

General Information

Statement Of Purpose

To assist local churches in equipping and challenging committed Christians to become effective Bible teachers and preachers who will function as servant-leaders in the church of Jesus Christ.

Key Objectives

Training: To provide formal training in Bible, theology, and ministry which is both comprehensive and relevant.

Accessibility: To provide a unique schedule of classes that is convenient and accessible to all.

Character: To encourage the development of godly character and Christ-like qualities in the life of the student.

Service: To prepare the student for works of service in and through the local church.

Commitment: To enhance the student's sense of commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

History

The school was established in 1977 specifically to meet the needs of men preparing for a ministry as expositors and preachers of the Word of God. Without veering from this original goal, the school has broadened its ministry to provide Biblical, theological and practical training to all Christians desiring preparation for various areas of service.

It has long been the conviction of the leaders of Grace School of Theology that the ideal context for spiritual training on every level is the local church. No other environment provides such a balance between theory and practice. Therefore, the leadership of Valley Bible Church, the original sponsor of the school, understood their responsibilities to include the advanced training of those called to leadership in the local church. Grace School of Theology was designed to fulfill this responsibility.

Created in the crucible of a local church and molded by Biblical scholarship, Grace School of Theology aims to produce discerning, maturing Christian leaders who can relate their faith effectively to the culture. The school desires to impart a way of life as well as an understanding of the Biblical perspective.

In 1987 Grace School of Theology moved its administrative offices and classes to a new location and

facility. The educational unit of the Grace Bible Church in Pleasant Hill is the main site for classes.

A new name was chosen in 1987 also. The word *Ministry* was added to the name to emphasize the fact that the objective is effective ministry in God's church. The earnest ambition of the faculty is to impart their lives to others, who will in turn become men and women who will have fruitful ministry in their local churches in the spirit of II Timothy 2:2.

At the same time a new corporation was formed. Grace School of Theology was originally a ministry under the charter of a single local church. Since then a group of sound, independent, evangelical churches has formed and incorporated the Association of Churches for Christian Education as a California non-profit religious Corporation for the express purpose of sponsoring and supporting Grace School of Theology and Ministry as an independent institution of private post-secondary Christian education.

The board of directors consists of pastors and members from a number of local evangelical churches. Each director has a burden for the local church, as well as a sincere desire to help raise up quality Church leadership.

Perhaps most significant of all, Grace School of Theology and Ministry has a vision and a great concern for integrity: spiritual, biblical, personal, and social.

Grace School of Theology and Ministry is fully committed to the verbal-plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. Its teaching grows out of a sound literal/historical hermeneutic. Our objective is to maintain academic excellence in an atmosphere of fervent love for reaching people for Jesus Christ and for edifying those who have received Him. Under the oversight of a faculty made up of local pastors and teachers who hold earned graduate degrees in Theology and Biblical Studies, and who are themselves actively involved in the ministry of the local church, the student is directed to achieve a proper balance of effective ministry skills and the proper motivation of gratitude for God's grace.

Program

Grace School of Theology and Ministry provides a solid undergraduate major in Biblical and theological studies.

The balance of a well-rounded Bachelor's program, therefore, is to be obtained from secular institutions. The advantages of this approach are obvious. A high quality theological education can be offered at an

extremely low cost. Students are also forced to interact with the secular "world out there." This approach allows the school to develop programs in its own area of expertise while providing a maximum in educational flexibility at a minimum cost. Further, the Bay Area has one of the largest concentrations of theological schools and libraries in the world, as well as excellent and inexpensive community college and state university programs. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these educational possibilities whenever significant courses are offered by these institutions.

Our ever-present goal is to lead our students to a sound working knowledge of the Bible. As the students, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, deepen their understanding of the Word of God, they will grow in Christlike character, faith, and stability. Ministry courses in conjunction with in-service practicums enable students to acquire skills for a life of effective service for the Lord.

The curriculum of Grace School of Theology and Ministry is designed to help the student reach these goals. Every course is designed to promote the quality of life that is necessary for effective Christian ministry.

The theology of grace is at the core of our teaching. This is because we believe that Christians who gain an understanding of grace will serve God out of gratitude rather than guilt, fear or manipulation.

Location And Facilities

The office and primary classrooms of Grace School of Theology and Ministry are located in the educational unit of Grace Bible Church in Pleasant Hill. The campus is conveniently located just two blocks from Interstate 680. A quality library is being currently developed.

Accreditation And Recognition

Grace School of Theology and Ministry operates under a religious exemption from the Private Post-secondary Education Act of 1977, as provided for in section 94303(b) of the California Education Code. This exempt status means that under the doctrine of Separation of Church and State, Grace School of Theology and Ministry may provide education appropriate to the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ without interference from government. This freedom from government interference also prevents the state from any recognition of the education, diploma, or degrees awarded by the school until such time as the school has accumulated sufficient assets as required by law to apply for full authorization as a

degree-granting school of theology under the provisions of section 94310(d) of the California Education Code.

Both the degree program and the diploma program are recognized by a large number of evangelical churches (both independent churches and representative churches from several different evangelical denominations) in the San Francisco Bay Area as meeting the requirements for a sound Biblical and theological education for pastors and church leaders. Alumnae of Grace School of Theology and Ministry have been accepted in such institutions as Western Baptist College (Salem, Oregon), Western Conservative Baptist Seminary (Portland, Oregon and Los Gatos, California), The Master's Seminary (Panorama City, California) and Dallas Theological Seminary (Dallas, Texas). However, students who plan to transfer to other schools, or who plan to enroll in graduate studies upon completion of their program at Grace School should check with those institutions for transferability of credit.

Until such time as full state recognition and/or authorization is obtained, the faculty, staff, and administration of Grace School of Theology and Ministry are fully dedicated to compliance with the standards established by section 94312 of the California Education Code and the California Private Post-secondary Education Act of 1977 as amended.

Degrees Offered

The intense two-year curriculum involves the student in an in-depth study of Bible Exposition, Theology, New Testament Greek and Ministry skills. These studies may lead to either a Diploma in Biblical Studies or Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree. Students at Grace School typically transfer in to the school at the Junior level after having completed all of their lower-division and general education requirements at the Community College or State University. While it is possible for a student to complete either program in only two years, most students in fact take somewhat longer. Typical schedules for both programs are presented in the Financial Information section of this catalog.

