

# On-Campus Course Syllabus THS 516 SP.L1 Baptist Ecclesiology and Eschatology Spring 2020

# **Class Information**

Day and Time: Monday: 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Room Number: E207

## **Contact Information**

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# **Course Description and Prerequisites**

Provides advanced discussions to Ecclesiology and Eschatology, placing emphasis on the discussion as found within the context of distinctive beliefs of Baptists regarding the church and the kingdom. (Prerequisite BIB 505)

# **Course Objectives**

This course is designed to introduce students to the aforementioned areas of Christian theology. While it is based upon the lecture format, it also will include reading, research, and interaction. Furthermore, at the end of this course, the student should demonstrate the ability to . . .

- 1. Defend the major ideas that the Scriptures emphasize regarding these doctrinal subjects.
- 2. Recognize and define the pertinent issues, fundamental terms, and theological categories that are used when discussing these doctrines within the context of systematic theology.
- 3. Explain the divergent views that have evolved in the history of these doctrines.
- 4. Demonstrate proficiency in articulating the ways in which these doctrines interrelate to each other as well as the Christian faith as a whole.
- 5. Integrate the main ideas of these doctrines into areas of Christian discipleship.
- 6. Discuss these doctrines with people in the local church setting in an accessible manner.

### **Required Textbooks**

- \* The Bible: The professor will use the New American Standard or the Christian Standard Bible in class. However, students may use other translations such as the KJV, NIV, RSV, etc...
- \* Grudem, Wayne. Systematic Theology. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
- \* Ladd, George E. The Presence of the Future. Reprint: Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996.

# **Course Requirements and Assignments**

### **Textbook Reading Assignments (25%)**

The approximately 800 pages of required reading are a crucial component of this course. As the class progresses, it is expected that students will read the assigned pages thoughtfully and according to the schedule given on the calendar. Likewise, by the end of the semester, students will be required to report the percentage of reading that has been completed. To do so-

- 1. Students are to click the link entitled *Reading Report* which is located in the left column of the Canvas homepage.
- 2. After connecting to that site, students can click the *Textbook Reading Report icon* and then subsequently click the *Begin Button* to enter the *Reading Report* page.
- 3. Next, students can see the total number of pages listed, record their total percentage of pages read in the response box and finally click the *Save and Submit Button* to upload their answer for grade credit.
- 4. Also note that if all of the reading has not been finished, students will only receive credit for the completed percentage that they report.

# **Bible Reading Assignments (5%)**

The biblical passages listed in the course schedule are another crucial reading component of this course. Ideally, students are to read these assigned biblical texts before engaging the related lectures. At the end of the term, students will be required to report the percentage of Bible reading that has been completed. To do so-

- 1. Students are to click the link entitled *Reading Report* which is located in the left column of the Canvas homepage.
- 2. After connecting to that site, students can click the *Bible Reading Report icon* and then subsequently click the *Begin Button* to enter the *Reading Report* page.
- 3. Next, students can then see the total number of biblical passages listed, record their total percentage of passages read in the response box and finally click the *Save and Submit Button* to upload their answer for grade credit.
- 4. Also note that if all of the Bible reading has not been finished, students will only receive credit for the completed percentage that they report.

### **Quizzes (20%)**

Students are responsible for ten quizzes that will be given on assorted weeks throughout the semester. Their purpose is to test the students' knowledge of the assigned pages in Grudem which are marked by bold print on the Course Calendar.

- 1. The quizzes will be available on the class Canvas website and through the use of their school account number, students are required to take each assigned quiz between the Monday (after 12:01 AM) and Friday (before 11:59 PM) of each designated quiz week.
- 2. Quizzes are taken by clicking on the link entitled *Quizzes*, which is located in the left column of the Canvas homepage. Students can then click the available link on the site to take the necessary quiz, which includes 10 questions that are provided one at a time with students being prohibited from backtracking once they have answered one question and moved to the next one.
- 3. The quizzes are to be taken in the allotted time of 15 minutes without consulting notes, textbooks, or other helps. Once each quiz begins, a set timer in Canvas commences which cannot be paused and it will continue to run until the allotted time is complete.
- 4. There will be no make-up quizzes, but the two lowest quiz grades will be dropped.

