

**TH601 – SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY IV**  
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**SYLLABUS**  
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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS**

A. Catalog Description

A survey of the doctrines of the church (ecclesiology) and last things (eschatology). Introduces, defines, and supports each doctrine using pertinent passages of Scripture.

B. Course Goals: Completing this course, a student will be able--

1. To demonstrate proper theological research methodology in writing a research paper.
2. To quote from memory key Scripture verses that teach and prove details of premillennialism, ecclesiology, dispensationalism, and pretribulationism.
3. To differentiate between covenant theology, dispensational theology, and progressive dispensational theology.
4. To appraise the importance of the biblical covenants.
5. To list biblical and theological evidence for premillennialism.
6. To show the importance of Spirit baptism for a proper view of the church.
7. To appraise the various approaches to the Book of Acts.
8. To evaluate the different views of church polity and church ordinances.
9. To summarize the biblical evidence for a literal, physical, spiritual kingdom.
10. To describe the different views of the timing of the rapture.
11. To identify and describe the resurrections and eschatological judgments.
12. To draw a chart of premillennial pretribulationism with key events included.

**II. TEXTBOOKS**

A. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*

If you have read *Dispensationalism*, or are somewhat knowledgeable about dispensationalism, read Herbert W. Bateman IV, *Three Central Issues in Contemporary Dispensationalism*.

B. Robert Saucy, *The Church in God's Program*.

C. Paul N. Benware, *Understanding End Times Prophecy*

D. Ed Hayes, *The Church*

E. Robert Peterson, *Hell on Trial*

- F. Syllabus
- G. 3-4 page book analyses due for Ryrie (or Bateman), Saucy, and Peterson, as scheduled, but not for Benware.
  1. About half of the analysis should be your view of the main points of the content of the book.
  2. The final half should be your analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the book.
- H. If you are interested in reading from a covenant theological perspective, you might read Herman Ridderbos, *The Coming of the Kingdom*; Hans K. LaRondelle, *The Israel of God in Prophecy*; Anthony Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future*.

### III. RESEARCH PAPER

- A. Length--about 11 to 13 pages, plus bibliography, typewritten, double-spaced, preferably 12 points type size. Note, title page and table of contents do not count as the body of the text. The body of the text begins on page 1, centered at the bottom. The first page number of the bibliography is also centered at the bottom. All other page numbers are located in the upper right hand corner.
- B. Form--must follow good research form, as found in Turabian's, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*; and professor's other instructions.
- C. Bibliography--at least 20 books
  1. General References--ISBE, Bible Dictionaries, etc.
  2. At least **Five** standard theologies--Hodge, Strong, Berkhof, Erickson, etc.
  3. Exegetical Commentaries, Lexicons, etc.
  4. Journal Articles. (This is important since the cutting edge of scholarship usually is found in the journals.)
  5. Specific books on the subject.
- D. Topic--Select a topic from the suggested list below, or receive approval for another specific topic from the Professor. Topic will be given to the professor on TBA .
- E. Grade--The grade will be based upon:
  - (A) FORM:
    - (1) grammatical and literary excellence;
    - (2) agreement with Turabian's guide, and *The Master's Seminary Guidelines*, and Pettegrew's instructions.  
Be sure to check Guidelines for correct form for title page, footnotes, quotations, headings (kinds and spacing), and bibliographic entries.
    - (3) written in third person (**no** "we," "I," "you," "us," etc.).
    - (4) page numbering form.
  - (B) CONTENT:
    - (1) scholarly theological content;
    - (2) logical organization and procedure (appropriate headings, correctly inserted, will help).

- (3) evidence of extensive research in the paper and bibliography; research should include journal articles, works taking viewpoints different from yours, and at least 5 major theological sets.
- (4) “tough,” specific interaction with opposing views;
- (5) proof for your arguments.

#### F. General Research Paper Procedure

- (1) Title page, following Turabian’s guidelines.
- (2) Table of Contents, following Turabian’s guidelines. Since this paper is only about 14 pages, do not use “chapters,” but do use appropriate headings and subheadings.
- (3) Introductory matters such as The Reason for the Study, and The Procedure of the Study. Be sure to state the problem clearly in the Introduction.
- (4) Explain various possible solutions to the problem if there are such;
- (5) Cite authorities where necessary. A research paper should have numerous footnotes. Single space the footnotes, but double space between footnotes. Indent first line of each footnote. Punctuate correctly. See Turabian.
- (6) Investigate carefully the Scriptural teaching on the problem, including appropriate exegesis;
- (7) Be sure to interact with opposing views.
- (8) Come to a conclusion with your support of your view.
- (9) Perhaps give the practical implications of the correct solution.
- (10) Bibliography, according to Turabian form.

NOTE: For this paper, you do not have to footnote a book in order to have it in your Bibliography. The Bibliography for this paper is a works consulted bibliography, in which you should include those works that you have consulted and which have been of help in your research. (**Note:** I did **not** say that you don’t have to have footnotes in your paper.)