Record Retention

Grace School of Theology and Ministry is required by law to maintain student records for a period of only five years.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Grace School of Theology and Ministry admits qualified applicants who are personally committed to faith in Jesus Christ, regardless of sex, race, color, or national/ethnic origin.

Academic Requirements

The courses of Grace School of Theology and Ministry are designed for high school graduates. Applicants to the degree program must have a high school diploma or its equivalent (G.E.D. Certificate of Eligibility), or must have completed a minimum of 45 quarter (30 semester) units of work at a recognized college, with an earned grade point average of 2.0 ("C") or better. All students in both the degree and diploma programs must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 system) throughout their entire program in order to graduate.

Spiritual Requirements

Your application is welcome if you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ and are committed to intensive preparation for the ministry. Applicants are expected to be in fellowship with a local church. In accordance with the school's stated philosophy of providing training for those who desire preparation for various areas of Christian service, the student's character is required to meet the Scriptural qualifications for ministry as seen in I Timothy 3. Students whose lifestyle, in the consideration of the administration, fails to meet these qualifications will be dismissed.

At the beginning of the first quarter of each academic year the student must submit an "Annual Statement of Christian Stewardship" to the registrar. The form indicates the student's involvement in his local church and will be a part of the registration packet for the second quarter.

Doctrinal Requirements

Grace School of Theology and Ministry is an independent school which is thoroughly committed to the proclamation of the great historic doctrines of the Christian church. Grace School definitely and positively affirms historic orthodoxy in the framework of an evangelical and premillennial theology, as derived from a literal, grammatical/historical interpretation of the Bible. We earnestly endeavor to make these great doctrinal truths a vital reality in the spiritual life of the student. The school's sole aim is to effectively train students who believe and propagate the great doctrines of the faith as they are summarized in our Doctrinal Statement. All students are required to read the Doctrinal Statement and to submit to the school file a written statement regarding differing views.

Application Checklist

The checklist on the following page is provided to assist the applicant in successfully and efficiently completing the application and registration procedure. Applications for all new students, along with required supporting documents, are due in the Office of the Registrar one calendar month before the beginning of the academic quarter for which you are applying.

For information or assistance please call (925) 676-1639. The office is open on Tuesdays from 12:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

Upon receipt of your application and related documentation and fees by the Registrar's Office, the Admissions Committee will perform an evaluation of your education and experience. They will then pray individually for each candidate, carefully considering each person as a prospective student.

When the review process has been completed, the Registrar's Office will notify you of the Admissions Committee's decision. If your application is accepted you will be sent a schedule of classes for the current quarter, along with specific instructions where and when to report for class registration. If your application is not accepted, your Matriculation Fee and Tuition Deposit will be refunded. The Application Processing Fee is non-refundable. Refer to the Refund Policy in the Financial Information section of this catalog for details.

Application Checklist

Date Prepared	Date Submitted	Description of Document or Activity
_____	_____	Completed Application for Admission form
_____	_____	Letter of Pastoral Recommendation. Obtain a letter from your pastor recommending you to the school for ministry training. The recommendation may be submitted with the application or mailed directly from your pastor, but it must be in the Registrar's Office before you will be admitted to classes.
_____	_____	College Transcripts. Request official transcripts from all institutions for all postsecondary work completed. Transcripts are to be sent directly to the Office of the Registrar. Unofficial copies may be submitted with the application for a preliminary evaluation of transfer eligibility, but no transfer credit will be granted for work not supported by an official transcript from the transferring school. Bible, Ministry, and Theology courses from other institutions will be evaluated on the basis of similarity of course content (as to material, hours, degree of difficulty) and grade earned (no course is transferrable if the grade earned is less than a "C"). Transcripts for all required general education classes must be received before the student will be eligible for graduation from Grace School.
_____	_____	High School Diploma or GED Certificate of Eligibility. High school credentials are not required for students who have completed one full year of college work. If you have not yet completed a minimum of 45 quarter (30 semester) units of work at a recognized college, you must submit a copy of your high school diploma or transcript, or GED Certificate of Eligibility.
_____	_____	Statement of Doctrinal Exception. Carefully read the school's Doctrinal Statement and provide a written statement of any areas with which you have a disagreement.
_____	_____	Your Personal Testimony. The sole purpose of Grace School of Theology and Ministry is to train spiritually-qualified men and women for positions of leadership and ministry within the local church. The singular most important qualification for a Christian leader is a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. All students who are accepted for admission must demonstrate that relationship by documenting their personal salvation experience.
_____	_____	Statement of Christian Stewardship. Each student is required to furnish an annual certification from his or her local church regarding their active participation in the life of that church. This statement is due at the beginning of the winter quarter.
_____	_____	Application Processing Fee (new students applying for the degree or diploma program only): \$25.00
_____	_____	Registration Fee (all credit students): \$35.00

Submit the completed application and all supporting documents listed on this sheet, along with a check or money order (no cash) for applicable fees to: Registrar.

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Tuition and Fee Structure

Grace School of Theology and Ministry provides education and training for each student at considerably less than the actual costs involved. Tuition and fees are subject to change from year to year. Current and prospective students will be notified of any fee changes prior to or during the quarterly enrollment period. The administration and faculty of Grace School of Theology and Ministry are firmly committed to providing for the effective operation of the school while keeping costs to a minimum for the student. This is evidenced by the nominal costs of our programs. This catalog period the cost per unit of credit is only \$50 as compared to \$124 to \$175 per unit at other institutions offering similar programs.

Candidates for either the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree program or the Diploma in Biblical Studies program who attend full time (12 or more credit hours) each academic quarter will typically experience the following expenses during the course of their complete programs.

Application Fee \$25

This is a one-time, non-refundable fee charged to process and evaluate the student's initial Application for Enrollment and transcripts from other schools attended.

Registration Fee \$35

This fee is charged each academic quarter (including the first) that a student attends Grace School, and covers miscellaneous administrative costs involved in setting up the class files, updating student records, processing book procurement requests, etc.

