

# **Thesis Guidelines For Antioch Baptist College**

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## **Requirements**

Each one of Antioch Baptist College's graduate programs requires a thesis. Certain guidelines must be followed before the thesis will be accepted for a grade. Six (6) semester credits will be given for a thesis. The time required to complete a thesis and get it approved could be as long as a year.

## **Subject Of The Thesis**

First, a subject must be selected. This subject must be submitted to the school for the overview of the faculty. Suggestions will be made for limiting the subject or changing the subject to reflect the content of the thesis being submitted.

Sometimes a thesis title may be too general and must be limited. Suggestions will be made by the faculty of the college.

## **Selection Of Books**

After the title has been accepted, it will be numbered. The number will be made up of the year, such as 08, the approximate date of submission, such 0415, and a consecutive number beginning with the first submission and continuing with each consecutive submission. This number would be 080405-1. This number must appear on the title page of the thesis when it is handed in. The student must begin to collect books on the subject at hand. Faculty, other

students, friends, pastors, etc. may be a great help to the writer as to what books to reference in the preparation of his thesis.

Internet references may also be made for the thesis. The proper way to do that will be included later in these guidelines. The internet is a great tool for study today. The student should make often use of the internet for study.

Once books have been collected, a bibliography should then be started. This is a list of books that have been read or referenced in the work of the thesis. The student should have no less than 30 listed references in the thesis. This may include books, articles, pamphlets, internet references, etc. The bibliography's format will be shown later.

The bibliography listing is to be in alphabetic order by the last name of the authors of the books cited in the thesis.

## **The Outline**

In preparing a thesis, the student should begin with an outline. This is a summary of thoughts to be used to write the thesis put in a logical order as the thesis will progress. An example of a thesis outline might be:

- I. Presentation Of The Problem
  - A. An Explanation Of The Problem
  - B. Understanding The Terms
- II. Historical Perspective Of The Problem
  - A. The Early Church Fathers
  - B. Luther And The Reformation Era
  - C. From Calvin To The Great Awakening
  - D. The Nineteenth Century
- III. Modern Perspective Of The Problem
  - A. Billy Graham And The Evangelicals
  - B. Tim LaHaye And Left Behind

- C. Larkin, Walvoord, And The Dispensationalists
- D. Gundry And The Modern Hybrid Systems
- IV. Solution To The Problem
  - A. Why Modern Systems Are Wrong
  - B. Why Spiritual Systems Are Wrong
- V. Practical Application Of The Solution
  - A. How The Solution Affects Evangelism
  - B. How The Solution Affects Edification
  - C. How To Teach This To The Modern Local Church

## **The Thesis Statement**

After the outline is finished and approved by the faculty, the student must submit a thesis statement which briefly states the purpose of the paper and what the thesis is to accomplish.

Here is an example of a thesis statement:

This thesis will attempt to define and defend this particular doctrine and show how it is relevant to the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ as presented in the Old and New Testaments. Great attention will be given to the eternal covenants promised by God to Israel, maintaining that this doctrine is applicable, not only to national Israel, but also to the Israel of God. This study will conclude by showing practical applications to this doctrine and illustrate some way to present this teaching to the local churches.

## **Page Format**

The thesis page margins should be as follows: left 1.25 inch, top one inch, right one inch, and bottom one inch. The paper should be double spaced.

Any citation which is two lines or less should be written within the text of the paper, but longer citations should be single spaced and set apart from the rest of the body by being indented on both the left and right margins.

The page number should be written at the bottom center of the page. The paper must be

approximately 50 pages long. Remember that too many citations will not be acceptable, because that is *plagiarism* or stealing someone else's work.

If a heading is on the bottom of a page with one line or less of text, push the heading to the next page.

## **Title Page**

Each thesis must begin with a title page. Below is a sample of the layout and content of the title page:

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A Study and Defense of the Application of the Literal Hermeneutic  
To Messianic Prophecies Relevant to the Millennial Reign

Submitted by  
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A project submitted in partial fulfillment  
of the requirements for the diploma of

Master Of Theology

As set forth by the Faculty of

Antioch Baptist College  
Cincinnati, Ohio

In the Year of our Lord  
2010

As approved by  
Dr. Dan Ferrell

on the date of

July 12, 2010

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The text of the title page should be centered both horizontally and vertically on the paper. This will make a pleasant presentation.

Three copies of the thesis must be printed out, and two must be handed in to the college, and one will be for the student to keep for his own use. One will be used for grading, and the other will be placed in the school library. These copies must be printed on a good quality 25% cloth-content paper, which may be purchased at any good office supply store.

## **Footnotes, Endnotes and Bibliography**

The writer may use either footnotes or endnotes but not both. Footnotes are written at the bottom of each page where the citation is made. This is a sample.<sup>1</sup>

Notice in the footnote that the author's first name is first, then the name of the book, then the location of the publisher, the date, and then the page number or numbers.

In the bibliography the student will notice that the author's last name is written first, the name of the book, the location of the publisher, the date, and no page numbers. The bibliography is to be in alphabetic order.

Sample:

Adams, Eric. *The Last Bastion: Fall of Hong Kong*. London: Oxford University Press, 1985.

Internet sites may be footnoted as well. You may refer to the [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org), or you may type them as the sample below. You may also go to [mic.ul.ie/lsu/referencing\\_footnoting.htm](http://mic.ul.ie/lsu/referencing_footnoting.htm).

Murphy, G., 1999. 'Salazar and Modern Portugal', <http://www.politicportugal/tbc/tcg-bt/info>, (accessed 14.05.2000).

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<sup>1</sup>Sigmund Freud, *Totem and Taboo* (New York: Random, 1918) 17.

## **Further Study On The Thesis Format**

If the student has further questions about formatting or writing principles, he may refer to any MLA manual or the internet for MLA formatting principles. One site where this information may be found is <http://www.mla.org>.

The faculty of Antioch Baptist College can also be helpful with ideas about formatting, content, research, etc. Do not hesitate to ask questions. We will do everything we can to help.

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