

# Liberti Institute



## Foundations of Christian Story

**I] Description of Class and Class Objectives:** Humans are narrative creatures. We tell stories to make us laugh or cry; to make us scared or nostalgic. More than that, we all make sense of our lives, human history, and society by fitting them into a story. This class will be an eight-week introduction to the Christian story of the universe. Students will engage with what the Bible says the true story of the world is and will interact with their role in this massive story of creation, fall, redemption, and glorification.

### **Objectives:**

- A. After completing this class, the students will be able to:
  - a. Tell the story of human history as creation, fall, redemption, and glorification
  - b. Articulate their own role in the greatest story ever told
  - c. Apply the hermeneutical method of Jesus and His apostles

### **III] Class Structure:**

- A. The class will consist of three elements:
  - a. Assigned weekly reading
  - b. Group discussion (during our weekly meeting)
  - c. Teaching time (during our weekly meeting)
- B. The content of the discussion and teaching will be based on the understanding that you have read the weekly assignments prior to attending class. Use the Class Schedule to be prepared for the upcoming classes.

### **IV] Weekly Readings**

- A. Additional weekly readings (approx. 30 pages) are assigned. You can find them in the “Assigned Reading” column on the following page’s table. These readings will serve as a springboard for our teaching time. Each teaching time will assume students are familiar with the content of that week’s readings.
- B. All of the readings will be provided free of charge to students enrolled. Each student will be given access to a google drive link with all of the readings available.

### **V] Class Schedule: Saturday, 9 am – 11 am**

Week	Date	Description	Assigned Reading
1	2/11/23	Reading our Bibles like Christians	Luke 24 Iain Duguid, <i>Seeing Christ in All of Scripture</i> , Pages 17-24 Graeme Goldsworthy, <i>Preaching the Whole Bible...Chapter 5</i>
2	2/18/23	Creation: Week 1	Genesis 1 and 2 Vern Poythress, <i>Christian Interpretations of Genesis 1</i> , Pages 5-10 John Currid, <i>Against the Gods</i> , Pages 25-46 Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Book XI, Chapters III to XI
3	2/25/23	Creation: Week 2	Genesis 1 and 2 Samuel Renihan, <i>The Mystery of Christ</i> , Pages 59-70 Herman Bavinck, <i>Post-Reformation Reformed Dogmatics</i> , Pages 554-562
4	3/4/23	Fall: Week 1	Genesis 3 Jean Calvin, <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> , Pages 248-255 Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Book II Chapters VI to X
5	3/11/23	Fall: Week 2	Genesis 6-9 Thomas Brooks, <i>Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices</i> , Pages 9-30 Stephen G. Demptster, <i>Dominion and Dynasty</i> , Pages 66-72
6	3/18/23	Redemption: Week 1	1 Kings 6-7 Anselm, <i>Cur Deus Homo</i> , Book II Chapters I-XI Joshua Ryan Butler, <i>The Pursuing God</i> , 197-210
7	3/25/23	Redemption: Week 2	1 Corinthians 15 Irenaeus, <i>Demonstration of Apostolic Preaching</i> , Chapters 100-106 Athanasius, <i>On The Incarnation</i> , Chapters 4-5
8	4/1/23	Consummation	Revelation 21 Johnathan Edwards, <i>Heaven, A World of Love</i> , Sections V-VI John Frame, <i>Systematic Theology</i> , 1075-1080

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