



SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSE

**PERSONAL ESCHATOLOGY: The Doctrine of the Future of the Soul**

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**I. IMMORTALITY**

A. Meaning

B. Evidences for Immortality

C. Benefits of the Doctrine of Immortality

D. False Views

1. Cessation of Existence
2. Transmigration of the Soul
3. Conditional Immortality
4. Annihilationism
  - a. The Position
  - b. Arguments For
    - (1) Theological Arguments
    - (2) Scriptural Arguments

- c. Answers to Arguments For
  - (1) Theological Arguments
  - (2) Scriptural Arguments
- d. Additional Arguments Against Annihilationism

## II. THE INTERMEDIATE STATE

### A. Meaning

### B. The Believers

### C. The Unbelievers

### D. The Intermediate Body

- 1. The Issue
- 2. The Key Passage: II Corinthians 5:1-10
  - a. Analysis
  - b. Deductions
  - c. Conclusion
- 3. The Question
- 4. The State
- 5. The Conclusion

### E. False Views

- 1. Second Probation
  - a. The Two Forms
  - b. Arguments For
  - c. Arguments Against

2. Soul Sleep
  - a. Arguments For
  - b. Arguments Against

### III. THE PLACE OF THE DEAD

#### A. The Unseen World

1. Sheol
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
2. Hades
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
3. Abbadon
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
4. The Pit
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
5. Abyss
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions

6. Tartarus
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
7. Hell
8. Gehenna
  - a. Origin of the Concept
  - b. Scripture
  - c. Deductions
9. Lake of Fire
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
10. Abraham's Bosom
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
11. Paradise
  - a. Scripture
  - b. Deductions
12. Heaven
  - a. The Three Heavens
  - b. Scripture
  - c. Deductions

13. The New Jerusalem

- a. Scripture
- b. Deductions

14. Conclusions

**B. In the Old Testament**

**C. In the New Testament**

1. Believers

- a. The Death of Christ
- b. The Descent of Christ
- c. The Ascension of Christ
- d. The Saints Today

2. Unbelievers

**D. In the Future**

1. Believers

- a. The Kingdom
- b. The Eternal Order

2. Unbelievers

- a. The Eternal State
- b. Scripture
- c. Descriptive Phrases
- d. The State of the Unbeliever in the Lake of Fire

e. Deductions

f. Duration

## E. False Views

### 1. *Limbus Infantum*

a. The Concept

b. Critique

### 2. Purgatory

a. The Concept

b. Attempted Support

c. Critique