

TH612 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

Course: Th612 Systematic Theology III
Credit: 3 credits
Semester: Spring 2025 Session 1
Dates: January 13 – March 7, 2025
Time: Mondays 6-9 pm Central Time
Place: Microsoft Teams
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines what the Bible teaches about the Church, angels including Satan, and end time events (Ecclesiology, Angelology, and Eschatology).

This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person. Online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

As a result of taking this course the student will:

1. Gain a theological foundation for ministry by studying these doctrines (PLO 1,2, 3, 5) (A 1-5)
2. Learn how sound theology is based on sound hermeneutics and exegesis. (PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 1-5)
3. Evaluate differing viewpoints from a dispensational premillennial perspective (PLO 3, 4) (A 1-5)
4. Develop skills in synthesizing and summarizing the doctrines taught in this course as a basis for his/her future statement of faith. (PLO 3) (A 1-5)
5. Evaluate contemporary theological issues related to the doctrines studied in this course. (PLO 4) (A 1-5)

6. Articulate a clear understanding of angels, Satan, demons, the church, and God's plan for the future, as well as how this understanding impacts contemporary Christian living (PLO 3, 5) (A 1-5)

7. Be able to define and defend key doctrines related to angels, the church, and future things using appropriate biblical passages (PLO 3) (A 1-5)

8. Define and distinguish the major millennial positions held by evangelicals (PLO 3, 4) (A 1-5)

9. Evaluate the relationship and impact of Premillennialism and Dispensationalism, and critique opposing systems (PLO 3, 4) (A 1-5)

10. Recognize and explain the crucial contribution normal hermeneutics makes to the dispensational premillennial position (PLO 1, 3, 4) (A 1-5)

TEXTBOOKS

Bible. The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard Bible (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James Version (NKJV), or King James Version (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases, and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

Dickason, C. Fred. *Angels Elect & Evil* (paperback), revised and expanded. Moody, 1995. (ISBN: 9780802407344) [Retail: \$16.99]

Saucy, Robert. *The Church in God's Program*. Chicago: Moody, 1972. (ISBN: 10-080241544X) Amazon: \$14.92.

Benware, Paul N. *Understanding End Times Prophecy* (paperback), revised and expanded. Moody, 2006. (ISBN: 9780802490797) [Retail: \$21.99]

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 1 – Read the book *Angels: Elect and Evil* by C. Fred Dickason and answer questions 1-10 in Discussions on the book. (200 points)

Assignment 2 – Read the book *The Church in God's Program* by Robert Saucy and answer questions 11-20 in Discussions on the book. (200 points)

Assignment 3 – Read the book *Understanding End Times Prophecy* by Paul Benware and answer questions 21-30 in Discussions on the book. (200 points)

Assignment 4 – Write and type a summary of the following doctrines: Angelology (including Satan and Demons), Ecclesiology and Eschatology. The summary must be a minimum of 12-14 double spaced pages following Turabian format (200 points)

Assignment 5 – Write a research paper of 12-14 pages (double spaced and following Turabian format) on one of the following topics: (200 points)

God's Future Program for Israel

God's Future Program for the Church

Dispensationalism vs. Covenant Theology

Premillennialism vs. Amillennialism on Revelation 20:1-11

Biblical Arguments for a Pretribulation Rapture of the Church

How a Christian Can Fight Satan in Spiritual Warfare

The Purposes of the Local Church

The Role of Women in the Local Church

HELP FOR STUDENTS

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.

EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STUDENTS

Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (F) grade.

Use Turabian style for all research papers. All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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| Week 1 | Angelology – Elect Angels |
| Week 2 | Angelology – Satan and Demons |
| Week 3 | Ecclesiology |
| Week 4 | Ecclesiology |
| Week 5 | Ecclesiology |
| Week 6 | Eschatology |
| Week 7 | Eschatology |
| Week 8 | Eschatology |

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