5. Students are not allowed to disclose information regarding the content of quizzes to other students. Furthermore, when taking quizzes it is recommended that students use some form of a laptop or desktop computer as opposed to other electronic devices (e.g., ipad, iphones, tablets, etc.) to minimize the possibility of losing an internet signal or not having software that is adaptable to Canvas programs.

# Exams (30%)

Two essay exams will be given in this course; the first one will cover *Ecclesiology* and the second will cover *Eschatology*. Specifications for taking each exam include the following-

- 1. Exams will cover material from the lectures/discussions that take place as well as content in the assorted reading assignments. For preparation, students can consult the *Review Sheets* and *Class Notes* that are available under the link entitled *Course Documents*, which is located on the Canvas homepage.
- 2. Each exam will be available on the class Canvas website from Monday 12:01 AM to Friday 11:59 PM of each designated exam week.
- 3. They are taken by clicking on the link entitled *Exams* that is located on the Canvas homepage. Students can then click the available link on the site to take the necessary exam, which includes 8 essay questions. Students are required to choose 4 and answer them using 600-700 words for each one.
- 4. Students are permitted to use sources in preparation for taking the exams as well as when they are taking them as well. The only restriction is that students cannot quote sources in their exam answers. Obviously no plagiarism is permitted. Note as well that no late exams will be permitted.
- 5. Students are not allowed to disclose information regarding the content of exams to other students. Furthermore, when taking exams it is recommended that students use some form of a laptop or desktop computer as opposed to other electronic devices (e.g., ipad, iphones, tablets, etc.) to minimize the possibility of losing an internet signal or not having software that is adaptable to Canvas programs.

### Paper (20%)

Each student will be required to write a 10-12 page research paper (*double-spaced*) that examines one of the following seven issues pertaining to the topics covered in this course. Those topics include...

- 1. Write a theological paper that supports or critiques the view of believer's baptism or paedobaptism (i.e., infant baptism).
- 2. Defend or critique one of the two major positions on spiritual gifts, either continuationism or cessationism.
- 3. Defend or critique one of the major positions on church government; i.e., congregationalism, episcopal, or presbytery.
- 4. Writing a theological paper that supports or critiques the idea that the church is somehow distinct from Israel as God's people.
- 5. Write an exegetical paper on one of the following passages: Matt 24:36-44; 1 Cor 15:50-57; 1 Thess 4:13-18; or 2 Pet 3:10-13.
- 6. Critique, defend, or analyze a position on the millennium as it is expressed in Revelation 20:1-10.
- 7. Critique or defend a position on the rapture (of the church).

Also, the paper must...

- 1. Accurately and judiciously represent the position(s) that is explored.
- 2. Be typed in black with Types-New Roman font, font size 12 with foonotes/endnotes typed in a font size 10.
- 3. Include a cover sheet with the title of the paper and the date of submission.

- 4. Be written in accordance to the guidelines found in *The Criswell College Manual of Style.* (Note if students have questions not addressed in CCMS, they should then consult the most recent edition of Turabian's guide to writing research papers.)
- 5. Be uploaded to the student's Canvas account in accordance with the following instructions for submission-
  - \* Simply click the link entitled *Paper Assignment*, which is located in left column of the Canvas homepage, and then
  - \* Click the link entitled Paper Assignment: Click here to Submit.
  - \* Next scroll down and click on "Browse My Computer."
  - \* Then find the paper on your computer and click open/submit in either a Word Document or PDF format.
  - \* You can write any comments in the "comments" field and click "Submit."
  - \* Note as well that because of these instructions, no hard copies will be accepted.
- 7. Also, if the student should choose to use the resources that are available in the Wallace Library, then note the following means of access:
  - \* Phone: 214.818.1348
  - \* Web: <a href="http://www.criswell.edu/current\_students/library/">http://www.criswell.edu/current\_students/library/</a>

The paper will be evaluated according to the following criteria.

