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Doctrine of the Church ST 26

Course Description

This is a three hour course. This course provides a comprehensive overview of the doctrine of the church. It includes discussion of its nature and identity, its origin and institution, its authority and government, its corporate worship, mission, task, ordinances, its relationship to other divine institutions (the family and the state), and its ultimate goal and destiny.

Educational Objectives

By means of the assigned reading, class discussion, course lectures, regular quizzes, a critical review, and a final exam the student will be able to understand and identify the major historical and contemporary issues with regard to the doctrine of the church and develop and express a biblical approach to those issues.

Required Texts:

Edmund P. Clowney, *The Church* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995), 13-290.
Who Runs the Church?: 4 Views on Church Government, ed. Steven B. Cowan (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004), 7-299.
James Bannerman, *The Church of Christ* (2 volumes) (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1974), 1:1-80, 1:187-480.

Course Requirements

All required reading must be completed before the final exam. *Attendance is required at each lecture or class period.* If the student misses any lecture, he is expected to view the lecture prior to the quiz over that section of the material. Four take home, open note quizzes will be given throughout the semester. A closed note, final exam composed of questions taken from the quizzes must also be completed. A critical review of Clowney must also be completed. Course work will be considered incomplete until each of these responsibilities is completed.

Grading Plan

There are a thousand points for the course.

240 points for the quizzes (4 times 60 points)

480 points for the final exam

280 points for the critical review of Clowney.

The critical review of Clowney must 15-20 pages long and completed in accordance with the guidelines for papers on the website.

Academic Performance

No student will be deemed to have successfully completed the work in any course who does not achieve a cumulative grade of 75% or above for his course work. No individual test, project, or

paper will be accepted which does not achieve a score of 71 or above. The letter equivalents for the percentile grades assigned are as follows:

A -- 96-100	B- -- 81-84
A- -- 91-95	C+ -- 78-80
B+ -- 88-90	C -- 75-77
B -- 85-87	C- -- 71-74

Times and Places of Class Meetings:

The lectures will be held in the MCTS classroom from 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm on the dates specified in the following schedule of lectures.

Schedule of Lectures

#1-Tuesday, January 31 st , 6:30pm-9:15pm	
#2- Tuesday, February 7 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	
#3-Tuesday, February 14 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	1 st Quiz Given
#4- Tuesday, February 21 st , 6:30pm-9:15pm	1 st Quiz Due
#5-Tuesday, February 28 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	
#6-Tuesday, March 6 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	2 nd Quiz Given
#7-Tuesday, March 13 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	2 nd Quiz Due
#8-Tuesday, March 20 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	
#9-Tuesday, March 27 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	3 rd Quiz Given
#10-Tuesday, April 3 rd , 6:30pm-9:15pm	3 rd Quiz Due
#11-Tuesday, April 17 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	Paper on Clowney Due
#12-Tuesday, April 24 th , 6:30pm-9:15pm	4 th Quiz Given
#13-Tuesday, May 1 st , 6:30pm-9:15pm	4 th Quiz Due; Final Exam