

COURSE: ST/601 3 Credit Hours
TITLE: Systematic Theology - Ecclesiology;
Doctrine of the Church
TEXT: Systematic Theology - An introduction to Biblical Doctrine -
by Dr. Wayne Grudem.

INSTRUCTOR:

Joe Whitchurch

Email: joe@hcbiblecollege.org

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/harvestbiblecollege>

Website: www.hcbiblecollege.org

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this class is to gain a biblical understanding the church and how such can change your life and the life of those around you, by exalting Jesus Christ who is the foundation. 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 and His people that compels us to study, worship, love, witness, and serve more with greater faith in the One who said "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." 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 ecclesiology, the doctrine of the church and the importance of such for godly living and service today. And we will consider some of the more popular forms of church 'organization' today. We will focus on the many aspects of the church in Scripture that are quite clear and transformative for our lives, ministry, counsel, witness, and worship today.

COURSE MATERIAL:

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**).

Harvest Chapel Bible College, PO Box 6 Linden, IN 47955

(765)918-0007

www.hcbiblecollege.org

Email: contact@hcbiblecollege.org

COURSE PLAN:

- CLASS 1. The identity of the church, replacement or mystery, founding/duration, and how so.
- CLASS 2. Church governance and leadership, elders, deacons, apostles/prophets. The rock.
- CLASS 3. Priesthood of the Believer, Spiritual Gifts, Stewardship, Resident aliens.
- CLASS 4. Church ordinances; Baptism, Communion. The 'worship wars'.
- CLASS 5. Church discipline, Church/State, the covenant of Marriage mystery.
- CLASS 6. Emergent continuum, the false 'church', discernment, martyrs, authority.
- CLASS 7. Church universal and triumphant. Church, so what? Apologetic and integrative ST.
- CLASS 8. Practical theology of your posture and dynamic connection to the local body of Christ.
- CLASS 9. Civil religion of the Left, and of the Right versus what Jesus is building.
- CLASS 10 Reports from a Church Project.
- CLASS 11-12 Class Presentations on a Biblical Church theme.

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 disciple-making 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