

COURSE: ST/501 3 Credit Hours
TITLE: Systematic Theology - Eschatology:
Doctrine of the Last Things
TEXT: Systematic Theology - An introduction to Biblical Doctrine -
by Dr. Wayne Grudem.

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this class is to gain a biblical understanding a last things and how such can change your life and the life of those around you, by exalting Jesus Christ who is the Alpha AND Omega. With this class, as with all future classes, our hope is that when you are finished you will have a greater love for the word of God, the people of God, the gospel of God, and God's sure prerogatives in the world which will ultimately prevail. The goal is a growing love for God and His word that compels you to study, worship, love, witness, and serve more with confidence in the God who knows and holds the future. It is not our desire to increase your knowledge as an end in itself which puffs up, but to increase your knowledge so that you can see the magnificence of your God and Savior and grow in Him.
Colossians 1:28

HOW?

We will accomplish these objectives by learning more about eschatology 'last things' and the importance of such for godly living and service today. And we will consider some of the more common alternative viewpoints that seduce the church today. Denial of assurance of salvation/sanctification/glorification, denial of the final judgment and hell, denial of the blessed hope, denial of comfort in the parousia, denial of the 2nd coming of Christ, but as with counterfeit detection we will focus on knowing the really Real and true as revealed with supreme authority in Scripture. There will be acknowledgement that true Christians can/will/and do disagree on some of the less essential matters of eschatology like the exact identity of 'the two witnesses in Revelation' and some other specifics during the tribulation period etc. We will focus on the many aspects of 'last things' in Scripture that are quite clear and transformative for our lives, ministry, counsel, witness, and worship today.

COURSE MATERIAL:

Spiral notebook, for note taking.

A writing utensil.

Bible or a Bible App.

A copy of Wayne Grudem's Systematic theology book (**this is recommended but optional**).

COURSE PLAN:

- CLASS 1. After Death and Afterlife
- CLASS 2. Final Judgment and Other judgments
- CLASS 3. Rapture of the Church
- CLASS 4. Earth under the wrath of God, Great Tribulation.
- CLASS 5. God's 144,000+ people during the Great Tribulation
- CLASS 6. Millennial Kingdom
- CLASS 7. New Heaven and Earth
- CLASS 8. Eschatology, Future Kingdom, Temple etc in the Older Testament.
- CLASS 9. Review and the huge question of Eschatology today e.g. So what? What difference does it really make?
- CLASS 10. A practical and transformational (as opposed to escapist) apologetic for Eschatology.
- CLASS 11. Class Presentations or Projects
- CLASS 12. Eschatology and how it enlivens other major doctrines, Last of the Class Presentations or Projects

COURSE GRADE:

- 90% TO 100% = A
- 80% TO 89% = B
- 70% TO 79% = C
- 60% TO 69% = D
- BELOW 60% = F

GRADING:

- 25% of your grade will be based on attendance.
- 25% of your grade will be based on homework.
- 25% of your grade will be based on you serving in an approved ministry or in community.
- 10% of your grade will be based on periodic Quizzes.
- 15% of your grade will be based on your presentation of your Final project.

GRADES:

Harvest Bible College will keep records of all of your work and or grades for any future need.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will need to be turned in at the next class, unless other plans have been made with the instructor.

EXAMPLES OF WAYS TO SERVE:

Food Bank, kids ministries, coffee shop, prayer meeting, helping set up at SunnySide, help with building at Linden, AND Service outside the local church like at a local CPC, evangelism outings, events.

EXAMPLES OF PLANS FOR CLASS FELLOWSHIP:

Pitch in's, concerts, related events etc.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

Please silence cell phones during class.

Open discussion is welcome during class as per guidelines.

Helping each other is okay as it builds relationships. Not during quizzes.

Attend all classes.

Make it easy for the instructor to communicate with you.

Asking questions is an example of being a learner. Disciple means learner.

We value discipling and questions.

Pray for each other in the class and for the instructor and for fruitfulness to God's glory resulting.

God Bless,
Joe Whitchurch
