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Syllabus

TH613 DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

Course: TH613 Dispensational Premillennialism
Credits: 3 credit hours
Semester: Fall 2023 Cycle 2
Dates: August 21 – October 13, 2023
Time: Wednesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm Central Time
Place: TBA
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DESCRIPTION

This course explains the biblical and theological arguments for dispensational premillennialism. Students will learn the significance of the biblical covenants and their relationship to the dispensations. Students will critique amillennialism, covenant premillennialism, progressive dispensationalism, and progressive covenantalism.

** 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.*

OBJECTIVES

A. General competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Explain and defend dispensational premillennialism from the Bible
(PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
2. Evaluate and critique amillennialism from a dispensational premillennial perspective
(PLO 4) (A 3, 5, 6)

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3. Evaluate and critique covenant theology from a dispensational premillennial perspective (PLO 4) (A 2, 3, 5, 6)
4. Explain the unconditional biblical covenants for Israel (Abrahamic, Land, Davidic and New covenants) and their fulfillment from the Bible (PLO 1, 2) (A 3, 5, 6)
5. Evaluate and critique covenant premillennialism from a dispensational premillennial perspective (PLO 4) (A 3, 5, 6)
6. Evaluate and critique progressive covenantalism from a dispensational premillennial perspective (PLO 4) (A 3, 5, 6)
7. Evaluate and critique progressive dispensationalism from a dispensational premillennial perspective (PLO 4) (A3, 5, 6)

B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will (will be able to):

1. Explain and defend the pretribulation Rapture of the Church (PLO 1, 2) (A 3, 4, 5, 6)
2. Explain the times of the Gentiles (PLO 1, 2) (A 3, 5, 6)
3. Explain and defend the premillennial second coming of Christ to earth to establish his kingdom (PLO 1, 2) (A 3, 5, 6)

TEXTBOOKS

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 (NASB, English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (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.

Parker, Brent and Richard Lucas, eds. *Covenantal and Dispensational Theologies: Four Views on the Continuity of Scripture*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2022.

ISBN: 1-978-5140-0112-7

Cost: \$22.99 on Amazon

Ryrie, Charles. *Dispensationalism*. Revised and Expanded. Chicago: Moody Press, 1995.

ISBN: 0-8024-2187-3 Cost: \$15.99 on Amazon

Showers, Renald. *Maranatha: Our Lord, Come!* The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, 1995.

ISBN: 0-915540-22-3 Cost: \$11.95

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 1: Read *Dispensationalism* by Ryrie and answer questions 1-10 in Discussions (200 points)

Assignment 2: Read *Covenantal and Dispensational Theologies* and answer questions 11-20 in Discussions (200 points)

Assignment 3: Write a research paper of 10-12 pages (double spaced) and following Turabian style critiquing one of the following theological systems: covenant theology, amillennialism, new covenant theology, progressive covenantalism, progressive dispensationalism, postmillennialism (200 points)

Assignment 4: Read *Maranatha: Our Lord, Come* by Showers and answer questions 21-30 in Discussions (200 points)

Assignment 5: Final Exam (100 points)

Assignment 6: Attendance and Reports (100 points)

FINAL POINTS AND GRADING SCALE

930-1000	A
900-929	A-
870-899	B+
830-869	B
800-829	B-
770-799	C+
730-769	C
700-729	C-
670-699	D+
630-669	D
600-629	D-
0-599	F

SCHEDULE

Week 1	Introduction to Dispensationalism Distinctives of Dispensationalism The Dispensations in God's Plan for the Ages
Week 2	Classic Dispensationalism (Darby, Scofield) Revised Dispensationalism (Ryrie, Pentecost) Progressive Dispensationalism (Bock, Blaising, Saucy)
Week 3	Covenant Theology (Calvin; Berkhof; Vos; Horton) New Covenant Theology (Wells; Zaspel; Lehrer) Progressive Covenantalism (Gentry; Wellum)
Week 4	Unconditional Biblical Covenants for Israel Abrahamic Covenant Land Covenant Davidic Covenant New Covenant
Week 5	Premillennialism Amillennialism Postmillennialism
Week 6	The Pretribulation Rapture of the Church The Judgment Seat of Christ The Marriage of the Lamb in Heaven
Week 7	The Millennial Kingdom The Marriage Supper of the Lamb in the Millennium The Millennial Temple
Week 8	The Eternal State The Lake of Fire New Jerusalem on the New Earth

POLICIES

All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update.

Late Assignments: Assignments will be lowered -3 points for each day late.

Plagiarism: 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 (0) grade.

Disabilities: 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.

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