G. Due: Paper is due to professor by 6:00 p.m. on TBA .

#### H. Suggested Topics:

(NOTE: Topic must be in Ecclesiology or Eschatology. This is a relatively brief research paper. Please try to narrow your topic down as much as possible. The following are only general suggestions. Be sure to interact with opposing views).

The Davidic Covenant and the Church  
 The Relationship of the Old Testament Law to the New Testament Church  
 New Testament Guidelines for Church Government (Eldership, Congregationalism, etc.)  
 The Doctrinal Basis of the Ministry of Deacons  
 An Elder and His Children  
 Can Women Be Pastors?  
 A Biblical and Theological Evaluation of the Church Growth Movement  
 A Biblical and Theological Evaluation of the Seeker Sensitive Movement  
 Does Baptism Have to Be By Immersion in Order to be Valid?  
 The Symbolism of Baptism  
 A Theological Evaluation of \_\_\_\_\_(some rapture view)  
 The Time of the Battle of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel

The Time and Purpose of the Marriage of the Lamb  
 The Intermediate State of the Old Testament Saint  
 The Intermediate State of the New Testament Christian  
 The Intermediate State of the Unbeliever  
 The Descriptions of Eternal Punishment: Literal or Metaphorical? (Lake of fire, undying worm, etc.)  
 Is the Fire of Eternal Punishment Literal Fire?  
 The Eternal State of Believers  
 A Biblical and Theological Critique of Universalism  
 A Biblical and Theological Critique of Annihilationism  
 A Biblical and Theological Analysis of Trine Immersion  
 A Biblical and Theological Analysis of Baptismal Regeneration.  
 An Analysis of the Preterist Doctrine of the Resurrection  
 An Analysis of the Preterist Doctrine of the Second Coming  
 A Critique of Theonomy's View of the Law  
 The Doctrine of "Wrath" in the Rapture Debate  
 The Chronology and Significance of the 70 Weeks of Daniel

(Others: Check with Prof first)

#### IV. SCRIPTURAL MEMORIZATION

- A. Memorize 20 verses from the following list (you choice). In the longer passages, you may choose parts of the passage rather than all of the verses if you wish.
- B. On TBA , give to professor a list of 20 verses which you are memorizing.
- C. On TBA , professor will pick 5 or 6 verses from your list for you to write in a memorization quiz.

Genesis 15:7-18  
 Deuteronomy 30:1-10  
 2 Samuel 6:17-18  
 2 Samuel 7:8-17  
 1 Chronicles 29:23  
 Psalm 110:1-7  
 Isaiah 2:2-4  
 Isaiah 11:1-12  
 Isaiah 42:6  
 Isaiah 49:8  
 Jeremiah 23:5-8  
 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ezekiel 36:24-32  
 Hosea 3:4-5  
 Zechariah 10:6  
 Zechariah 12:10-14  
 Ezekiel 36:24-32  
 Matthew 25:45-46  
 Luke 1:30-33  
 Luke 1:67-79  
 Romans 11  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
 Galatians 3:5-9  
 Galatians 3:13-16

Galatians 3:23-29  
 Ephesians 1:13-14  
 Ephesians 1:22-23  
 Ephesians 2  
 Ephesians 3:1-2  
 Colossians 1:18  
 Hebrews 12:12-24  
 Revelation 14:9-11  
 Revelation 20:1-6  
 Revelation 20:11-15  
 Revelation 20:1-4

## V. EXAMINATIONS

- A. There will be 2 major examinations throughout the course, covering the syllabus as coordinated with the class lectures and discussions.
- B. Tests will be mostly essay tests. See study suggestions.

## VI. FINAL GRADE

- A. 25% of grade from each examination (50% Total)
- B. 25% of grade from term paper.
- C. 15% of grade from reading (book reports on time, and book analyses).
- D. 10% of grade from Bible verses quiz
- E. Any major assignment not completed--Maximum grade for the course would be a C.
- F. Late Work--Drops 4 points per day.
- G. Attendance: All students are expected to be prompt and faithful in class attendance. . . . After four absences, the student will lose credit for the course.

## VII. BIBLIOGRAPHY (Suggested reading for term paper and further understanding)

NOTE: Be sure to read some journal articles.

### STANDARD THEOLOGICAL WORKS

(At least five of these standard works should be researched for your term paper topic, and should be included in your bibliography.)

Ames. *The Marrow of Theology*  
 Berkhof. *Systematic Theology*  
 Buswell. *A Systematic Theology of the Christian Religion*  
 Calvin. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*  
 Chafer. *Systematic Theology*  
 Erickson.. *Christian Theology*  
 Finney. *Systematic Theology*  
 Gill . *Body of Divinity*  
 Grudem. *Systematic Theology*  
 Hodge, A.A. *Outlines of Theology*  
 Hodge, C. *Systematic Theology*  
 Lewis and Demarest. *Integrative Theology*  
 Pieper, *Church Dogmatics* (Lutheran)  
 Reymond. *A New Systematic Theology*  
 Shedd. *Dogmatic Theology*  
 Strong. *Systematic Theology*