Late Registration Fee \$10

A late registration fee is charged for each application processed after the close of the regular registration period cited on the academic calendar for the quarter.

Tuition Per Four Unit

Each quarter unit for credit	\$50
Each quarter unit for audit	\$25

Textbooks (average per class) \$35

A complete breakdown of typical costs for each program are found on the following two pages.

Payment of Fees

Due to the extremely modest tuition and fee structure of Grace School of Theology and Ministry, students are expected to make full payment of all tuition and fees accompanying their application for each quarter. 50% of tuition should be paid at the time of registration unless special arrangements have made beforehand.

Students will not be permitted to enroll in subsequent quarters, until all accounts are current.

Financial Aid

Grace School has no financial aid program at the present time. Students who feel the Lord's calling to positions of ministry and leadership within the Church of Jesus Christ who cannot afford the tuition and fees should feel free to ask the elders of their local assembly for financial assistance. The administration of Grace School will gladly provide the elders with full information to assist them in their decision. In those cases in which aid is needed but not available through the student's local church financial help may be available through another scholarship fund. Information and forms may be obtained from the school office.

Withdrawal from Class

Any student who is contemplating withdrawal from school for any reason should first consult with their Faculty Advisor or the Academic Dean. Honorable dismissal and any refunds due will be granted if all financial obligations to the School have been met, the appropriate withdrawal forms properly completed, and the student is in good standing. Notification of withdrawal from class must be made in writing on the appropriate forms to the Registrar's Office. Failure to follow the established withdrawal procedure, whether from one class or from the school, leaves the student academically and financially responsible for all classes indicated on the Registration form as amended.

Refund Policy

Grace School of Theology and Ministry provides refunds for tuition and fees in accordance with the following policy. Any refunds due will be made by the school within 30 days.

Cancellation. A student or applicant may cancel his or her enrollment in a single class or in the school by notifying the Registrar's Office of that intent in writing, sent by certified mail, or by delivery of a properly completed Application for Withdrawal delivered to the Registrar's Office. Such notice by certified mail is effective when postmarked; notice by Application for Withdrawal is effective upon receipt of the properly-executed form.

Materials. Once purchased, books and other instructional materials are the property of the student. The school does not accept material returns and makes no refunds for materials.

Three-Day Full Refund Period. An enrollee may cancel enrollment within three (3) working days following enrollment and receive a refund of all monies paid, provided no classes have been attended.

Cancellation After Three-Day Period. The school is entitled to the REGISTRATION FEE (including the Application Processing Fee and/or Matriculation Fee) but will refund all other tuition monies paid if **cancellation** occurs after the three-day full refund period but prior to the date the enrollee is scheduled to begin classes.

Classes Cancelled by the School. Students will receive a full tuition refund for any class which is cancelled by the school.

Tuition Refund After Classes Begin. **Cancelling** enrollment after classes were scheduled to begin, WHETHER OR NOT THE ENROLLEE WAS IN ATTENDANCE, will permit the following tuition refunds, provided the published withdrawal procedure has been followed.

Books and instructional materials	no refund
Application Processing Fee	no refund
Registration Fee	no refund

Tuition Fees

Prior to the 2nd class session	90%
Prior to the 3rd class session	80%
Prior to the 4th class session	60%
After the 4th class session	no refund

Class Sessions

All courses at Grace School of Theology and Ministry require a minimum of 36 hours of classroom work (or equivalent combination of supervised and unsupervised instruction) for four quarter units of credit. Accordingly, class sessions normally last two hours and forty five minutes, once each week for twelve weeks. In order to properly prepare for class meetings, the average student should expect to spend two hours in out-of-class preparation for each hour of classroom work.

Attendance

Attendance in a class is for the purpose of receiving the maximum value from the course. Class participation is an integral part of the instructional program, and absence from class sessions adversely affects a student's opportunity to respond to the material presented and ideas generated in discussion. Course requirements and the sense of responsibility of the students should be sufficient to encourage attendance and class participation. Grace School of Theology and Ministry serves a variety of students, many of whom are involved in full-time vocational Christian service, and many of whom are involved in a full-time secular vocation plus a part-time ministry. The same is true of our entire faculty and staff. Unless circumstances totally beyond the student's control make an absence absolutely necessary, *all* class sessions must be attended.

Tardiness

Students are expected to be on time for all classes, and three late arrivals will be counted as one absence. Should the instructor not be on time, students are required to wait fifteen minutes, unless specifically notified that the instructor is en route. In no case will the student be required to wait more than thirty minutes for a late instructor.

Typical Schedule And Fees For The
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program

		First Year	Units	Fees
FALL QUARTER	Application Processing Fee (One-time)			\$ 25
	Registration Fee			35
	ST101 Bibliology	4		200
	BE310 OT Survey I	4		200
	CM101 Christian Life Principles	4		200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12		\$660
WINTER QUARTER	Registration Fee			\$ 35
	ST102 Theology Proper	4		200
	BE311 OT Survey II	4		200
	CM104 Evangelism/Discipleship	4		200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12		\$635
SPRING QUARTER	Registration Fee			\$35
	ST103 Christology	4		200
	BE312 NT Survey	4		200
	CM201 Effective Bible Teaching or			
	CM202 Homiletics	4		200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12		\$635
	TOTALS FOR FIRST YEAR	36		\$1930

		Second Year	Units	Fees
FALL QUARTER	Registration Fee			\$ 35
	ST201 Soteriology	4		200
	BE121 Exposition of Genesis	4		200
	Elective	4		200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12		\$635
WINTER QUARTER	Registration Fee			\$ 35
	ST204 Pneumatology/Ecclesiology	4		200
	BE122 Exposition of John	4		200
	Elective	4		200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12		\$635
SPRING QUARTER	Registration Fee			\$ 35
	ST203 Eschatology	4		200
	BE221 Exposition of Romans	4		200
	ST300 Personal Doctrinal Statement	2		100
	BE300 Bible Knowledge Exam	2		100
	QUARTER TOTALS	12		\$ 635
	TOTALS FOR SECOND YEAR	36		\$1905
	DIPLOMA PROGRAM TOTALS	72		\$3835

Typical Schedule And Fees For The
Bachelor of Arts In Biblical Studies Program

This schedule assumes that the student transfers in to Grace School of Theology and Ministry with Junior standing after having completed all lower division and General Education requirements.