- 1. **Content**: The paper must be clearly defined and cover the material under consideration. It must be written in a logically coherent and readable manner, which includes an introduction, a body of the paper in which the ideas are developed, and then a conclusion. In addition, a bibliography of the works cited must be included at the end as well.
- 2. **Research**: At least 10 sources must be used and proper citation given. No Internet sources may be used. Likewise, at least 3 sources must be essays found in theological journals, anthologies, and/or dictionaries. Finally, be aware of the rules against plagiarism that are discussed below.
- 3. **Form and Style**: The paper must be written using the correct format as well as proper grammar and spelling. To see how the paper is to be formatted properly, students can reference templates for the title page, research paper and bibliography under the *Paper Assignment* rubric, which again is located in the left column of the Canvas homepage.
- 4. **On Time**: Finally, one must turn in a paper in order to receive a passing grade in the course and no late papers will be accepted.

## **Due Dates and Late Assignments**

The Textbook/Bible Reading Reports and the Research Paper are due by 5/4/20 as indicated on the Course Schedule. Note that none of these assignments will be accepted after the due date.

# **Class Attendance**

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to attend every class session on the day and time appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. When unavoidable situations result in absence or tardiness, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Professors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual professors may determine how attendance affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether attendance affects course grades.

For this course, missing more than fifteen (15) minutes at the beginning or end of a class period will count as one absence. Therefore, students who wish to depart early should clear it with the professor. *Also, three* 

instances of tardiness of fifteen minutes or less equals one absence. Finally, three absences will result in a full letter reduction of the final grade and absences exceeding three will result in failure of the course.

# **Grading Scale**

			Grade Definitions (optional)
Α	93-100	4.0 grade points per semester hour	
A-	90-92	3.7 grade points per semester hour	
B+	87-89	3.3 grade points per semester hour	
В	83-86	3.0 grade points per semester hour	
B-	80-82	2.7 grade points per semester hour	
C+	77-79	2.3 grade points per semester hour	
С	73-76	2.0 grade points per semester hour	
C-	70-72	1.7 grade points per semester hour	
D+	67-69	1.3 grade points per semester hour	
D	63-66	1.0 grade point per semester hour	
D-	60-62	0.7 grade points per semester hour	
F	0-59	0.0 grade points per semester hour	

# **Incomplete Grades**

Students requesting a grade of Incomplete (I) must understand that incomplete grades may be given only upon approval of the faculty member involved. An "I" may be assigned only when a student is currently passing a course and in situations involving extended illness, serious injury, death in the family, or employment or government reassignment, not student neglect.

Students are responsible for contacting their professors prior to the end of the semester, plus filing the appropriate completed and approved academic request form with the Registrar's Office. The "I" must be removed (by completing the remaining course requirements) no later than 60 calendar days after the grade was assigned, or the "I" will become an "F."

# **Academic Honesty**

Absolute truth is an essential belief and basis of behavior for those who believe in a God who cannot lie and forbids falsehood. Academic honesty is the application of the principle of truth in the classroom setting. Academic honesty includes the basic premise that all work submitted by students must be their own and any ideas derived or copied from elsewhere must be carefully documented.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating of any kind,
- submitting, without proper approval, work originally prepared by the student for another course,
- plagiarism, which is the submitting of work prepared by someone else as if it were his own, and
- failing to credit sources properly in written work.

# **Institutional Email Policy**

All official college email communications to students enrolled in this course will be sent exclusively to students' institutional email accounts. Students are expected to check their student email accounts regularly and to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all communications from faculty and administrative departments.

Students are permitted to setup automatic forwarding of emails from their student email accounts to one or more personal email accounts. The student is responsible to setup and maintain email forwarding without assistance from college staff. If a student chooses to use this forwarding option, he/she will continue to be responsible for responding appropriately to all communications from faculty and administrative departments of the college. Criswell College bears no responsibility for the use of emails that have been forwarded from student email accounts to other email accounts.

### **Disabilities**

Criswell College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and similar state laws, which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Criswell College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualifying students, faculty, and employees with disabilities as required by applicable laws. For more information, please contact the Student Services Office.

# **Intellectual Property Rights**

Unless otherwise specifically instructed in writing by the professor, students must neither materially nor digitally reproduce materials from any course offered by Criswell College for or with the significant possibility of distribution.

