

# Bible 11: Junior Doctrine

2010-2011 school year

*"This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe." – I Tim. 4:9, 10*

**Prerequisite:** A working knowledge of both the Old and New Testaments with an understanding of who our Jesus is, what he came to do and how all Scripture centers on him.

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**Class Sessions:** M/W/F 3<sup>rd</sup> period; Tues 7<sup>th</sup> period; Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> period (**duration:** 2 semesters/4 quarters)

**Course Description:** Junior Doctrine (Bible 11) is a course established to learn the basics of Christianity and to marvel over the proclamation of our Savior Jesus on every page of Scripture.

## Course Objectives:

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (II Pet. 3:18)*

*"With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak . . . so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." (II Cor. 4:13-15)*

Junior Doctrine provides our students with the opportunity to study the basic doctrines of the Bible and to grow. . .

- . . . in love for our Savior Jesus Christ. By his grace, we will be led to a stronger faith, a greater spiritual maturity and sharper skills in sharing our God-given faith.
- . . . in knowledge of the Scriptures. By his grace, we will see our God's hand as we study the pages of His Word and marvel over the doctrines contained in His Word.
- . . . in understanding of the Scriptures. By his grace, we will realize how precisely both the Old and New Testaments fit together and the key doctrines contained in and proclaimed by each. In his love, our God has preserved his Word for our benefit. It is our humble privilege to study this very Word.
- . . . in our confidence in the certainty of our God and his Word. By his grace, we will see the Messiah!

## Learning Goals (cf. L.Deer Fink, *Significant Learning*, 2003)

***"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD."*** (Ps. 89:15)

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*** (Mt. 11:28-30)

***"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."*** (Lk. 11:28)

***"These are the Scriptures that testify about me [Jesus]."*** (Jn. 5:39)

***"Watch your life and doctrine closely."*** (I Tim. 4:16)

Our prayer is that our students would never cease from the growing in and learning of our God's Word. With that prayer in mind, and our God's grace in our hearts, we strive to comprehend the doctrines of Scripture revealed by Scripture. May the Spirit of Grace and Truth guide it to be so!

### Course requirements:

***"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."*** (II Tim. 2:15)

***"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*** (Col. 3:17)

***"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."*** (I Cor. 4:2)

1. Please be faithful and diligent in your work and assignments. We will have readings (both public & personal) from Scripture and various essays. I expect you to bring your bible every day.
2. Please be faithful and diligent in-class as well. I recommend a 3-ring binder or a folder to keep notes and handouts together. I highly recommend taking notes in your bibles as well- I guarantee you won't be disappointed by this effort down the line.
3. Please participate in class discussion. The Lord has given you many abilities, not the least of which is your intellect. As God's redeemed child, you do have something to add to the discussion- especially with and from your own, personal background.
4. Be prepared to write. You will be expected to put your thoughts on paper in the form of reaction meant to articulate what you grasped from our reading.
5. There will be regular quizzes, tests and one final exam.
6. Regular "mini-quizzes" will be considered in your participation grade.

## Other helpful resources for study and research:

*NIV Bible (Concordia Self Study)*

*God So Loved the World: A Study of Christian Doctrine*, Prof. Lyle Lange

*Luther's Small and Large Catechisms*

The online WLS Essay File: [www.wlssays.net](http://www.wlssays.net)

**Your own family and friends! Ask 'em! Chat with 'em! Text 'em if you wanna!**

## Course grading policies:

A 94-100	B 84-86	C 74-76	D 64-66
A- 90-93	B- 80-83	C- 70-73	D- 60-63
B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F 00-59

Your semester grade will be determined by the following percentages:

Tests	30%
Major Quizzes	25%
Reaction papers	20%
Homework	15%
Class participation	10%

Please understand that assignments are deadlines and make every effort to get your assignments done by the due date. I understand that situations arise; if you are having trouble and cannot make the due date, please speak with me *in advance*. Work that is turned in late and without a proper excuse will be penalized.

Our Savior has given each of us many talents and abilities, and he allows and expects us to use them to his glory. Any attempt to use another person's work to complete the requirements of this course will result in a failing grade (0%) on the assignment.