Junior Year		Units	Fees
FALL QUARTER	Application Processing Fee (One-time)	\$ 25	
	Registration Fee		35
	ST101 Bibliology	4	200
	BE310 OT Survey I	4	200
	CM101 Christian Life Principles	4	200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12	\$660
WINTER QUARTER	Registration Fee		\$ 35
	ST102 Theology Proper	4	200
	BE311 OT Survey II	4	200
	CM104 Evangelism/Discipleship	4	200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12	\$635
SPRING QUARTER	Registration Fee		\$ 35
	ST103 Christology	4	200
	BE312 NT Survey	4	200
	CM201 Effective Bible Teaching or		
	CM202 Homiletics or Elective	4	200
	Elective	4	200
	QUARTER TOTALS	16	\$835
	TOTALS FOR FIRST YEAR	40	\$2130
Senior Year		Units	Fees
FALL QUARTER	Registration Fee		\$ 35
	ST201 Soteriology	4	200
	BE121 Exposition of Genesis	4	200
	NT101 Greek I	4	200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12	\$635
WINTER QUARTER	Registration Fee		\$ 35
	ST204 Pneumatology/Ecclesiology	4	200
	BE122 Exposition of John	4	200
	NT102 Greek II	4	200
	QUARTER TOTALS	12	\$635
SPRING QUARTER	Registration Fee		\$ 35
	ST203 Eschatology	4	200
	BE221 Exposition of Romans	4	200
	NT103 Greek III	4	200
	ST300 Personal Doctrinal Statement	2	100
	BE300 Bible Knowledge Exam	2	100
	QUARTER TOTALS	16	\$ 835
	TOTALS FOR SECOND YEAR	39	\$2105
	DEGREE PROGRAM TOTALS	72	\$4235

Grading Policies

Grading System

Students enrolled for credit will be assigned a grade by the instructor at the completion of the required course material. Grades will be assigned as follows:

Grade	%	Grade Points	Explanation
A	95-100	4.00	Excellent
A-	93-94	3.67	
B+	91-92	3.33	
B	87-90	3.00	Superior
B-	85-86	2.67	
C+	83-84	2.33	
C	79-82	2.00	Average
C-	77-78	1.67	
D+	75-76	1.33	
D	71-74	1.00	Below Average
D-	69-70	0.67	
F	0-68	0.00	Failing

Other marks include the following:

- W Official withdrawal from a course with the instructor's approval. A grade of "W" will be indicated on the student's transcript for any class dropped for any reason after the third class meeting but before the mid-term examination for that class. Classes dropped after the mid-term examination will be given a grade of "WP" or "WF" as appropriate.
- WP Passing in course work at the time of withdrawal after the mid-term examination.
- WF Failing in course work at the time of withdrawal after the mid-term examination.
- I Incomplete. A grade of "I" is assigned when a student has a good reason (medical, employment, family emergency, etc.) for not completing course requirements and requests additional time to earn a passing grade. The student must complete the request form and have it approved by the Instructor and the Registrar. The incomplete must be made up within six weeks or the "I" will be changed to an "F." The six week deadline may be extended if the student's petition to do so is approved.

No student may graduate with an academic degree who does not maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above.

Grade Point Average Calculation

The student's Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) is a calculation of the student's earned grade points divided by the number of units attempted for academic credit. Letter grades, percent grades, and grade point comparisons are listed above. Classes for which the student received a grade of W, I, or AU are not included in the number of units attempted for credit, nor do they apply toward the total number of units required for the degree or diploma.

Academic Probation

Any student whose grade point average falls below 2.0 ("C") will be placed on academic probation. The student will be counseled as to his/her classroom load and study habits. His/her academic load may be limited at the discretion of the administration. The student's grades the succeeding quarter should reflect an ability to maintain the academic standard of the school or he/she may be dismissed by the Academic Dean.

Adding A Class

Classes may be added to a student's schedule during the first two weeks of class. The student will pay a \$5 fee. No classes may be added after the first two weeks.

Dropping A Class

Students may drop a class any time during the first six weeks of the quarter by completing a petition to drop a class. The petition must be signed by the Registrar and Instructor. Teachers are urged to have some examination or evaluation of the student's progress prior to the end of the sixth week so a student can make an informed decision regarding whether or not to continue in a course. Refunds will be made in accordance with the schedule given in the catalogue. Failure to officially withdraw from a class will result in a failing grade to be entered on a student's transcript.

Changing To Audit Status

Students may change from credit to audit status only within the first six weeks of class by completing the appropriate petition. The petition must be signed by the Registrar.

Residence Requirements

Candidates for the Diploma program must complete a minimum of 45 quarter units in residence, and candidates for the degree program must complete a minimum of 60 quarter units in residence at Grace School of Theology and Ministry.

Graduation

Graduation ceremonies are held in June or December. All degrees and Diplomas will be awarded only at that time. Students unable to attend should make arrangements for receiving their degree or Diploma in absentia.

Academic Honors

Degree Honors. Grace School of Theology and Ministry will bestow the following academic honors upon those qualifying graduates from the degree program. The overall earned Grade Point Average for these honors will be determined from the total units credited toward the student's degree.

	Earned Grade Point Average
Honor	
Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00
Magna Cum Laude	3.76-3.89
Cum Laude	3.50-3.75

Diploma Honors. The following honors will be bestowed upon those qualifying graduates from the Diploma program. The overall earned Grade Point Average for these honors will be determined from the total units credited toward the student's Diploma.

	Earned Grade Point Average
Honor	
Highest Honors	3.90-4.00
High Honors	3.76-3.89
Honors	3.50-3.75

Programs of Study

Grace School of Theology and Ministry offers two programs of study for the student: the Diploma in Biblical Studies and the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies.

Diploma Program

The Diploma program requires the completion of the core courses in Systematic Theology, Christian Ministry and Biblical Exposition.

