



# ESCHATOLOGY

— The Doctrine of Last Things —  
1 Unit Course

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**Mainland:** Saturday, **April 20, 2013 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm**  
Southside Baptist Church - 2211 Pitt River Road, Port Coquitlam, BC

**Island:** Saturday, **May 4, 2013 - 10:00 am - 4:15 pm**  
Christian Reformed Church - 930 Trunk Rd. Duncan B.C.

## Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the biblical teaching regarding last things: the future of humans following death, the return of Christ and the consummation of the Kingdom of God in the new heavens and new earth

## Course Objectives:

*After completing the course the student should be able to:*

1. Answer the question biblically, “For what do we hope?”
2. Explain the state of a person between death and the resurrection.
3. Explain what is meant by, “the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting”.
4. Describe the characteristics of Christ’s return.
5. Explain the event of the final judgement and the nature of Hell.
6. Identify and explain three millennial views and two tribulational views with respect to the return of Christ.
7. Describe the final state of the righteous and the intended impact of this teaching on the believer.

## Textbooks

### Required for Credit:

1. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. [pp. 810-839, 1091-1167; Chps. 41-42, 54-57].  
- This book is used for all of the Aletheia theology courses.
2. Cornelis P. Venema, *Christ and the Future: The Bible’s Teaching About the Last Things*.

### Recommended:

1. Cornelis P. Venema, *The Promise of the Future*. Banner of Truth, 2000 [A more full discussion than CATF, 538 pages.]
2. Eckhard Schnabel, *40 Questions About The End Times*. Kregel, 2011.
3. Christopher Morgan & Robert Peterson [eds.], *Hell Under Fire*. Zondervan, 2004.
4. Anthony A. Hoekema, *The Bible and The Future*. Eerdmans, 1979. [Precursor to Venema. Still available.]
5. Michael Allen Rogers, *What Happens After I Die?* Crossway, 2013.

**Course Requirements for credit [Recommended for audit students as well!]**

**A. Attendance & Participation — 5%**

**B. Reading** [approx. 329 pages] —**30%**

1. Read *Systematic Theology* [pages 810-839, 1091-1167], by Grudem.— 12%
2. Read *Christ and the Future* by Venema.— 18%

**C. Written Assignment—65%**

- Write a **reflection paper** on texts and class sessions.
  - a) Discuss areas of greater understanding that the texts and class sessions helped you with.
  - b) Discuss any elements you struggle with or have difficulty understanding.
  - c) Have you changed your view of the Millennium or Tribulation? Why or why not?
  - d) Discuss the topic[s] that had the greatest impact on you personally.
  - e) 14-16 pages [**Max.**] double spaced.
  - f) At the end of your paper include and complete the following sentences:

“I read \_\_\_\_\_ % of *Systematic Theology* [pages 810-839, 1091-1167].”

“I read \_\_\_\_\_ % of *Christ and the Future.*”

**\* All assignments due by June 30, 2013 [At the latest!]**

**ABI exists to glorify God by ...**

- 🕒 Setting our hearts to the study and observance of the Word of the LORD, and to teaching it's precepts to his people
- 🕒 Equipping God's people with a biblical, theological and historical foundation for life, service and leadership in the church and in the world
- 🕒 Seeking to give a solid platform and inspiration for further theological training
- 🕒 Striving to provide instruction that informs the mind with the truth of God, inflames the affections with the beauty of God and impels the will with the grace of God

**Our Prayer is**

that believers would turn to the Bible and develop sound doctrine and that God would inflame passion for his glory and a renewal of godliness and evangelistic zeal to the praise of his glorious grace.

