



Nipawin Bible College
TH3013 Theology III: Church and Last Things
Winter 2024
3 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course equips the students to think theologically about God's plan through the church to the consummation of creation so that they are able to apply these doctrines to their lives and ministries.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

DeYoung, Kevin and Ted Kluck. *Why We Love the Church*. Chicago, IL, Moody Publishers, 2009.

Grudem, Wayne. *Bible Doctrine: The Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith*. Ed. Jeff Pusewell. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999.

Hartman, Dayton. *Jesus Wins: The Good News of the End Times*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Appreciate the importance of their local churches.
2. Articulate a biblically faithful understanding of the church and end times.
3. Identify common controversies and defend their positions on them using biblical, historical, and theological arguments.
4. Know key biblical texts in constructing a doctrine of the church and end times.
5. Interpret and apply the book of Revelation.
6. Apply the doctrines of the church and end times to their lives and the life of their churches.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Grudem Quizzes - 15%

- As per the course schedule, quizzes - covering material from the textbook - will be given at the beginning of the class (5 quizzes total).
- *Quizzes measure how well the student meets Course Objectives 2 and 3.*

Due: See Course Schedule

Scripture Reading - 5%

- The students must read the entire book of Revelation and other select passages according to the schedule given in the syllabus.
- To receive credit, the student must complete the entire reading before class and be ready to contribute to class discussion.
- *This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objective 5.*

DUE: See Course Schedule

Scripture Quizzes - 10%

- The Bible is central to any theology. Therefore, students will be required to memorize select verses on the church and end times and reproduce them at the required time.
- Scripture can be memorized in any non-paraphrase translation.
- *Scripture Memorization will assess how well the students have met Course Objectives 1 and 4.*

DUE: See Course Schedule

Why We Love the Church Report - 20%

- Students will read *Why We Love the Church* and write a 4 page review. The review should contain two elements:
 1. A three page analysis of the book which contains a thesis statement about the authors' view of the church and defence of that thesis statement;
 2. One page containing application(s) to your life or the life of your church that connect to the reading.
- *The Why We Love the Church Report will help assess how well the student meets Course Objectives 1, 2, and 6.*

DUE: February 16

Jesus Wins Report - 10%

- Students will read *Jesus Wins* and write a 3 page review. The review should contain two elements:
 1. A two page analysis of the book which contains a thesis statement about Hartman's understanding of end times and defence of that thesis statement;
 2. One page containing application(s) to your life or the life of your church that connect to the reading.
- The Jesus Wins Report will help assess how well the student meets Course Objectives 1, 2, and 4.

DUE: March 1

Statement of Faith - 20%

- The student will develop a four-page (not including endnotes) doctrinal synthesis paper on the church, end times, and the book of Revelation. There are two distinct parts to the paper: 1) a Statement and 2) a Practical Implications Reflection.
 1. The Statement:
 - Three full pages with at least one full page of endnotes.
 - The student will summarize their doctrine of the church, end times, and the book of Revelation using non-technical, but accurate, language that can be understood by non-Christians and new Christians.
 - Scripture references and citations will be given as endnotes that do not contribute to the page count. These endnotes will cite a minimum of 25 biblical texts and incorporate at least 10 other sources appropriate for a research paper such as journal articles, commentaries, or published theological works.
 - While you are welcome to use multiple sources from the same author, only one will count towards the required ten sources (e.g. citing both Grudem's *Systematic Theology* and *Biblical Doctrine* will count as only one source towards the required ten).
 - At least one source must be a Galaxie Journal article.
 - Biblical citations should not be quoted anywhere, unless the exegetical point is not obvious, in which case it may be quoted in the endnotes.
 - Endnotes should explain the student's reasons for the affirmations in the main paper. Justify interpretations of ambiguous passages with clarifying notes. While not every endnote will require you to explain your reasons, every endnote on a controversial topic (such as role of women in the church or the millennium) **MUST** contain your reasons for taking the position you do (citing a biblical passage or non-biblical source is **NOT** enough in these cases).
 2. The Practical Implications Reflection:
 - One full page.
 - Students will integrate insights from the course material into their current or planned future life.
 - Endnotes in this section should be minimal, but the student must properly cite any sources or quotations.
 - The applications in this section must be personal and concrete.
- *These reports measure how well the students meet Course Objectives 1-6.*

DUE: April 5

Exam - 20%

- The exam will cover in-class material. The student may use a non-study Bible during the exam but have no other help.
- *The Exam measure how well the student meets Course Objective 3.*

Due: Exam Week

NOTE: All written assignments are to be typed in accordance to the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers. **(See NBC Sample Paper.)** Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

Assignments will be due **at 8:30 a.m.** on the day that they are assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Refer to the NBC Handbook 2023-2024

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Refer to the NBC Handbook 2023-2024

Reading: 364 pages + Bible

Writing: 11 pages

COURSE LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

| Date | Session Topic | Assignment Due |
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| January 19 | Church: The Church Today Revelation 1, Daniel 7 | |
| January 26 | Church: Marks of a True Church Revelation 2-3; Matthew 24 | Scripture Quiz: 1 Peter 2:4-5; 9-10 |
| February 2 | Church: Baptism and Communion Revelation 4-5; 2 Timothy 3 | Grudem Quiz #1 - Chapter 26 |
| February 9 | Church: The Gifts of the Spirit (1) Revelation 6-7; Joel 2 | Grudem Quiz #2 - Chapters 27-28 |
| February 16 | Church: The Gifts of the Spirit (2) Revelation 8-11; Zechariah 4 | Scripture Quiz: Ephesians 2:18-22 <i>Why We Love the Church</i> Report |
| March 1 | Church: Membership and Leadership Revelation 12-14; Daniel 8 | Grudem Quiz #3 - Chapters 29-30 <i>Jesus Wins</i> Report |
| March 15 | Church: Worship and Missions Revelation 15-16; 1 Thessalonians 4, 5 | Scripture Quiz: Revelation 21:1-4 |
| March 22 | End Times: The Return of Christ Revelation 17-18; 2 Thessalonians 2 | Grudem Quiz #4 – Chapters 31, 32 |
| April 5 | End Times: The Final Judgment Revelation 19-20; Matthew 25 | Statement of Faith |
| April 8 | End Times: New Heavens & New Earth Revelation 21-22; Isaiah 65, 66 | Grudem Quiz #5 – Chapters 33, 34 |
| | Exam | |

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