A Theology for Christian Education Ce-707

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SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

What is *“Christian”* about Christian education; how is it different from non-Christian education? In this course we will study the textbook: A Theology for Christian Education by James R. Estep, Michael J. Anthony and Gregg R. Allison. The three men who collaborated on this book are some of the best educators and theologians on the planet and all graduates from Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. They examine this question in depth and argue that the doctrines of systematic theology should drive the content, purpose, and methods of the educational program of the church.

 The book states: *“Christian education is distinct from other kinds of education in that its aim is the transformation of the whole person into the likeness of Christ (Col. 1:28)* and *Christian education is the process of accomplishing this aim.”* It gives us a systematic presentation of the intersection of theology and Christian education from a conservative evangelical perspective.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

 Our class goal is to read and discuss at least a chapter in the textbook each week. The purpose of a truly *“Christian”* Education is to bring glory to God through the three objectives of bringing our students to *think, choose* and *behave* biblically.

COURSE DATE AND TIME:

Classes will meet ten Wednesday evenings beginning September 16th, 2015 and ending November 18th, 2015. The sessions are held in the fellowship hall of Northwest Bible Church from 7:00 - 8:00PM.

CLASS TEXTBOOKS:

(a) *BIBLE*: It is recommended that the student have a copy of a good study-Bible, (i.e., KJV, NKJV, NASV, NIV or ESV). (b) We will have available for purchase at cost: A Theology for Christian Education by James R. Estep, Michael J. Anthony and Gregg R. Allison, ($20.00).

COURSE COSTS:

Except for the textbook, all Bible Institute classes are FREE. However, 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.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Ministry enrichment certificates are given at the completion of 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, reading the textbook and class participation will all be factored into your pass/fail grade toward one credit hour.

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 Course Schedule

*Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00*pm  *September 16th – November 18th, 2015*

SESSION ONE *–* September 16th, 2015

 *The Nature of Theology and Education* (pp.1-43)

*and What Makes Education Christian?*

SESSION TWO *–* September 23th, 2015

 *Biblical Principles for a Theology for Christian Education* (pp.44-72)

SESSION THREE *–* September 30th, 2015

 *Revelation, Scripture, and Christian Education* (pp.73-101)

SESSION FOUR *–* October 7th, 2015

 *The Triune God and Christian Education* (pp.102-123)

SESSION FIVE *–* October 14th, 2015

 *Christology and Christian Education* (pp.124-146)

SESSION SIX *–* October 21st, 2015

 *Pneumatology and Christian Education* (pp.147-173)

SESSION SEVEN *–* October 28th, 2015

 *Humanity, Sin and Christian Education* (pp.174-199)

SESSION EIGHT *–* November 4th, 2015

 *Salvation and Christian Education* (pp.200-231)

SESSION NINE *–* November 11th, 2015

 *Ecclesiology and Christian Education* (pp.232-263)

SESSION TEN *–* November 18th, 2015

 *Toward a Theologically Informed Approach to Education* (pp.264-316)

*and The Christian Educator and Theology*