Degree Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree is designed to provide the student with a major emphasis in Biblical, Theological and Ministerial studies. Students in this program must complete the equivalent of two full academic years (90 quarter units or 60 semester units) of general education courses (50 units) and electives (40 units) at another recognized college of their choice.

Transfer of Previous Credit

Applicants may transfer units from past collegiate work, either in the area of General Education or in Biblical, Theological, Ministerial or Biblical Language Studies. These units from other institutions will be evaluated on the basis of similarity of course content (as to material, hours, degree of difficulty) and grade earned (no course is transferable if the grade earned is less than "C").

General Education

Whenever possible, the student should coordinate his/her General Education program with the Registrar of Grace School of Theology and Ministry or his/her assigned Faculty Advisor. This is to give the student the benefit of counsel in developing the overall direction of his/her academic program.

Bachelor of Arts In Biblical Studies Degree

(180 quarter units)

Grace School of Theology and Ministry offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies. Students who apply for this program must complete at least 72 quarter (48 semester) units of lower-division college work at an approved institution to meet the general education requirements of a well-rounded Bachelor's degree. The academic preparation most beneficial to a Christian leader is acquaintance with the culture and ideas of contemporary society as well as of those civilizations which preceded our own, and the ability to communicate clearly and accurately in the English language. Courses to be included are English grammar, composition, literature, speech, philosophy, psychology, science, and history—especially ancient and world history. The 80 units which are required by Grace School constitute a very strong major in Biblical and Theological Studies. The balance of the 180 quarter units may be taken at Grace or another approved school.

DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (26 quarter units)

ST101	Bibliology The Truth about the Bible	4
ST102	Theology Proper Knowing God	4
ST103	Christology The Person & Work of Christ	4
ST201	Soteriology So Great Salvation	4
ST204	Pneumatology & Ecclesiology The Spirit and the Church	4
ST203	Eschatology Things To Come	4
ST300	Personal Doctrinal Statement*	2

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE EXPOSITION (26 quarter units)

BE310	Old Testament Survey I	4
BE311	Old Testament Survey II	4
BE312	New Testament Survey	4
BE121	Exposition of Genesis	4
BE122	Exposition of John	4
BE221	Exposition of Romans	4
BE300	Bible Knowledge Exam*	2

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL LANGUAGES (12 quarter units)

NT101	Greek I - The ABC's of Koine Greek	4
NT102	Greek II - Reading The Greek New Testament	4
NT103	Greek III - Interpreting The Greek New Testament	4

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (12 quarter units)

CM101	Christian Life Principles	4
CM104	Evangelism/Discipleship	4
CM201	Effective Bible Teaching or	
CM202	Homiletics	4

MAJOR ELECTIVES (from any of the above departments)

Total units at Grace School of Theology & Ministry	80
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* The student is responsible to schedule his exam in Biblical knowledge and the submission of his doctrinal statement through the office at the beginning of the winter quarter of the academic year in which he will graduate.

GENERAL EDUCATION (72 quarter units from any recognized college). Must include following subjects or equivalents: English Grammar and Composition, Public Speaking, Philosophy, Psychology, History of Western Civilization, Science. **72**

GENERAL ELECTIVES The student may select courses from any appropriate area of study either at Grace, Christian Challenge Ministries or at another approved institution **28**

Total Units

180

Diploma in Biblical Studies

(72 quarter units)

The Diploma in Biblical Studies is offered for those who desire Biblical Training without the General Education or Biblical Language courses required for the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree program. Completion of the following core courses is required for the Diploma. These units may be applied toward the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree if the student decides to transfer to that program at a later date.

DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (26 quarter units)

ST101	Bibliology <i>The Truth about the Bible</i>	4
ST102	Theology Proper <i>Knowing God</i>	4
ST103	Christology <i>The Person & Work of Christ</i>	4
ST201	Soteriology <i>So Great Salvation</i>	4
ST204	Pneumatology & Ecclesiology <i>The Spirit and the Church</i>	4
ST203	Eschatology <i>Things To Come</i>	4
ST300	Personal Doctrinal Statement*	2

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE EXPOSITION (26 quarter units)

BE310	Old Testament Survey I	4
BE311	Old Testament Survey II	4
BE312	New Testament Survey	4
BE121	Exposition of Genesis	4
BE122	Exposition of John	4
BE221	Exposition of Romans	4
BE300	Bible Knowledge Exam*	2

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (12 quarter units)

CM101	Christian Life Principles	4
CM104	Evangelism/Discipleship	4
CM201	Effective Bible Teaching or	
CM202	Homiletics	4

ELECTIVES

8

Total units

72

* The student is responsible to schedule his exam in Biblical knowledge and the submission of his doctrinal statement through the office at the beginning of the winter quarter of the academic year in which he will graduate.

Course Descriptions

Grace School of Theology and Ministry currently operates on a quarter system, with a minimum of 12 class sessions per academic quarter. Most of the classes offered by Grace School are 4-unit classes. This means that the student can expect to spend one hour in class for each unit of credit, or a total of 36 classroom hours for a 4-unit class. Additionally, the classes are structured so that an average student can expect two hours of outside study ("homework") for each hour of classroom time. Classes which offer a higher number of credits will expect the student to produce a correspondingly greater amount of work in the course.

An average student, therefore, is expected to budget four hours per week for each unit of credit attempted. A "full-time" student is one who is enrolled in nine or more units in any academic quarter. While it is possible to complete the entire degree program in only two calendar years (not including the required 90 units of General Education which must be taken at another institution), only the exceptional student should plan to do so without attending summer sessions.

In addition to the classes described below, appropriate electives will be provided based on student needs and instructor availability.

Department of Systematic Theology

These courses are designed to ground the student in the doctrines of the faith and the ultimate goal is to see these doctrines integrated into the life of the student. The required courses cover all the standard areas of theology. These courses aim to present the Biblical framework of each doctrine, and its development and clarification.

ST101 Bibliology 4 units
A study of the doctrine of the Scriptures with emphasis on inspiration, revelation, illumination, and authority. This is followed by an analysis of the dispensational structure of the Bible.

