COURSE SYLLABUS ———

Building Biblical Theology

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Course Description

Faithful Christians have always recognized the importance of the progress of biblical history, especially as it relates to humanity's fall into sin and to God's redemptive work. The discipline of biblical theology arose as a means to study this progress in responsible ways. Much like systematic theology, biblical theology organizes theological ideas in ways that increase our understanding of Scripture. But whereas systematic theology organizes its ideas according to topics, biblical theology organizes its findings in historical periods or epochs. Used rightly, biblical theology is a powerful and helpful tool for interpreting and applying the Bible.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Express your own thoughts and attitudes regarding biblical theology.
- Identify the meaning and importance of biblical theology, distinguishing it from systematic theology.
- Explain the process of studying biblical theology.
- Analyze examples of how biblical theology can help understanding of passages from the Old Testament and New Testament.
- Identify key themes that lie behind the historical development of theology throughout the Scriptures.
- Apply the teachings of the course to your own life.

Course Lecturer

Richard L. Pratt, Jr., ThD
Education:
- Harvard University, ThD
- Union Theological Seminary, MDiv

Teaching Career:
- Old Testament Department Chair at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL

Other Career Highlights:
- President and founder of Third Millennium Ministries

Publications:
- *Every Thought Captive*, *Pray With Your Eyes Open*, *He Gave Us Stories*, and *Designed for Dignity*

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
  The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.

- **Additional Resources**
  Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, activities, etc. that students may use to supplement their learning.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
   - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
   - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
   - **Lectures:** 80-90 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
   - **Further Study:** Suggested further study that will help you dig deeper into the material.

2. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.

   Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.

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