

Part 4: The student will write a 2,000–3,000-word paper in current Turabian format describing the practices for the target group that will receive training. These practices must flow out of the biblical theology for the area of ministry. The student must include 5 sources and a bibliography page.

- E. **Biblical Theology in the Church Manual: Final Copy**  
 The student will combine Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of his or her Biblical Theology in the Church Manual to produce a 4,500–6,000-word, current Turabian formatted, final, functional copy of the manual.
- F. **Reflection Paper**  
 The student will write a 1,200–1,500-word Reflection Paper in current Turabian format based upon *The King in His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments* by Thomas R. Schreiner. The reflection paper must include thorough and thoughtful answers in response to specific questions provided in the instructions within the course.

**VII. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**

A. **Points**

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (2 at 100 pts ea)	200
Biblical Theology in the Church Manual (4 parts at 100 pts ea)	400
Biblical Theology in the Church Manual: Final Copy	200
Reflection Paper	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1010</b>

- B. **Scale**  
 A = 940–1010    A- = 920–939    B+ = 900–919    B = 860–899    B- = 840–859  
 C+ = 820–839    C = 780–819    C- = 760–779    D+ = 740–759    D = 700–739  
 D- = 680–699    F = 0–679

- C. **Disability Assistance**  
 Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Accommodation Support (ODAS) at [LUOODAS@liberty.edu](mailto:LUOODAS@liberty.edu) to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at [www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport](http://www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport).  
 If you have a complaint related to disability discrimination or an accommodation that was not provided, you may contact ODAS or the Office of Equity and Compliance by phone at (434) 592-4999 or by email at [equityandcompliance@liberty.edu](mailto:equityandcompliance@liberty.edu). Click to see a full copy of Liberty’s [Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) or the [Student Disability Grievance Policy and Procedures](#).

## ***COURSE SCHEDULE***

### **BIBL 820**

Textbooks: Klink & Locket, *Understanding Biblical Theology* (2012).  
Lawrence, *Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church* (2010).  
Schreiner, *The King in His Beauty* (2013).

<b>MODULE/ WEEK</b>	<b>READING &amp; STUDY</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Klink & Locket: chs. 1-10 1 presentation	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions Discussion Board Forum 1	10 0 100
<b>2</b>	Lawrence: chs. 1-12 1 presentation	Discussion Board Forum 2	100
<b>3</b>	Schreiner: chs. 1-5 1 presentation	Biblical Theology in the Church Manual, Part 1	100
<b>4</b>	Schreiner: chs. 6-13 1 presentation	Biblical Theology in the Church Manual, Part 2	100
<b>5</b>	Schreiner: chs. 14-18 1 presentation	Biblical Theology in the Church Manual, Part 3	100
<b>6</b>	Schreiner: chs. 19-24 1 presentation	Biblical Theology in the Church Manual, Part 4	100
<b>7</b>	Schreiner: chs. 25-28 1 presentation	Biblical Theology in the Church Manual, Final Copy	200
<b>8</b>	Schreiner: chs. 29-34 1 presentation	Reflection Paper	200
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1010</b>

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.