

Eschatology: The Doctrine Of The Last Things (ST80606)

DESCRIPTION

Martin Luther said: "There are only 2 days in my diary - today, and THAT day" (i.e. the day of Jesus' return). There is no shortage of teaching, viewpoints and theories about the return-of-Christ and the end-of-the-world. This course will major on the biblical certainties, while acknowledging the different views held by genuine believers.

OBJECTIVES

As a result of the student's successful completion of this module, s/he will:

Cognitive (<i>Head</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> know and understand the biblical teaching on the doctrine of the last things and be able to explain and identify the various schools of interpretation
Behavioural (<i>Hand</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to correctly teach and explain the biblical teaching on the subject
Affective (<i>Heart</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> have a greater appreciation of the impact of the subject on day to day Christian living and on the work of evangelism

TEXT BOOKS

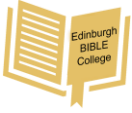
Required	Hoekema, A <i>The Bible and the Future</i> Eerdmans
Recommended	Berkhof, L <i>Systematic Theology</i> Banner of Truth Grudem, W <i>Systematic Theology</i> IVP Jackman, D <i>Teaching the Christian Hope</i> Christian Focus Sproul, R C <i>The Last Days According to Jesus</i> Baker

SCHEDULE

11.00am – 1.00 pm on Thursdays

Date	Subject
28 September	Introduction and Overview
5 October	Death, immortality and the intermediate state
12 October	The return of Christ
19 October	The Kingdom of God
26 October	The Millennium
2 November	<i>No class</i>
9 November	The resurrection of the dead
16 November	The final judgement
23 November	Heaven
30 November	Hell
7 December	Review and conclusion

This module description was prepared with best intentions to present a clear set of expectations and to allow you to budget your study, preparation and ministry time appropriately. However, the lecturer reserves the right to make changes to the content and schedule as and when necessary, in which case you will be notified through the normal channels.



ASSIGNMENT

Students are required to write a short essay of no more than 1500 words (+/- 10%) on **ONE** of the following subjects

1. Of the three main interpretations of biblical teaching on the millennium, which is, in your view, the most faithful to Scripture and why? Defend your view from some criticism of it.
2. Eternal conscious torment or annihilation – which is the more biblical description of the nature of hell?
3. Give a biblical definition of death and explain why Christians need “not grieve as others do who have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13) at the death of a believer?