Personal Eschatology Th-310

*Dying, Death and Beyond*

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SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

 This class is entitled Personal Eschatology or Dying, Death And Beyond. The future of individuals, nations and the entire created order is set forth in Scripture. This study is different from *Cosmic* or *General Eschatology* which has to do with the future of mankind as a whole at the end of this present era and the Second Coming of Christ to usher in the final new age. The Bible teaches both branches and one implies the other. This eleven week course is designed to focus on those very personal future last things which will happen to all of us. Things like how to face or counsel someone who is dying, what actually is death, the nature of man, immortality, transference into the age to come, the present state of the dead in hell or heaven along with issues like purgatory and soul sleep, the bodily resurrection, the eternal state and considerations of its’ physicality.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

 These lectures are designed to reinforce the student’s confidence in the Bible as the Word of God and put suffering and death into a biblical perspective. It is hoped that it will help to *Set Our Hearts Upon Things Above*, *(Col.3:1).* This verse is a direct command we should obey through a diligent, active, single-minded investigation of what God has said awaits us. It is hoped that through the class lectures, reading of assigned Scripture portions and recommended books, the student will gain beneficial insights that will serve him well in life, death and beyond.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS:

 (a) *BIBLE*: It is recommended that the student have a copy of a good study-Bible, (i.e., JKV, NKJV, NASV, NIV or ESV). (b) *TEXTBOOK*: There is no assigned text to purchase or read. An *Extensive Bibliography* will be given out in class that lists a number of good books for further study on the subject.

COURSE DATE AND TIME:

 This class will meet eleven **Wednesday** evenings beginning February 13th, 2013 and ending April 24th, 2013. The sessions are in the fellowship hall from **7:00 - 8:00** PM. We are hoping to provide a nursery and classes for those with small children.

COURSE COSTS:

 All Bible Institute classes are FREE, but if the student would like to work toward a *Ministry Enrichment Certificate,* you must turn in a *completed registration form* and attend the lectures to receive credit for a course. Certificates are given after completing TEN credit hours of class work. There are four levels of certification at this time: Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced, and Graduate

COURSE GRADING:

 Attendance, note taking and class participation will all be factored into your pass/fail grade.

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Course Schedule: *Wednesdays – 7:00-8:00 PM*

(This outline is a general representation of what we will cover this semester.)

SESSION ONE – February 13, 2013

 *Help For The Dying*

SESSION TWO – February 20, 2013

 *What Is Death?*

SESSION THREE – February 27, 2013

 *What Is Man?*

SESSION FOUR – March 6, 2013

 *Immortality of the Soul*

SESSION FIVE – March 13, 2013

 *Intermediate State*

SESSION SIX – March 20, 2013

 *Hell*

SESSION SEVEN – March 27, 2013

 *Three Heavens*

SESSION EIGHT – April 3, 2013

 *Bodily Resurrection*

SESSION NINE – April 10, 2013

 *The Eternal State*

SESSION TEN – April 17, 2013

 *Literal and Figurative*

SESSION ELEVEN – April 24, 2013

 *Questions About Heaven*