

## **Basic Biblical Christianity Summary Paper (15% of the course grade)**

The Basic Christianity summary paper for the course is to be approximately 5-7 pages long. It should be college-level academic writing, in third person where possible. This paper will require some reflection on the things learned in class, beginning with the basic themes of Biblical Christianity, stemming from your reading in the Bible.

The paper should reflect what historic Biblical Christianity believes and teaches (your personal convictions are not necessarily part of this paper). Major components of the paper include the Character of God; the role of the Bible in shaping Christianity; the character, condition, and need of humanity; the person of Jesus Christ and His work for humanity; the nature of Christian faith as it touches knowledge, emotion, and lifestyle, and the role of the Church in society and Christianity in culture.

Use proper APA formatting; include a title page, reference page; write in third person. ***Due on the day before the seventh chat.***

### ***Suggested outline for the paper***

1. Introductory paragraph
2. The Character of God
  - a. The Creation
  - b. The Nation of Israel
  - c. The New Testament Setting
3. The Character of Humanity
  - a. [Individuals from] the Old Testament
  - b. [Individuals from] the New Testament
  - c. The Psalms and Epistles
4. Who is Jesus Christ
  - a. His life
  - b. His purpose and role in Christianity
5. The Bible
  - a. Its Message
  - b. Its role in Christianity
6. The Church and Christianity
  - a. Basic beliefs about the Bible
  - b. Basic beliefs about Faith and Forgiveness
  - c. Basic beliefs about Living for Christ
7. Conclusion: Synthesize what you have learned in this course by tying together the major points of your paper. Be specific and include details!

*About referencing the Bible* (based upon the APA manual):

- See 3.100 Classical Works
- “Reference entries are not required for major classical works, such as ancient Greek and Roman works and the Bible; simply identify in the first citation in the text the version you used. Parts of classical works (e.g., books, chapters, verses, lines, cantos) are

numbered systematically across all editions, so use these numbers instead of page numbers when referring to specific parts of the Bible text.” The additional sources in the *Concordia Self-study Bible* are not part of the Bible text.

“For the first reference: 1 Corinthians 13:1 (New International Version), thereafter Matthew 4:27.” Don’t use page numbers unless you are referring to the commentary that is not part of the Biblical text. References list should include the proper publication information for the NIV Study Bible.

The rubric to be used in grading the paper is visible in the Blackboard assignment. Please, review it before you write your paper.