

Systematic and Historical Theology VI

ST507: The Church and Last Things

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Jan 23-May 22, 2019 - Wednesdays 6:45-8:35 pm

Syllabus

Goals:

I. Knowledge

- To become acquainted with the orthodox doctrine of the Church and Last Things
- To know the biblical evidences for these doctrines and the historical development and contextualization of these doctrines in the history of the church
- To know the relevant parts of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the catechisms
- To know the character of the true church of Jesus Christ as it is found among all peoples throughout the world
- To know the mission of the church in taking the gospel to all people everywhere

II. Skills

- To be able to teach, illustrate, and explain the orthodox doctrines regarding Christ's church and to apply them in the context of our contemporary culture and world
- To refute all heresies, innovations, and novelties that are fashioned by Satan and the imaginations of men regarding the church and last things

III. Character

- To be the people of the church
- To love and devote our lives to the services of Christ's body knowing that service for Christ is service to His church
- To love all the people of God as they are scattered throughout the whole world
- To reject sectarianism and factionalism in the unity of the true church
- To be broad in our affections without sectarianism and narrowness being able to receive those who are weak in the faith and to nourish and build them up in the faith.

Methods:

Instruction will be by lecture, written assignments, and quizzes, a research paper, and final exam. Class discussion is encouraged and expected.

Requirements:

- 20% Quizzes
- 30% Research paper
- 20% Reflection paper
- 30% Exam

Research paper: This paper is due on any topic of the Doctrine of the Church and Last Things. It will be due no later than the last day of class May 22. All principles of good grammar, footnotes, and bibliography are required.

Reading:

- *Westminster Confession:* Chapters XXI-XXXIII
- *The Church*, Edmund Clowney, InterVarsity Press
- *The Promise of the Future*, Cornelis P. Venema
- *Book of Church Order*

Schedule:

Jan	23	The Church as God's Creation in Christ by the Holy Spirit
	30	The Marks of the Church
Feb	6	The Holiness and Catholicity of the Church
	13	The Sacraments
	20	<i>No Class</i>
	27	The Vocation and Calling of Officers of the Church
Mar	6	The Worship and Discipline of the Church
	13	The Witness of the Church to the World
	20	<i>No Class</i>
	27	The Future is Now Yet the Fulfillment is to Come
Apr	3	The Intermediate State
	10	The Return of Christ; The Signs of His Coming
	17	<i>No Class</i>
	24	<i>No Class</i>
May	1	Three Views on the Millennial Reign of Christ
	8	The Resurrection of the Body; The Final Judgment
	15	<i>No Class</i>
	22	The New Heavens and the New Earth