

Scripture / Christology Syllabus

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The Living Word of God – the more you expose yourself to it the more it expose itself to you.

Jesus said to him “I am the way and the truth and the life...” John 14:6

Course Description

Freshman religion is a yearlong course for focusing on the study of God’s Living Word in Scripture and Christology which is the study of the life and teachings of Jesus. The first semester is dedicated to the study of scripture and the second semester dedicated to Christology.

God’s Revelation, accomplished through His only Son, Jesus Christ, is present to us in many ways. One of which is His true presence in Sacred Scriptures, the Bible. Christ who permeates both the Old Testament and the New Testament is the Word of God who became human in all things but sin. It is Scripture that is God’s gift to us in which Christ, God’s Revelation, is revealed to us in words and language we can understand.

The objective of this Scripture course is to immerse you the student in this great gift as it has been expressed in the Sacred Scripture. It is through your study of the Old Testament and New Testament that you will grow in knowledge of the story of our Salvation and will simultaneously encounter Jesus Christ, the living Word of God.

This objective will be accomplished by spending time learning to discover Jesus in both Testaments and thus God’s Revelation. This begins with learning to read scripture by learning what to look for and what you need in order to understand what the author intended to say. In addition, you will come to appreciate what language the books were written in and the need to know the legitimacy of the translation that you are reading. In short, by giving you the student the “tools” you need in order for you to have a clear understanding of what God is saying to you.

The primary focus of Christology is to continue to emphasize that Jesus Christ is God’s ultimate Revelation to the world. Thus the objectives of this course is first to define Revelation as “God’s gift of himself” and faith as “our positive response to God’s Revelation” and that you the student to understand that the fullness of Revelation is guarded and preserved in the Catholic Church. Secondly the objective is for you to learn what Jesus Christ reveals about God, to uncover the mystery of the Incarnation which will lead to you coming to understand what you can learn from Jesus about yourself and how to live your life in response to the Gospel.

These objectives will be accomplished by learning who Jesus Christ is. His Incarnation, His teachings, mysteries, his historical life and how his life is the source of Revelation. By getting intimately acquainted with Jesus Christ you will learn to accept God’s grace in your life so that you might choose His will and resist sin.

Class Expectations

The classroom rules are short and few in number however they encompass much. They are based on the three “R’s” of classroom conduct. They are as follows:

Respect: As a student in this class, you will show respect to every faculty member and every other student in class as well as on our campus. Acts of disrespect will not be tolerated and will be dealt with as per the discipline guidelines of SBHS.

The expectation is that you will not disrupt the class in anyway. I expect you to stay on task, to follow instructions and to carry those out to the best of your ability.

Reverence: As a student in this class, you will show reverence for God and others at all times through your words, actions and interactions. Regardless of your personal opinions and relationship with God, you will respect your fellow students and the values set forth by SBHS.

Responsibility: As a student in this class, you will be prompt, polite and prepared to begin each class on time and with the necessary materials: Textbook, Bible, Note taking material and writing instruments.

With this said, all rules, policies and procedures of SBHS as outlined in the student handbook will be enforced at all times in my classroom. These include but not limited to cell phones, IPOD's, required uniform, eating and drinking in the classroom, gum chewing, tardiness and absences.

Classroom work, homework assignments, exams and class participation

- ✚ All reading assignments are to be completed in order to prepare for the next class' discussion. Pop quizzes will be randomly given to reward those who do the reading and motivate those who need it.
- ✚ All homework assignments must be completed and submitted on time and will collected at the beginning of each class.
- ✚ Late work will be accepted at a reduced grade on one day following the due date beyond that no late work will be accepted. In the case of an unexcused absence as per school policy no work will be accepted.
- ✚ Assignments will be completed using black or blue ink on ruled paper. All assignments will be legible and are to be completed using correct grammar, sentence structure and spelling. Any paper that I cannot read will not be graded.
- ✚ **You are responsible** for making up all missed work as a result of an excused absence. It is your responsibility to come to me to determine missed assignments or make up exams or quizzes. Copies of all assignments, handouts and lesson plans can be found on Deacon Wilson's webpage. Should you be absent when an assignment is due, the assignment will be due immediately upon your return to school and or class.
- ✚ Class participation grades will be determined on a merit / demerit system based on your participation in class discussions, spontaneous offerings to material being presented, answering questions, having required materials for class and following the rules of the classroom.
- ✚ All SBHS policies regarding cheating will be followed with no exceptions.
- ✚ You are expected to take care of your personal needs during break and lunch time. Requests to leave the classroom for bathroom purposes will be for emergency purposes only. Under no circumstances, excluding true emergencies are you to interrupt class lectures and presentations to make requests to leave the room.

Grading

Grades for this course will be based on total points:

✚ Exams	30%
(Worth 50 points: each semester you can expect 5-6)	
✚ Journaling, Homework, Quizzes	30%
✚ Class Participation	40%

Each semester will have between 750 – 800 available points. You can always calculate your current grade by taking your total points awarded to you and dividing it by the total number of available points at that point.

By way of an example: If your total points awarded to you is 467 and at that point there was a total of 500 points available your current grade would be: $467 / 500 = 93\%$ A

Class Participation Rubric

Maximum Weekly Points = 20

Not late to class each day
Has all required material each day
Takes part in class activities
Has 3 participation points = 20

Not late to class each day
Has all required material each day
Takes part in class activities
Has 0 participation points = 17

Not late to class each day
Has all required material each day
Takes part in class activities
Has 2 participation points = 19

Not late to class each day
Has all required material each day
Participates minimally = 16

Not late to class each day
Has all required material each day
Takes part in class activities
Has 1 participation point = 18

Not late to class each day
Has all required material each day
Does not participate in class = 15

Participation points can be earned by volunteering answers during discussions, providing correct answer when called upon, volunteering an observation or opinion that adds to the discussion.

Negative participation points will be given for each infraction per day. Infractions earning negative points are not having required texts or materials, disruption to class, failure to follow instructions, being late to class.

Negative points will also be given when you are asked a question and it is clear that you are not prepared. Please note that enough negative points for the week can result in a weekly participation grade of zero (0).

Required Materials

- ✚ Text: Scripture – Jesus Christ: God’s Revelation to the World
Christology – Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry
- ✚ Bible

- ✚ Spiral notebook dedicated to this class for journaling
- ✚ Sufficient supplies of paper, writing instruments, etc.