ST102 Theology Proper 4 units
The doctrine of God with an emphasis on the study of His essence, attributes and nature. The scriptural evidence and proof of the Trinity will be considered in detail, including the economic relationship to creation.

ST103 Christology 4 units
A detailed study of the doctrine of Christ. Emphasis is placed upon His pre-existence, incarnation, hypostatic union, earthly life, and present work.

ST201 Soteriology 4 units
A detailed study of the cross work of Jesus Christ, emphasizing the effects and application of that work.

ST204 Pneumatology & Ecclesiology 4 units
The first part of this course is a detailed study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testament. Special emphasis will be given to His work in creation, empowerment of individuals for service, in the life of the Messiah, and especially to His ministries to the Christian. The second half of the course is a study of the origin, nature, organization and destiny of the church. Special emphasis is given to its officers and ordinances.

ST203 Eschatology 4 units
This course is a study of future events as they are unveiled in the Bible. The relationship of Israel, the Gentiles, and the Church, and their roles in these future events are examined. Specific issues, such as the rapture of the Church and the Millennium, are examined in depth.

ST300 Personal Doctrinal Statement 2 units
During the final quarter of the student's program, a comprehensive personal doctrinal statement will be developed which states and defends from Scripture the student's own understanding of each of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith.

ST301 Apologetics 2 units
A general introduction to the defense of the Biblical system of truth. This course is designed to help develop an appreciation of the place of evidences in leading others to Christ, to study the many approaches to apologetics, and to strengthen knowledge and practical arguments for the Christian faith. This course is designed to be a practical and stimulating course to help the student be prepared "to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that is in you."

ST401 Revival & The Power of The Spirit 2 units
This course looks at the concept of revival from both Scripture and church History. It also examines the rise of the modern phenomenon of "direct revelation." The

marks of a revived church will be considered with an emphasis on the place of preaching, worship, holiness and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. 2 Units.

Department of Bible Exposition

The intent of these courses is not simply to give a survey of the various books, but rather to provide the basic interpretation from the historical background of each book. It is possible to study only certain pivotal books, but the method employed is ***applicable to the entire Bible***.

BE121 Exposition of Genesis 4 units
An exposition of the book of Genesis. Particular emphasis given to the developing themes in the flow of thought, as well as to problem areas. Themes studied in relationship to later Old Testament and New Testament revelation.

BE122 Exposition of John 4 units
John gives a unique portrait of the God-man. This portrait is developed by exposition and theological analysis.

BE123 Exposition of Joshua 4 units
Joshua is a pivotal book. It goes from the time of the Pentateuch to the transition to the Judges and Kingship.

BE221 Exposition of Romans 4 units
An exposition of the book, the background, theme, and logical development of thought, its doctrinal significance, interpretive problems, and relevant practical application will be explored.

BE222 Exposition of Isaiah 4 units
A study of the life and times of the prophet, his character, message, and Messianic emphasis, and the value of the book for the believer today. A primary goal of this course is to teach the students a pattern for the effective study of the Old Testament.

BE223 Exposition of James 4 units
An exposition of this book, its background, theme, and logical development of thought. Its doctrinal significance, interpretive problems, and relevant practical application will be explored.

BE310 Old Testament Survey I 4 units
The first of two quarters of a broad survey of the Old Testament. Overall themes, divisions, main problems, and spiritual lessons of the Pentateuch, Law, and Historical books (Genesis through Esther) will be examined in relation to their background and Christian ministry today. The student will begin mastery of an

overall outline of the Old Testament and discover how each book fits into the flow of revelation.

BE311 Old Testament Survey II 4 units
The second of two quarters of a broad survey of the Old Testament. Overall themes, divisions, main problems, and spiritual lessons of the Poetical books and the Prophets (Job through Malachi) will be examined in relation to their background and Christian ministry today, with special emphasis on fulfilled prophecy. The student will complete mastery of an overall outline of the Old Testament and consider how each book fits into the flow of revelation.

BE312 New Testament Survey 4 units
A foundational study of each book of the New Testament to give the student a grasp of the entire New Testament, each book as a whole, and each book in its relation to God's total revelation. This course is designed to prepare the student for further work in the study of the New Testament.

BE300 Bible Knowledge Exam 2 units
A comprehensive examination on the structure, flow and contents of the entire Bible. During the final quarter of the students program he will register for this exam and meet with an instructor from the Bible Exposition Department to arrange the final preparation and completion of the exam.

BE 401 Majoring in the Minors 2 units
This purposes of this course are: To acquaint the student with each of the Minor Prophets; To analyze their distinctive styles and diverse subject matter; To appraise their historical and prophetic accuracy and canonical authenticity; To accent their remarkable relevance to our times; and To amplify their dynamic and detailed MESSIANIC teaching, covering both first and second-advent truth.

Department of Christian Ministry

The objective of these courses is the practical preparation of the student for ministry in the church local and universal. Emphasis is laid on developing communication skills, leadership skills, and an effective philosophy of ministry.

CM101 Christian Life Principles 4 units

What does it mean to be a new covenant believer? How do Christians pursue intimacy with Jesus Christ? What are the disciplines necessary for consistent growth in the life of a believer? Who or what are the enemies that seek to discourage the Christian? What is the nature of spiritual warfare? How does a Christian balance the demands of a relationship to God, church, family, work, and world? By means of examining the Scriptures, additional readings, and historical models, these kinds of questions will shape the structure of this class as we seek to discover some of the indispensable essentials for growth in the Christian life.

CM102 Introduction to Ministry 4 units

The theology, philosophy, and practical life of the minister is presented. Different models of ministry are examined.

CM103 Survey of Church History 4 units

Church history from Pentecost to the present. Emphasis is placed upon the development of doctrine, organization, and the Roman Catholic Church. The place and importance of monasticism, scholasticism, mysticism, the Renaissance, the causes and development of the Reformation, Protestant denominations, and English and American Christianity are also explored. Opportunity will be provided for each student to familiarize himself with the history and polity of his/her church.

CM104 Evangelism/Discipleship 4 units

An investigation of the New Testament strategy for obeying the Great Commission. A plan for effectively sharing the gospel through an evangelistic lifestyle is developed first. Then a strategy for teaching new converts to obey Christ's commands is developed.