Thiessen. *Lectures in Systematic Theology*

Watson. *A Body of Divinity*

**(You might also read some from the more liberal theologians: Barth, Pannenberg, Bloesch, Tillich, Gutierrez, etc.).**

## **ECCLESIOLOGY**

Berkouwer. *The Church*

Clouse and Clouse. *Women in Ministry: Four Views*

Clowney. *The Church*

Hiscox, *The Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches*

House. *The Role of Women in Ministry Today*

Hurley. *Man and Woman in Biblical Perspective*

Jewett. *The Ordination of Women*

O'Grady. *The Church In the Theology of Karl Barth*

Piper and Grudem. *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*

Radmacher. *What the Church Is All About*

*Roberts Rules of Order*

(Also, books on ordinances and church government)

### Classic Dispensationalism

Barndollar. *The Validity of Dispensationalism*

Chafer. *Dispensationalism*

Ice/Demy (eds.). *When the Trumpet Sounds*

Ryrie. *Dispensationalism (and Dispensationalism Today)*

Showers. *There Really Is A Difference*

Willis/Master. *Issues in Dispensationalism*

Willis, et. al. *Basic Theology Applied.*

### Progressive Dispensationalism

Blaising/Bock (eds.). *Dispensationalism, Israel and the Church*

Blaising/Bock. *Progressive Dispensationalism*

Saucy. *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism*

Sauer, Eric. *From Eternity to Eternity*

### Critics of Dispensationalism

Bahnsen. *House Divided: The Breakup of Dispensational Theology*

Bass. *Backgrounds to Dispensationalism*

Crenshaw/Gunn. *Dispensationalism Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow*

Fuller. *Gospel and Law: Contrast or Continuum*

Gerstner. *A Primer on Dispensationalism*

Gerstner. *Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth*

Hoekema. *The Bible and the Future*

Kraus. *Dispensationalism in America (historical)*

Ladd. *The Presence of the Future*

LaRondelle. *The Israel of God in Prophecy*

Mathison. *Dispensationalism: Rightly Dividing the People of God?*  
 Poythress. *Understanding Dispensationalists*  
 Sandeen. *The Roots of Fundamentalism*

#### Ultradispensationalism

Baker. *A Dispensational Theology*  
 Stam. *Things That Differ*

### **ESCHATOLOGY**

Alcorn, Randy. *Heaven*  
 Archer, Reiter, et. al. *The Rapture: Pre, Mid, Post Trib?*  
 Benware, *The Believer's Payday*  
 Blackstone. *Jesus Is Coming*  
 Blanchard. *Whatever Happened to Hell?*  
 Blamires. *Knowing the Truth About Heaven and Hell*  
 Brookes, J. *Maranatha*  
 Boettner. *The Millennium (Postmil)*  
 Campbell and Townsend (eds.). *A Case for Premillennialism*  
 Clouse. *The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views*  
 Crockett. *Four Views on Hell*  
 Crockett and Sigountos (eds.). *Through No Fault of Their Own?*  
 Dixon. *The Other Side of the Good News*  
 Erickson. *Contemporary Options in Eschatology*  
 Feinberg, C. *Premillennialism or Amillennialism?*  
 Feinberg, J.(ed.). *Continuity and Discontinuity*  
 Foster. *The Promise of a Kingdom*  
 Gerstner. *Repent or Perish*  
 Grenz. *The Millennial Maze*  
 Gundry. *The Church and the Tribulation*  
 Hoyt. *The End Times*  
 Hoekema. *The Bible and The Future*  
 Hughes, P.E. *The True Image*  
 Karleen. *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church: Is It Biblical?*  
 Ladd. *The Blessed Hope*  
 Larson. *Jews, Gentiles, and the Church*  
 Lutzer. *Coming to Grips With Hell*  
 McClain. *The Greatness of the Kingdom*  
 McComiskey. *The Covenants of Promise*  
 Morey. *Death and the Afterlife*  
 Morris, Leon. *The Biblical Doctrine of Judgement*  
 Motyer, J.A. *After Death: A Sure and Certain Hope*  
 Pentecost. *Things to Come*  
 Pentecost. *Thy Kingdom Come*  
 Peters. *The Theocratic Kingdom*  
 Peterson. *Hell on Trial*

Pink. *Eternal Punishment*  
Ridderbos, H. *The Coming of the Kingdom*  
Rosenthal. *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*  
Ryrie. *The Basis of the Premillennial Faith*  
Ryrie. *What You Should Know About The Rapture*  
Sanders. *No Other Name*  
Sanders (ed.). *What About Those Who Have Never Heard?*  
Saucy, Mark. *The Kingdom of God in the Kingdom of Jesus*  
Shedd, W.G.T. *The Doctrine of Endless Punishment*  
Showers. *Maranatha.*  
Showers. *There Really Is A Difference*  
Toon. *Heaven and Hell*  
Walton. *Covenant*  
Walvoord. *The Blessed Hope and the Tribulation*  
Walvoord. *The Millennial Kingdom*  
Walvoord. *The Nations, Israel and the Church in Prophecy*  
Walvoord. *The Rapture Question*  
West (ed.). *Premillennial Essays (Prophetic Conference, 1878)*