

Bibliology and Revelation Assignment

Read:

Christian Beliefs by Grudem & Grudem Chapter 1 AND

“The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy” (1978) on pp. 156-163

Questions:

1. Read Psalm 19:1-4. Besides Scripture, where else has God revealed Himself?
2. List the 4 characteristics of the Bible that Grudem talks about.
3. Choose one of the above terms from question #2. What would happen if the Bible did not have one of these features? (As in... “If the Bible was not authoritative... clear... necessary... sufficient, then...”)
4. Choose one of the above terms. How should this aspect of the Bible change the way you approach Scripture personally? (As in... “Because the Bible is authoritative... clear... necessary... sufficient, then...”)
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in Bible reading?
6. What are 3 essential ideas/concepts from “The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy”? What are 2 questions you have about something that was said in the Statement?

The Christian Life Assignment

Read:

Christian Beliefs by Grudem & Grudem Chapter 15, 5, 17

Questions:

1. From Grudem, “How is sanctification different from justification?” Explain.
2. Explain why Christians can NOT lose their salvation? How can one be assured of their salvation?
3. Why should we pray? Give at least 2 reasons.
4. What are the differences between the visible and the invisible church?
5. What are the two marks of a Christian church? Does your church do these things?
6. Do you think it is important to belong to a local church? Do you think you could fulfill all 3 “ministries” of the church by yourself?

Eschatology Assignment

Read:

Christian Beliefs by Grudem & Grudem Ch. 6, 16, 18 - 20

Questions:

1. How should Christians think about death? What word does Scripture use to describe a believer who has died? (2-3 sentences)
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58. How can we be sure Christ was raised from the dead? What does Paul encourage the Corinthian believers to respond, since Christ has defeated death? (2-3 sentences)
3. What should all Christians believe about the return of Christ? (2-3 sentences)
4. What response should we have to the return of Christ? Do you look forward to it? Why or why not? (2-3 sentences)
5. Name 3 ways our lives change in light of the final judgment? (3-4 sentences)
6. What will God do to creation after Christ's return? Where will believers live? (2-3 sentences)
7. How is God's plan of restoration good news for today? (2-3 sentences)

“Good Books Make Better People” Assignment

Read the article and answer the following questions.

1. According to the author, what does literary fiction require readers to do? Do you think these things are important? Why or why not? (3-4 sentences)
2. What are the inseparable disciplines at the heart of virtuous reading? Why are these important? (1-2 sentences).
3. What are some examples of virtues that the author thinks reading can help you cultivate? Do you agree or disagree? (3-4 sentences)
4. According to the author, how do the stories we read impart virtue to the reader? What are some of the examples she gives? (3-4 sentences)
5. How does the author define humility? How can reading literature help us to grow in humility? (2-3 sentences)
6. What does the author say it takes to read well? What can you do to become a better reader of literature? (2-3 sentences)

Jekyll and Hyde Assignment

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Not every work of literature will provide complete answers to these questions, but they will often touch on important questions of human nature, values, and the nature of good and evil.

Chapters 1-3

1. How are the following characters described by the author:

- A. Mr.Utterson
- B. Dr.Jekyll
- C. Mr. Hyde described

2. What is Utterson's impression of Mr.Hyde? (2-3sentences)

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Chapters 4-7

3. How does Jekyll change after Hyde has disappeared?
4. What happens when Utterson and Enfield see Jekyll in the window?
5. What have you noticed so far that may reveal the worldview of the book? Give some examples.

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Chapters 8-10

6. How do they find Hyde? What is said about his appearance?
7. How does Jekyll describe the relationship between his "good" and "evil" side?
(3-4 sentences)
8. What ends up happening with Jekyll's experiment? How does it go wrong?

Reflection (3-5 Sentences each)

9. Read Romans 3:9-20. What does Paul say about the nature of man? Does man have any inherent goodness? How does this differ from Jekyll's view of human nature?
10. Read James 3:1-4:4. What is the source of our temptation? What does James have to say about those who both bless and curse with their tongue? Compare this with how Jekyll tries to control his evil nature. Do you think that we can give vent to our evil desires and still be in control, like Jekyll does?
11. Read Romans 1:18-32 and 1 Timothy 4:1-5. Paul describes the "seared conscience" of false teachers. A person's conscience becomes seared when they give into temptation over and over again, to the point where wrong seems right. In Romans 1, we see that those who reject God are eventually "given over" to their desires and even celebrate unrighteousness. How does this view compare with Jekyll's experiment in the story?

***Frankenstein* Response Assignment**

Fill out this form for each section of reading assigned for *Frankenstein*.

Name: _____

Frankenstein, Chapters: _____

As you read the chapters, **select 2 quotes from the text**. TYPE out the quote along with its page number, and then answer the questions below it. Quotes should be about one of the following 4 topics:

The Nature of God The Nature of Man Creation/the Universe Evil & Suffering

Quote #1:

- A. What topic is this quote addressing in the book? What is it saying about the topic?
- B. Explain how the book/quote is portraying the topic, similar to or different from the Biblical perspective?

Quote #2:

- A. What topic is this quote addressing in the book? What is it saying about the topic?
- B. Explain how the book/quote is portraying the topic similar to or different from the Biblical perspective?

It's a Wonderful Life Assignment

Name: _____

You will watch the movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*, and answer the following worldview discussion questions in complete sentences. You should review the questions before watching the movie and take notes as you watch to help you answer them.

1. List 3 religious / Biblical references you notice throughout the movie.
2. How does the movie portray "god" or the supernatural? How is this similar or different from the God of Scripture? (2-4 sentences)
3. How is evil portrayed in the movie? Which characters are "bad guys?" What about them is evil? (3-4 sentences)
4. How is goodness portrayed in the movie? List at least 2 examples of actions that help "restore the world." (2-3 sentences)

Run on the bank – Banks do not actually physically hold the amount of money they guarantee their account holders. A run on the bank occurs when there is a rumor that a bank is running out of money, causing people to withdraw their accounts before the money runs out quickly.