# **Resources and Support**

<u>Canvas and SONIS</u>: Criswell College uses Canvas as its web-based learning tool and SONIS for student data. Students needing assistance with Canvas should contact the Canvas Help Support line at (844) 358-6140. Tech support is available at this number, twenty-four hours a day. Students needing help with SONIS should contact the Campus Software Manager at studenttechsupport@criswell.edu.

<u>Student Services:</u> The Student Services Office exists to foster and encourage success in all areas of life—physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance by contacting the office at 214.818.1332 or <u>studentservices@criswell.edu</u>. Pastoral and certified counseling services are also available to Criswell students. Appointments are scheduled through the Dean of Students, at <u>deanofstudents@criswell.edu</u>.

<u>Wallace Library</u>: Students can access academic resources and obtain research assistance by visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, go to the library website, or email the Wallace Library at <u>library@criswell.edu</u>.

<u>Writing Center</u>: Students are encouraged to consult with writing tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence by practicing techniques of clear and effective writing. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Writing Center located on the first floor near the Computer Lab, or they can schedule an appointment by emailing <u>writingcenter@criswell.edu</u> or calling 214.818.1373.

# **Course Outline/Calendar**

The following course schedule is proposed but subject to change.

M	CONTENT	BIBLE	TEXTBOOKS		
1/27	* Intro to the Course				
'	* Intro to Writing a Paper				
2/3	* Intro to Ecclesiology		Grudem: Q1: Chp 44		
,	<i>-</i>		Chps 45-46,		
2/10	* The Church as God's	Gen 12:1-3; 17:1-8; Ex 19:1-8; Acts	Grudem: Q#2: Chp 48		
	People	15:13-18; Matt 16:13-20, 18:15-20;			
	·	Acts 15:1-35; Gal 6:10-18; Eph 2:11-			
		12; Phil 3:1-3; Col 2:9-14; Heb 10:1-			
		18; 1 Pet 2			
2/17	* Baptism	Matt 28:16-20; Acts 2:37-47; Rom	Grudem: Q#3: Chp 49		
		6:1-7			
2/24	* The Lord's Supper	Ex 12:1-13; 24:9-11; Matt 26:20-35;	Grudem: Q#4: Chp 50		
		Mk 14:22-31; Lk 22:14-23; Jn 13			
3/2	* Church Officers	Rom 16:1-7; 1 Tim 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9;			
		1 Pet 5			
3/9	* Church Polity		Grudem: Q#5: Chp 47		
		SPRING BREAK (3/16-3/20)			
3/23	* Women in Ministry	Gal 3:26-29; 1 Tim 2:9-15; 1 Cor	Grudem: Q#6: Chp 52		
	* Spiritual Gifts	11:23-34; 12-14	Chps 51, 53		
		MID-TERM (3/30-4/3)			
3/30	* Intro to Eschatology: Pt 1		Grudem: Q#7: Chp 54		
			Ladd: Chps 1-3		
4/6	* Intro to Eschatology: Pt 2		Ladd: Chps 4-14		
4/13	* The Intermediate State	Lk 16:19-31; 2 Cor 5:1-10; Eph 4; Phil	Grudem: Q#8: Chp 41		
		1:21-30; 3:8-14			
4/20	* Final Judgment & the	Isa 65-66; I Cor 1:1-16; 15:1-19; 2 Pet	Grudem: Q#9: Chp 42		
	Eternal State	3:3-14; Rev 6-7, 21-22	56-57		
4/27	* Views of the Millennium	Isa 16; Ezek 38-39; Dan 12; Zech 14;	Grudem: Q#10:		
		Jn 5; 1 Cor 15:20-28; Rev 20:1-15	Chp 55		
5/4	* Views of the Rapture	Dan 9:24-27; Matt 24-25; Mk 13; Lk			
	* Reading Reports & Paper	21:10-38; Jn 14:1-6; Rom 12:6-8; 1			
	Due	Thess 1; 4:13-5:11; 2 Thess 2; Rev			
		3:7-13			
EXAM # 3 (5/11-5/15)					

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(\* means the work is available in The Wallace library.)

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