



Personal Statement of Faith Rubric Theology of Missions CME 503

You will be required to compose your own 750 to 1000-word statement of faith when it comes to your personal theology of missions. It is to be a positive statement of what you believe and how this is going to be applied to your personal life and ministry. Excellence in biblical interpretation, appropriate use of academic theological resources and language, and proper use of English grammar and spelling are all expected. Avoid colloquialisms, slang, or filler words and phrases that have no place in academic papers. All claims as to what Scripture teaches must be supported by specific and contextually appropriate biblical texts.

The assignment will be graded based on proper use of Scriptural and logical argumentation, acknowledgement and response to major alternative (e.g., non-Apostolic) points of view, as well as appropriate use of secondary research resources. It is expected that the student will utilize proper English grammar and syntax as well as cite sources in the format prescribed by the Continuing Missionary Education program.

A rubric appropriate for this assignment is provided below.

Theology of Missions Statement Assessment Rubric		
Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
Less than 750 words or missing three of the elements of style: cover	Minimum of 750 words but missing one or two elements of style.	1,000 words and followed all elements of form and style.

page, double-spaced content, parenthetical references, works cited page		
Defines personal theology of missions based on philosophical or logical arguments alone without referencing Scripture.	Defines personal theology of missions utilizing Scripture, but may not provide additional philosophical or logical arguments.	Defines personal theology of missions using Scripture as the primary argument and also includes additional philosophical or logical argumentation.
Defines personal theology of missions using only short proof-texts (e.g. Scriptural phrases) without acknowledgement of the surrounding context.	Defines personal theology of missions using complete references from either the Old or New Testament identifying the significance of each verse within its context.	Defines personal theology of missions using complete references from both the Old and New Testament whose original context reinforces their personal theology of missions.
States personal theology of missions but does not mention any potential objections or opposing viewpoints.	States personal theology of missions and acknowledges potential objections and opposing viewpoints, but the response/defense may lack coherence.	States personal theology of missions, acknowledges potential objections and opposing viewpoints, and presents coherent responses/defenses.
Uses little or no appropriate secondary source material OR Uses exclusively appropriate secondary source material, presenting the source material's opinion as their own.	Uses appropriate secondary source material with enough interpretation/ evaluation to develop a coherent analysis, but may not clearly synthesize the source material with their own viewpoint.	Uses appropriate secondary source material with comprehensive interpretation/evaluation, and clearly synthesizes source material and personal theology of missions.