



TITLE: __BTH-260__ AWARENESS OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT __ EVE SESSION

DATE: 26 AUGUST – 11 NOVEMBER 2008

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TEXT:

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology by Guy P. Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave
The New Testament Church and Its Ministries by Bill Schiedler
Bible in a recent English Translation (e.g., RSV, NAB, NKJV, NIV, NEB).

DESCRIPTION:

The student will examine the structure of the local church and the roles of Pastor, Elder and Deacon through a survey of organizational and governmental structures of various churches and/or denominations.

GOALS:

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| 1. The Source of Authority in the Local Church | Government |
| 2. The Church | 6. The Pastor |
| 3. Forms of Church Government | 7. The Elder |
| 4. What About Church Boards? | 8. The Deacon |
| 5. Analogies for Church | 9. The Aim of the Pastor's Office |
| | 10. The Pastor's Accountability |

REQUIREMENTS:

A 5 – 7 page paper is required that will cover the four forms of church government presenting pros and cons of each form. You will include the mission of the church (see also Van Cleave pp. 430 – 457 and Scheidler, pp. 64 – 68) to conclude your paper. A minimum of two (2) outside sources must be cited other than the Study Guide and the Bible. The Reading Log should show a minimum of 300 pages outside reading. It is an absolute requirement of this course that the final revision you submit be, in the judgment of the instructor, a thorough and responsible piece of scholarship, representing college-level work both in form and in content. You should use the material you found in the reading assignments to formulate your ideas for your papers. Do remember to look ahead to the next assignments!

RESOURCES:

GOOD READING DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TOPIC IN ADDITION TO THE STUDY GUIDE'S BIBLIOGRAPHY: (all books can be found at www.sotl.org/public/icbt/icbt.htm using the search features at either Christian books or at amazon.com)

Beall, James Lee. *Your Pastor, Your Shepherd*. Plainfield: Logos International, 1977.
 Chadwick, H. *The Early Church*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1968.
 Cho, Dr. Paul Yonggi. *Successful Home Cell Groups*. South Plainfield: Bridge Publishing, Inc., 1981.
 Cook, Jerry. *Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness*. Ventura: Regal Books, 1979.
 Daugherty, Billy Joe. *Led by the Spirit*. Orlando: Creation House, 1994.
 Kelly, J.N.D. *Early Christian Doctrines*. San Francisco, CA: Harper and Row, 1978.
 Schuller, Dr. Robert. *Your Church Has Real Possibilities*. Glendale: Regal Books, 1974.

THESE ARE NOT REQUIRED READING FOR THE CLASS.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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<u>WEEK : 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.</u>	<u>SECTIONS</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>
Week – 1 26 August 2008	Intro to Course	Preparation for the course.
Week – 2 16 September '08	Study Guide pp. 8 – 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Homework I (covers chs. I & II) due today <input type="checkbox"/> Quiz 1 (covers homework 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Readings due today: Scheidler – pp. 61 – 64; Van Cleave – pp. 419 – 423 *****Define <i>The Church</i>
Week – 3 30 September '08	Study Guide pp. 13 – 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Homework II & III (covers chs. III - VI) due today <input type="checkbox"/> Quizzes 2 & 3 (covers homework 2 & 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Readings due today: Scheidler – pp. 77 – 85; Van Cleave – pp. 423 – 430 *****Define <i>Bishop & Elder</i>
Week – 4 14 October 2008	Study Guide pp. 23 – 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Homework IV (covers chs. VII, VIII, & IX) due today <input type="checkbox"/> Quiz 4 (covers homework 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Readings due today: Scheidler – pp. 87 – 100; Van Cleave – pp. 423 – 430 *****Define <i>Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist</i>
Week – 5 28 October 2008	Study Guide pp. 29 – 36	<input type="checkbox"/> Homework V (covers pp. 21–28) due today <input type="checkbox"/> Quiz 5 (covers homework 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Readings due today: Scheidler – pp. 101 – 110; Van Cleave – pp. 423 – 430 *****Define <i>Pastor and Teacher</i>
Week – 6 11 November '08	Final Exam	<input type="checkbox"/> Term papers due today. <input type="checkbox"/> Final Exam (covers homework 1 – 5)

EVALUATION: Attendance, homework, quizzes, tests, exams, term paper, reading log, and class participation. All students must evaluate the course itself by reporting, in writing, any errors or discrepancies in the course material. This includes any printed matter that accompanies the study guide such as that mentioned in this paragraph. All written work must be a formal word-processed document. It is to be double-spaced, one inch margins on all sides, left justified, 12 point font, Arial or Times New Roman, 0.5 indented paragraphs and free of grammatical and spelling errors, have a cover sheet, and a works cited page.

*****Each Spiritual essay, as applicable, should be one page, typed, one-inch margins, and double-spaced. If you do not have access to a typewriter or a computer, you will be hand-writing your paper, then each paper needs to be two pages. To complete this step of the homework you will hand in either one or two pages for each spiritual essay depending on handwritten or typed.

STUDY ASSISTANCE: As outlined in class and during "office hours."

- Citing Biblical References primer— http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical_References.htm
 - Grammar & Writing for Seminarians— <http://www.crossmarks.com/resources/grammarwrite.htm>
 - Guidelines and Tips for Written Exercises— <http://catholic-resources.org/Courses/WritingTips.htm>
- These are helpful sources in writing your required term paper for the class.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND HONESTY: You are strongly encouraged to study together with other students, and you may always use any books and other resources to help you learn. However, all written work must be your own, unless you are directly citing from sources that you properly credit. Copying from any other person, any book, or anything on the internet (even if you change a few words), without properly referencing your sources, is considered plagiarism and will result in a failing grade for the entire course.