CM201 Effective Bible Teaching 4 units

A practical survey of the methodology of effective and creative Bible teaching. This course is designed for teaching novices who desire to understand the basics of teaching skills, as well as for experienced teachers who wish to sharpen their skills in a classroom environment. Much time will be spent observing and evaluating known Bible teachers, and in developing the student's own style. Classroom opportunities to teach will also be provided. This class aims to give teachers a

renewed enthusiasm for their teaching gift and ministry.

CM202 Homiletics 4 units

The student is instructed in the relationship between the life and ministry of the elder and pastor/teacher. Special emphasis will be placed on the communication skills needed for that position. This will include the matter of sources for sermon materials, the construction of outlines and development and delivery of sermons. (Open to men only; women take CM204 instead.)

CM203 Biblical Leadership 4 units

In this course the student examines the purpose, goals, and priorities of the leader in the local church. The personal life of the leader, his relationship to God, his relationships with the flock and with other leaders are investigated.

CM204 Women in Ministry 2 units

This course addresses the challenge, importance, and unique ministry opportunities presented to women in the Body of Christ. The student is also instructed in the relationship between the life and ministry of the elder and pastor/teacher, and the unique supporting role of his wife and life partner.

CM205 Cross Cultural Communication 4 units

This course addresses the whole spectrum of cross-cultural communication within the framework of balanced biblical boundaries and helps the student to develop a consistent, cohesive, Christo-centric cultural consciousness in the ministry of the gospel and personal relationships.

CM206 Spirit-Empowered Preaching 4 units

The goal of this course is to discover the biblical model of Spirit-empowered preaching. The class will investigate the theology, method, subject-matter and prerequisites of Spirit-empowered preaching.

CM301 Foundations of Biblical Counseling 4 units

This course lays the theological foundation for Biblical counseling by establishing the fact that only the Bible is sufficient to analyze the real nature of psychological problems and to provide real and lasting solutions to those problems. At the heart of true biblical counseling

is the understanding that the gospel can transform anyone who takes to heart by faith. You will learn how true biblical counseling flows out of the great theological teachings of the Word of God. In the course that follows these truths will be applied to a wide range of real-life situations.

CM302 Problems & Procedures in Biblical Counseling 4 units

Prerequisite: CM301 or equivalent (check with registrar for details). This course will give practical and detailed instruction on how to apply the principles of Biblical counseling to specific life problems that counselors face today. Idols of the heart, Premarital counseling, marriage and family issues, eating disorders, anxiety, discouragement and depression, Sexual sin, child discipline, etc.

CM303 Pastoral Marriage Counseling

This course on marriage counseling in a pastoral setting is based on a biblical and theological **foundation for the conduct of** pastoral counseling. It is designed to build fundamental counseling skills needed to work **with engaged and married couples**. Prerequisite: Completion of ST101 Bibliology and ST 104 Soteriology. If the student has not **completed these courses he or she** must get special permission to take this course. Please check with the registrar.

Department of Biblical Languages

NT101 Elemental Greek I 4 units

The first quarter of an introductory course designed to provide a foundation in New Testament Greek. The student is also introduced to the tools for the study of the Greek New Testament.

NT102 Elemental Greek II 4 units

The second quarter of an introductory course designed to provide a foundation in New Testament Greek. The student will also sharpen his/her skills in the use of the many tools and language aids available. Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of NT101 or permission of the instructor.

NT103 Elemental Greek III 4 units

The third quarter of an introductory course designed to provide a foundation in New Testament Greek. The student will also sharpen his/her skills in the use of the many tools and language aids available. Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of NT102 or permission of the instructor.

NT201 Advanced Greek I 4 units

Translation, building a Greek vocabulary, consideration of syntactical principles and the use of these in developing a comprehensive exegetical methodology. Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of NT103 or permission of the instructor.

NT202 Advanced Greek II 4 units

Translation, building a Greek vocabulary, consideration of syntactical principles and the use of

these in developing a comprehensive exegetical methodology. Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of NT201 or permission of the instructor.

NT203 Greek Exegesis 4 units

Exegetical study of an epistle taken from the following list: I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, James, I Peter, I John. Attention is given to content, author's style, and the epistle's characteristics, and to assisting each student to develop an exegetical methodology. Prerequisite: satisfactory completion of NT202 or permission of the instructor.

BL301 Greek Exposition of John I 4 units

First of three quarters of verse-by-verse exegetical study of John's gospel in the original Greek text. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of NT202 (Advanced Greek) or permission of the instructor.

BL302 Greek Exposition of John II 4 units

The second of three quarters of a verse-by-verse exegetical study of John's gospel in the original Greek text. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of BL301 or permission of the instructor.

BL303 Greek Exposition of John III 4 units

Third of three quarters of a verse-by-verse exegetical study of John's gospel in the original Greek text. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of BL302 or permission of the instructor.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Scriptures

We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the revelation of God and thus constitute the Word of God; that men chosen by God wrote the Bible under the guidance and enabling of the Holy Spirit; that every word of the original autographs is God-breathed; and, therefore, that the whole of Scripture is both inerrant and authoritative for the faith and life of the believer. We also believe that the Scriptures are sufficient and, in conjunction with the Holy Spirit and the caring body of Christ, are entirely adequate for every spiritual or emotional problem, and are in no need of any supplement from secular psycho-therapies. We further believe that Scripture is the fresh and present voice of Christ by which He communicates through the Holy Spirit to His people. Therefore, no current revelatory, prophetic word is necessary.

The Godhead

We believe that God is infinite, self-existent Spirit, unchangeable in His nature, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy, righteous, good, love and truth. We believe that God exists eternally as three distinct yet inseparable persons known as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are one as to their nature, essence, and attributes. The Godhead is the absolute and sole creator of the universe and their creation was by divine fiat, not through evolutionary process.

The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

We believe that the second person of the Triune Godhead is the Son, whose name is the Lord Jesus Christ. In the incarnation, He became a man through the miracle of His divine conception and virgin birth, without change in His deity. As the only Mediator between God and man, He lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death to save His people from their sins, was buried, arose bodily, ascended into heaven, and is presently fulfilling His intercessory and mediatorial ministry at the right hand of the Majesty on High. We also believe that Christ's death demonstrated love for all men, is to be offered to all, and is sufficient to save all.

