

COURSE TITLE: Fundamentals of the Christian Faith 1

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UNIT VALUE: 10 units per year

GRADE LEVEL(S) AT WHICH COURSE IS OFFERED: 11<sup>th</sup>

PRE-REQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITES: None

TEXTS AND MATERIALS USED:

*ESV Bible*, Crossway.

*Basic Theology*, Charles Ryrie, Victor Books, 1999.

*Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel, Zondervan, 1998.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Junior Bible is the first year of learning and applying the basics of the Christian faith. The students will be guided through biblical theology to cover many of the aspects of who God is, why man should trust His Word, and who man is. In conjunction with these teachings, students will analyze aspects of theology, comparing them with secular worldviews to form opinions about truth.

COURSE CONTENT: Students will have a general understanding of how God reveals himself in general and special revelation. An emphasis will be placed on arguments for the existence of God and for the reliability of Scripture. After understanding the trustworthiness of Scripture, students will learn how to interpret the Bible the way it was meant to be read.

METHOD OF STUDENT EVALUATION: Tests and quizzes on class notes and readings, verse memorization, completion of homework, class discussion, projects, participation in community service, as well as class participation.

HOMEWORK: Homework will be due at the beginning of the period it is due. Late homework will not be accepted. If a student knows the homework assignment, and they are absent with parental consent on the day an assignment is due, then the assignment is due the first day that the student returns to class. Another part of the students' homework grades will be bringing a Bible to class. A quiz grade will reflect the percentage of a student's faithfulness in this area. Each student will give a minimum five-minute devotion at least once a semester. The student will be given a completion grade based on the student's preparedness for their devotional.

VERSES, QUIZZES, & EXAMS: A quiz may be announced or unannounced, but exams will always be announced. It is suggested that you review the information before classes in order to prepare for surprise quizzes. If a student is absent, with parental consent, on the day of a quiz or an exam, then it will be made up the first day the student returns to class (if it is a known assignment). If

it is not made up that day, a 15% per day penalty (up to 3 days) will be assessed. After 3 days, a 0% will be earned for that assignment. Students will be required to memorize passages of the Bible for this course. These verses will be memorized word perfect with spelling. Students will use the ESV version of the Bible for this portion of the course. Any communication while tests or quizzes are still on the desks, there will be a minimum of a 20% deduction on your score.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** All assignments that are turned in **MUST** include the following: Student's name, date, assignment name, and the period the student is in class. **If one or more of the preceding items are missing, points will be deducted from the assignment.** All assignments will not only be graded on content, but on English grammar as well. Spelling, punctuation, capitalization, verb tenses, and the like, are important. **Students are responsible to turn in work, even if absent, that has already been communicated to them (verbally, on paper, or on the internet).**

**GRADING:**

The grading for each semester will follow the following weighted breakdown:

Class Participation ~ 10%	Verses/Quizzes ~ 25%	
Homework ~ 20%	Exams ~ 30%	Final 15%

**EXTRA CREDIT:** At times extra credit may be given, but only a limited amount. Extra credit will be worth varying degrees of points depending on the assignment. Extra credit will be given only to the entire class and will not be given the last two weeks of any quarter.

**PARENT CONTACT:** Parents can best contact Mr. Nandor via email, however, any questions regarding a student's grade or course content should come from the student first. This encourages the students to take responsibility for their own work and questions and helps them learn how to tackle their own challenging situations.

**INTEGRITY:** In an attempt to continue to promote integrity, every student will be asked to write the following on every assignment they turn in for this class:

*I affirm on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination. (Proverbs 10:9 & Nehemiah 7:2)*

This will be voluntary with the hopes it will encourage and promote integrity in class.