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END OF TERM EXAMINATION

THE2123: ECCLESIOLOGY & ESCHATOLOGY

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD, 2014

0800HRS – 1100HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- This exam script has **THREE (3)** sections.
- Answer **All** questions in Section **A** and **B**, and three section **C**.
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.

SECTION A: Objective Section (6 pts)

A. **Multiple Choice:** Choose the best answer and write the corresponding letter in the space provided. There is only one correct answer for each question.

1. The missional nature of the church is the activity of:

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- a. the Triune God
- b. the church leaders
- c. the missionaries
- d. the church congregation.

2. The church membership which is by divine appointment rather than human is necessary due to:

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- a. believers requires discipleship and love
- b. koinonia
- c. unity in the body of Christ
- d. to maintain discipline and accountability
- e. all the above

3. The Church is an "eschatological Community":

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- a. because it will be truly considered the Church/Community, only when the Lord Jesus returns.
- b. when it ignores the particulars of present existence to wait only for Jesus' return
- c. because it manifest kingdom-like quality of life in the present
- d. that exist without exposure to God's correction and on-going work of sanctification.

4. The Catholic view of "transubstantiation" denotes that:

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- a. the elements are transformed into the literal body and blood of Christ.
- b. the mass represent a fresh sacrifice to God.
- c. the elements are viewed as symbols of the body and blood of Christ.
- d. the elements contain spiritually the body and blood of Christ.
- e. c and d
- f. a and b

5. The pretribulationists hold to the view that the church will be "caught-up" to the Lord Jesus at the beginning of the great tribulation because:

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- a. the scripture is explicit about it and this is the only view.
- b. the believers will not experience the wrath of God.
- c. the removal of believers will not be noticed by unbelievers
- d. the time of protection of believers in relationship to the great tribulation is explicit in the scripture.
- e. all the above.

6. In reference to the biblical doctrine of Christ's second coming in glory, victory and power, the general timing of His coming is:

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- a. already realized in the present age of the church.
- b. in the future and unrevealed
- c. near and imminent
- d. known by some believers.
- e. a and d
- f. b and c

B. True or False – Please write the whole word (6 pts.)

- 1. The Church is to make a "preferential option" for the poor.
- 2. The Greek term "Kurikon" used in 1 Corinthians 11:20 and Revelation 1:10 is not the ancestor of our English word, "church"
- 3. The salvific grace is given to all mankind in the same way as the common or universal grace.
- 4. The Premillennialists agree to one view of the relationship of the church to the tribulation.
- 5. Man was created with contingent immortality that was depended on man's obedience to God
- 6. Politicized eschatology holds to the view of eschatology as the whole of theology.

Please use provided paper from here on

SECTION B: Identification/Definition – Identify, or define the meaning and significance of **Four** of the following options below (**3 pts. each - total pts. 12**).

- 1. Covenant of works or Edenic covenant
- 2. Qahal in the Septuagint
- 3. Consubstantiation
- 4. Eschatophobia
- 5. Historical view
- 6. Rapture

SECTION C: Essay: Choose three of the following five questions and respond (12 pts. each – total points 36)

1. Suppose someone told you:

“I am a born again believer who is not a member of the church nor attend the church because I have fellowship with my family at home. In addition, we watch the sermons on the TV for our spiritual nourishment”.

Briefly, would you respond to the believer on the necessity of church membership, and the reasons of membership since the church is God ordained.

2. The ministry of the church has three key elements of ministry, namely: 1). Worship, 2). Witness, and 3). Nurture. Explain briefly your understanding of these elements of ministry of the church in both the biblical and contemporary context.
3. An observer observes that there are three views of millennium which have been held in the church history, namely:
a). Premillennialism, b) Postmillennialism, and c). Amillennialism.

However, the observer is not sure which millennium view is more biblically sound. Briefly, provide the observer with convincing merits of one of the views that you think is more biblically sound. In addition, provide a brief summary of the demerits of the other two views.

4. Suppose a bereaved person whose beloved father has died told you :

“I am not a believer, but I am devastated by the death of my beloved mother who was a believer. I have three pertinent questions I would like to ask you. 1). What happens when a person dies?, 2). Where did my mother go after death?, and 3).Is there hope of seeing her again?”

Briefly, would you respond to the unbeliever on what happens after death based on the current views of the intermediate state. What are the points of criticism of these views? Using the scripture towards finding a solution to the intermediate state, how could you use the biblical teaching to evangelize and give hope to the unbeliever?

5. An evangelical theologian says to you:

“I agree with the pretribulational view of the rapture for it is appealing and gives hope of escaping the tribulation.”

Respond to the theologian by providing the merit and demerit of pretribulational view. Briefly, would you provide a biblical point of view of why you should either support pretribulational view or posttribulational view