

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

THS 302

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I. Course Description

An introductory discussion of Angelology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology, defining the scriptural views and showing the arguments for them, refuting other views, and showing the relevance of the theology to Christian life and witness. This course also stresses the Baptist view of the church and of the ordinances as well as broader Baptist polity, and the various eschatological perspectives.

NOTE: I will be teaching only eschatology during the first half of the semester. Someone else will teach other parts of the course during the second half. The grades for each part will be averaged together for the final grade for the whole course.

II. Course Objective

1. To comprehend the various facets included in these doctrines.
2. To be able to define, explain and defend these doctrines.
3. To know the central passages involved.
4. To become acquainted with some of the history and literature of these doctrines.
5. To begin to understand and practice thinking theologically.

III. Course Requirements for Eschatology

1. Memorize assigned themes and central passages under "The Future" on pp. 618-619 in *Basic Theology*. The passages due on each exam are listed in the syllabus.
2. Read in advance of each class the material in *Basic Theology* as indicated on the Class schedule. I will ask you to report whether you have done this on each exam.
3. Always bring a Bible and the textbook to every class.

IV. Attendance

More than 5 absences (during the entire course) will result in the reduction of the final grade by one letter. Absences in excess of 25% of the class sessions will result in an F for the course. Tardiness of more than 20 minutes is considered an absence. Three tardinesses of less than 20 minutes are considered one absence. (catalogue, p. 56).

V. Methods

1. Lectures, discussion, debates, dramas, unannounced quizzes.
2. Questions always encouraged.
3. Any handouts are for the use enrolled students only and should not be duplicated.
4. No taping without the prof's permission.

5. Grading—two exams valued equally during this first half of the course. Class participation can tilt your grade up.
Attendance at exams is of **top priority**. Late exams may suffer a grade penalty.
6. Grading scale. A=93-100. B=86-92. C=78-85. D=70-77. F=0-69. (Catalogue, p.59).

VI. Proposed Class Schedule (subject to change without notice or refund!)

Aug. 26	Millennial views	BT 77, 78, 79
Sept. 9	The Covenants	BT 80, 81, 82
Sept. 16	The Tribulation Period	BT 83, 84
Sept. 23	The Rapture Views	BT 85, 86
Sept. 30	EXAM #1. Central passages: Dan. 2; Isa. 19; 1 Cor. 3; Ezek. 20; Rev. 20; Matt. 25 (both subjects).	
Oct. 7	Midtrib. Posttrib. Millennial Population.	BT 88, 89, 87, 90 (note order)
Oct. 14	Millennium.Future Judgements.Resurrections	BT 91, 92
Oct. 21	Universalism. Conditionalism.	BT 92
	EXAM #2. Central passages: Isa. 2; Isa. 19; 1Cor. 3; Ezek. 20; Rev. 20; Matt. 25 (both subjects).	