

Systematic Theology III—Soteriology and Eschatology

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Class Schedule

Feb 15, 22
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22
April 5, 12, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24

Student Evaluation

2 Exams (worth 90% of final grade) and will cover both material delivered in lecture as well as material from the class texts. Completion of all required reading (worth 10% of final grade).

Academic Policies

Class academic policies are those that are outlined in the RTS 2003-05 Course Catalog (grading scale, class attendance policy, conduct, and examination policies).

Taping of Class Lectures

You are permitted to tape class lectures for note taking purposes or in the event that you miss a portion of a class day (students are responsible for getting a member of the class to tape the lecture for them).

Required Textbooks

Holy Bible (any version)

Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology* (1949; Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1996).

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, trans. Ford Lewis Battles, *Library of Christian Classics*, vols. 21-22, ed. John T. McNeil (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1969).

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/calvin/institutes.html>

J. V. Fesko, *Protology: Genesis 1-3 in the Light of Christ* (class syllabus).

John Murray, *Select Lectures in Systematic Theology*, in *Collected Writings*, v. 2 (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1976).

Herman Ridderbos, *Paul: An Outline of His Theology* (1966; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997).

Guy Prentis Waters, *Justification and the New Perspective on Paul* (Philipsburg: P & R, 2004).

Geerhardus Vos, *The Pauline Eschatology* (1930; Philipsburg: P & R, 1994).

Westminster Confession of Faith (preferably w/ Scripture Proofs)

Required Supplementary Reading

Introductory Issues (to be covered under mid-term exam)

* B. B. Warfield, "The Task and Method of Systematic Theology," in *Works*, v. 9, ed. E. D. Warfield, et al. (1931; Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981), pp. 91-108.

* Geerhardus Vos, "The Idea of Biblical Theology as a Science and as a Theological Discipline," in *Redemptive History and Biblical Interpretation*, ed. Richard B. Gaffin (Phillipsburg: P & R, 1980), pp. 3-24.

* Geerhardus Vos, "The Doctrine of the Covenant in Reformed Theology," in *Redemptive History and Biblical Interpretation*, ed. Richard B. Gaffin (Phillipsburg: P & R, 1980), pp. 234-67.

Reading Assignments

Introduction to Systematic Theology

Warfield, "The Task and Method of Systematic Theology."

Vos, "The Idea of Biblical Theology."

The Covenant of Works

Berkhof, pp. 211-18

The Covenant of Grace

Berkhof, pp. 265-304

Calvin, 2.6-7 (pp. 340-66); 2.8.1-5, 8, 51, 55, 56 (pp. 367-72, 374-375, 415-16, 418-19); 2.9.1-4 (423-27); 2.10.1-5, 23 (pp. 428-32, 448-49).

Vos, "The Doctrine of the Covenant in Reformed Theology."

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Soteriology in General

Berkhof, pp. 415-22

Ridderbos, pp. 44-86

Vos, pp. 1-71

The Operation of the Holy Spirit in General

Berkhof, pp. 423-31

Common Grace

Berkhof, pp. 432-46

Murray, pp. 93-122

The Mystical Union

Berkhof, pp. 447-53.

Calling in General and External Calling

Berkhof, pp. 454-64

Murray, pp. 161-66

Regeneration and Effectual Calling

Berkhof, pp. 465-79

Murray, pp. 167-201

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Conversion

Berkhof, pp. 480-92

WCF 15

Faith

Berkhof, pp. 493-509

Calvin, 3.1 (pp. 537-42); 3.2.1-2, 6-7, 11, 14-15, 29-40 (pp. 542-45, 548-51, 555-56, 559-61, 575-88); 3.3.1-14, 19-20 (pp. 592-607, 613-15); 3.7.6-7 (pp. 696-98); 3.8.9 (pp. 708-09); 3.10.2 (pp. 720-21).

Murray, pp. 235-63

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Justification

Berkhof, pp. 510-26

Calvin, 3.11 (pp. 725-54); 3.14.1-4, 11, 19-21 (pp. 768-71, 778-79, 785-88); 3.16.1 (pp. 797-98).

Murray, pp. 202-22

Ridderbos, pp. 159-81

Waters, pp. 1-212

WCF 11, 19, 20

Sanctification

Berkhof, pp. 527-44

Ridderbos, pp. 205-326

Murray, pp. 223-34, 277-320

WCF 12, 13, 16,

Perseverance of the Saints

Berkhof, pp. 545-54

WCF 17, 18

Eschatology

Berkhof, pp. 661-738

Ridderbos, pp. 487-562

Vos, pp. 94-135, 206-316

WCF 32, 33