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, co-eternal and co-equal with the

Father and the Son. Although the Holy Spirit was actively present in the world in the Old Testament, He became resident in the world on the day of Pentecost having been sent by the Father and the Son. He convicts the unsaved of their need of Christ. He regenerates, baptizes, indwells, and seals all those whom He brings to faith. He teaches the believer, whom He leads into spiritual maturity through the knowledge of Christ, and empowers through His filling ministry.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts

We believe that the moment the believer rests his faith in Christ, he is baptized with the Holy Spirit and becomes a functioning member of the body of Christ. As a result of this baptism, the Holy Spirit imparts a spiritual gift, the Lord Jesus Christ assigns a ministry for which that gift is to be utilized, and God the Father guarantees supernatural effects as the believer fulfills that ministry.

We believe some of the gifts given in the church during the ministry of the Apostles were directly related to the founding of the church and the completion of the New Testament, and are thus no longer given—such as, the gift of prophecy, the gift of tongues, the gift of knowledge, and the gift of healing. We believe, however, that God continues to work supernaturally among His people. For example, those who have a debilitating sickness are to call for the elders, who are to pray and expect supernatural healing as a part of their present-day ministry.

Salvation

We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, which is neither merited nor secured, in part or in whole, by any virtue or work of man. The sole ground of salvation is the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and for the glory of God alone. Justification is the judicial act of God, whereby He declares righteous those who have placed their faith in Christ. It is not based upon the believer's own righteousness, but on a righteousness alien to himself: the imputed righteousness of Christ. In salvation the believer is called, regenerated, forgiven all sin, justified, adopted, made eternally secure, and endowed with every spiritual blessing. Salvation is of the Lord.

Election

We believe that God, under no obligation whatsoever to provide salvation for anyone, unconditionally elected certain individuals for salvation before the foundation of the world. His election is not based on any foreseen act or response on the part of those chosen, but is based solely on His own good pleasure and sovereign will. We do not believe that God elected others to hell, but passed them by, leaving them to their own sinful preference, which is self-glorification and a Christ-less life.

The New Birth

We believe the new birth is a gracious, supernatural work of the Holy Spirit by which the divine nature and divine life are given. It is instantaneous and is accomplished solely by the power of the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the Word of God. The new birth (a promised blessing of the New Covenant) includes union with Christ, a new heart, new affections and deliverance from the dominating power of sin, etc.

Sanctification

We believe that every believer is sanctified—that is, set apart—unto God, declared to be holy, and identified as a saint. However, sanctification is both positional and progressive. Positional sanctification has to do with the believer's standing, not his present walk or experience. Progressive sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit whereby the believer is brought into an ever-increasing holiness in conformity to the will of God, becoming more and more like our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that every saved person is involved in a daily, life-long conflict against the flesh. While eradication of sin is not possible, the Holy Spirit does empower for victory over sin.

Perseverance (Security)

We believe the biblical doctrine of the perseverance of the saints. It has two parts: 1) No true child of God, born of the Holy Spirit, will ever be lost because he is kept by the power of God. 2) It is equally true, however, that no person is saved without persevering to the end. Such perseverance may be marked by periods of discouragement, doubt, and even disobedience, but those genuinely saved will persevere to the end in faith and obedience. Those who make a beginning in the Christian faith, but do not continue, give evidence that they never really had saving faith.

Man's Creation and Fall

We believe that Adam was created immediately in the image and likeness of God apart from any process of evolution. Adam became a sinner, depraved in nature and subject to Satan's power by personal disobedience to the will of God. As our representative head, the guilt of Adam's act was imputed to the entire human race. His sin and depravity was also transmitted to the entire human race, so that every man is a sinner by nature, choice, and practice; is guilty before God; and possesses within himself no means of recovery. Man has both dignity (He is created in the image of God.) and depravity (He is corrupted in every part of his nature through the Fall.). We believe that man's depravity extends even to his will. While man is a free moral agent, choosing as he pleases, his will is in bondage to his sinful nature; therefore, he always chooses darkness, and is unable and unwilling to choose Christ.

The Church

We believe that in this age, commencing at Pentecost, Christ is building His church in partial fulfillment of the Old Testament Messianic promise, originally stated in the Abrahamic Covenant, to bless all the nations through Abraham's seed. Christ builds His church by calling out His elect from every tribe, nation, people, and tongue. The Holy Spirit forms and constitutes the church by baptizing true believers into the one universal spiritual body, which is manifested in local churches. The local church has been commissioned to preach the Word faithfully, preserve the purity of the church through discipline, and practice the two ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's supper. The officers of the local church are elders (also referred to as bishop, overseer, and pastor) and deacons.

Satan

We believe that prior to the creation of the material universe, the Triune God created a great host of varied spirit beings. Lucifer (Satan) fell by sinning against God and took with him a large number of angels. He is the author of sin and the instigator in the fall of Adam and Eve. Satan is the enemy of God, the accuser of the people of God, and is constantly active in opposing the work and people of God. Satan was judged at the cross, and his ultimate destiny is the lake of fire. We also believe that the believer is removed from Satan's authority and dominion and that while a true believer may be an object of severe oppression and attack, he cannot be indwelt bodily by a demon.

Future Events

We believe that at death the spirit of the believer passes immediately into the presence of Christ and remains in conscious joy until the resurrection of the body when Christ comes for His own. We believe in the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ personally and bodily as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His second coming is presented in the New Testament as being near or imminent, although its timing is unknown to men. The two elements of His final coming, normally designated as Rapture and Revelation, are most often mentioned side-by-side without clear distinctions in New Testament contexts.

However, the timing of the Rapture in relationship to the Tribulation is open to several different interpretations. The Tribulation will be followed by the return of Christ to the earth to reign for 1,000 years. Following the Millennium the Great White Throne Judgment will occur, at which time the bodies and souls of the wicked shall be reunited and cast into the lake of fire. The saved will then enter the eternal state of glory with God in a new heaven and earth, wherein only righteousness dwells.

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