## Academic Integrity (I borrowed these next 4 sections, with permission, from MLC's Vice-President for Academics, Dr. David Wendler) :

*"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord."* (Eph. 5:8-10)

### The MLA Handbook defines plagiarism as follows:

- (1) repeating another's sentences as your own,
- (2) adopting a particularly apt phrase as your own,
- (3) paraphrasing someone else's argument as your own,
- (4) presenting someone else's line of thinking as though it were your own.

To plagiarize is to use someone else's work as your own without citing the source. Direct copying, rephrasing, and summarizing, as well as taking someone else's idea and putting it in different words, are permissible *if* the source is cited. The instructor reserves the right to reduce the grade for the assignment, give a failing grade for the assignment, or give a failing grade for the entire course to any student involved in plagiarism.

Cheating (on memory work, quizzes, tests, etc.) is stealing and will not be tolerated. If caught once, the student will receive an F on that grade entry. If caught again, the student can expect to receive an

F for the course. Please keep your eyes on your own paper in these situations so the instructor has no reason even to suspect dishonesty.

**What's this all mean anyway:**

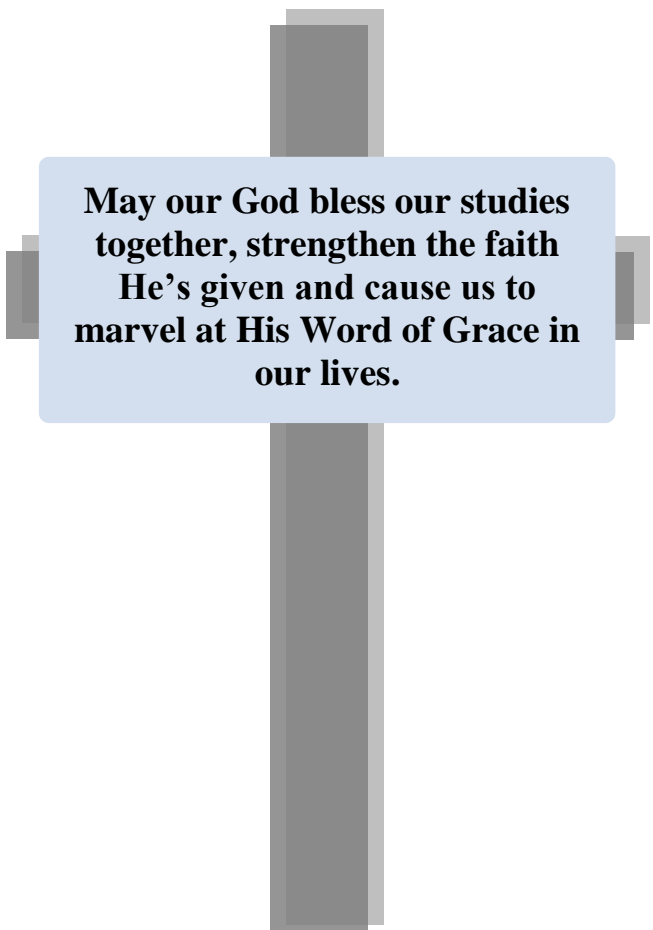
My friends, you have the distinct privilege to study and gaze into the inerrant Word of your God. This is the same Word that is both living and active and that, Lord willing, you continue to hold dear all your days. Please, make the most of this opportunity and continue to marvel at the grace and power of our God as he enters human history and still acts in the lives his people. Furthermore, strive to know these doctrines well and persevere in them as they will become both hugely beneficial and dearly loved to you. As you read, ask questions – and, by all means, bring those questions to class. As you study, look for your Savior! And as we are blessed to ponder the Word of our God, we do take to heart the words of our God proclaimed from the prophet Isaiah,

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it  
without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:*

*It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose  
for which I sent it.”*

-Is. 55:9-11



**May our God bless our studies  
together, strengthen the faith  
He's given and cause us to  
marvel at His Word of Grace in  
our lives.**