**EE: Advanced Theological Studies Program**

**Mission of God**

**Instructions**

There are 4 major components to this study experience. Each week you will be required to complete these components.

* Watch the lecture video or read the lecture transcript associated with each week’s study materials.
* Quiz Grading Criteria – Take the specified quiz associated with each Lecture. Each quiz will be graded out of 100%. You may reference the lecture video/transcript during the quiz.
* Discussion Forum Grading Criteria – Post at least 1 time each week. You may post quotes from the lecture, your opinions/experiences, or Bible verses in order to receive 100% for your forum participation.
* Assignment Grading Criteria - Complete and submit the assignment associated with each lecture. Each assignment will be graded out of a 100%. The assignments consist of reading from the Bible, reading from the course book, and/or questions from the lecture.

All that is taught in the ATS program will focus on Christ, so that God is glorified in you as you equip the church to multiply!

**Quiz & Assignments**

* Please complete the assignment and quiz after you have watched the lecture video.
* The Quiz has no time limit. You may reference the lecture during the quiz. You may only attempt each quiz once.
* The Assignment has no time limit. Please click the “submit” button to ensure you have submitted the assignment.

**Accredited Curriculum Track**

* **“ACT”:** EE staff who pursue the Accredited Curriculum Track must earn 20 credit hours by completing the 5 “Core Curriculum Courses” designed by EE. In addition, they must earn 20 credit hours by completing 6 “Third Millennium Courses”. Upon completion of the ACT, EE staff must enroll in one of EE’s Partner Seminaries in their region/continent. With scholarship assistance from EE and by completing additional course work required by the partner seminary, EE staff who complete the ACT program will earn an accredited “Master of Arts Degree” presented by the seminary in partnership with EE International.

**Grading System**

Accountability is very important to the success of your learning experience. While this course is being offered on-line, the ATS administrators are able to monitor your involvement in this course. Therefore, please be prompt in submitting all course assignments on or before the end or each week or session (NOTE: a one week grace period will be given to those who experience technical/internet/computer difficulty).

ATS will use the following grading system for all courses:

 10% Watch the Lecture Video or Read the Lecture Transcript

 30% Weekly Quiz

 30% Weekly Discussion Forum – post 1 time each week

 30% Completion of all Required Assignments

 20% Completion of all Assignments

 10% Final Paper

**Final Paper**

* You are required to write an "Integrative Paper" on the principles you learned in this course, "Mission of God".  Here are the instructions for the paper you will be writing:
	+ Include your name and email address on the title page of this paper.
	+ Please submit your paper to the ATS website by clicking on the assignment entitled “Final Paper”.
	+ Please type your paper using a "Word" document or PDF file.
	+ Double space your paper.
	+ The paper should be 3-5 pages long.
	+ You should integrate what you have learned in the Mission of God course and show how these new concepts or truths can be applied to your ministry.
	+ This paper could be a resource you could use for your "Comprehensive Paper", which you will write at the end of the ATS program.

**Description for each Lecture & Objectives**

**All lecture material presented by Archbishop Harry Goodhew was gleaned from Christopher J.H. Wright’s book entitled *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible’s Grand Narrative***

**Lecture 1 – Finding your place in the Purposes of God**

In this lecture we will consider how it is we can know something reliable and saving about the One Who, in His essence, cannot be named or numbered. We will look at the Bible as our source for saving and guiding knowledge of God. We will seek to answer the question “How may I find my place in the purposes of God?”

**Required Reading:** The Bible and Mission - pages 1-69

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will know what your involvement is in the eternal purpose of God.

**Lecture 2 – The Mission of God**

In this lecture we will explore the nature of the mission that the Lord God has had in His creation from the very beginning and which He is pursuing until He brings His will to its perfect fruition.

 **Required Reading:** The God of Mission – pages 71-104

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will understand God’s intent in creation and how he will complete his mission in creation.

**Lecture 3- The Mission of Humanity**

We shall consider the calling that God placed upon mankind, which carried both dignity and responsibility. We will look at the manner in which mankind failed in its calling but how the perfect Human Being repaired the loss and brings about the fulfilment God’s intention for mankind.

 **Required Reading:** The God of Mission - pages 105-190

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will be able to identify what was God’s intent for mankind’s identity and responsibility in the mission of God.

**Lecture 4 – The Mission of Israel**

Here we will consider the role God gave to Abraham and His descendants and their performance in the calling that was theirs. We shall look at the way this feeds into the story of Jesus and of the New Testament and the lessons it carries for the Church.

**Required Reading:** The People of Mission – pages 189-264

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will know the mission God gave to Abraham and his descendents and how that relates to the church today.

 **Lecture 5 – The Mission of Jesus**

The Lord Jesus came to fulfil the role purposed for Him in the purposes of the Triune God for the accomplishment of the Mission of God. This He did as a human being in the power of the Eternal Spirit. We shall consider how this is expressed in the Gospels and the Epistles and what it says to us.

God’s Model of Redemption – The Exodus – pages 265-288

**LECTURE OBJECTIVE:** BY THE END OF THIS SESSION, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY HOW GOD’S MISSION WAS ACCOMOMPLISHED THROUGH THE WORD AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST.

**Lecture 6 – The Mission of the Church**

The Church is that body of people who have been redeemed and restored to fellowship with God through faith in Christ and by new birth through the Spirit. We will explore their mission as God’s restored humanity and as God’s Israel: a kingdom and priests to God the Father offering the spiritual worship of faith, love, and service.

Required Reading: God’s Model of Restoration – The Jubilee – pages 289–323

**LECTURE OBJECTIVE:** BY THE END OF THIS SESSION, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE MISSION OF GOD AS IT RELATES TO FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH TODAY.

**Lecture 7 – Mission and God’s Earth**

The material for this lecture is taken from Chapter 12 of Chris Wright’s book. It deals with the creation in which God has placed us, and the responsibilities we have for creation in our God-given role as being God’s image bearers in His creation.

**Required Reading:** The Span of God’s Missional Covenant – pages 324-356

**Lecture Objectives:** By the end of this lecture you will know the responsibility God has given to us as it relates to his creation.

**Lecture 8 – Mission and the Image of God**

This lecture, taken from chapter 13 of Chris Wright’s book, is an important treatment of what it is to be human; what are the privileges, responsibilities, and implications of being a human, and of being a redeemed human, and what this means for our life’s calling.

**Required Reading:** The Life of God’s Missional People – pages 357-392

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will understand the privileges and responsibilities God has given all mankind who are redeemed.

**Lecture 9 – Mission and the Nations in Old Testament Vision**

This chapter deals with the relationship between Israel and the nations and what the significance of this is in the New Testament.

**Required Reading:** Mission and God’s Earth & Mission and God’s Image –

pages 393-453

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will know the role God gave to Israel for the sake of the nations.

**Lecture 10 – God and the Nations in New Testament Mission**

This chapter looks at the foundation upon which the Lord Jesus and His earliest followers built a construction that Wright says “has become to be called the mission of the church.

**Required Reading:** God and the Nations in Old Testament Vision &

God and the Nations in New Testament Mission – pages 454-535

**Lecture Objective:** By the end of this lecture, you will understand how the mission of the church was illustrated by the teaching and activities of Jesus and his followers.