

# **4ST614**

## ***The Doctrine of Justification***

An examination of the doctrine of justification from exegetical, historical-theological, and biblical-theological perspectives. The course covers the history of the doctrine, exegesis of key passages of Scripture, and the relationship of the doctrine of justification to other key loci of systematic theology. Other issues covered include ecumenism and the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

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### ***Class Schedule***

#### **Time**

6.30-8.30pm

#### **Dates**

September 12, 19, 26  
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
November 7, 14, 21  
December 5

### ***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).

### ***Course Tracks***

#### **Track 1**

Pre-requisites: ST I-IV (510, 514, 520, 524). This track is an advanced elective and involves advanced level reading assignments. Course requirements include all assigned readings and a 20 page research paper. If there are students who do not have all of the

prerequisite classes, at the discretion of the professor, a student may be admitted to this track.

## **Track 2**

This track is for students who have either not taken any or all of the ST I-IV. The reading assignments are intermediate level. Course requirements include the completion of all assigned readings and two exams, a mid-term and final.

## ***Textbooks***

### **For both tracks**

*Holy Bible* (any version).

*Westminster Standards* (preferably with Scripture proofs).

<http://www.opc.org/confessions.html>

### **Track 1**

D. A. Carson, Peter T. O'Brien, Mark A. Seifrid, *Justification and Variegated Nomism*, vol. 2, *The Paradoxes of Paul* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004).

Alister McGrath, *Iustitia Dei: A History of the Christian Doctrine of Justification* (1986; Cambridge: CUP, 2005).

John Murray, *The Imputation of Adam's Sin* (Phillipsburg: P & R, 1959).

### **Track 2**

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, LCC, vols. 20-21 (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960).

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

John Murray, *The Imputation of Adam's Sin* (Phillipsburg: P & R, 1959).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1955).

Guy Prentiss Waters, *Justification and the New Perspective on Paul: A Review and Response* (Phillipsburg: P & R, 2004).

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

\* \_\_\_\_\_., “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.

\_\_\_\_\_., *The Pauline Eschatology* (1930; Phillipsburg: P & R, 1994).

\* Available from Jonathan Stuckert as a PDF.

## Lecture Schedule

Topic	Time	Day	Reading
Introduction	1hr	Sept 12	Track 2: Warfield, “Task and Method of ST” Vos, “Idea of BT as a Science”
Church History	1hr		Track 1: McGrath; Carson, pp. 1-38, 437-64 Track 2: Waters, pp. 1-22
Nature of theological language	1hr	Sept 19	
Place of justification	1hr		
Ordo salutis	1hr	Sept 26	
Structure of redemptive history	1hr		Track 1: Carson, pp. 297-342, 393-436 Track 2: Vos, pp. 1-71
Covenant of works	1hr	Oct 3	Track 2: Vos, “Doctrine of the Covenant”
Work of Christ	1hr		Track 2: Murray, pp. 1-78
Obedience of Christ	1hr	Oct 10	
historical context	1hr		Track 1: Carson, pp. 217-48
Justification by faith	1hr	Oct 17	Track 1: Carson, pp. 105-216, 343-60, 465-500; WCF 11, 14, 19, 20; LC 70-73, 153; SC 33, 85-86 Track 2: Murray, pp. 79-131; 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); 3.3.11-14, 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); 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); WCF 11, 14, 19, 20; LC 70-73, 153; SC 33, 85-86 <b>END OF MATERIAL FOR MID-TERM FOR TRACK 1</b>
Justification and the NPP	1hrs		Track 1: Carson, pp. 249-96 Track 2: Waters, pp. 23-212
Justification and the NPP	1hr	Oct 24	
Justification and imputation	1hrs		Track 1: Murray, <i>Imputation</i> , pp. 5-95 Track 2: Murray, <i>Imputation</i> , pp. 5-95
Justification and union with Christ	1hr	Oct 31	Track 2: Murray, pp. 161-73 <b>MID-TERM DUE FOR TRACK 1</b>
Justification and sanctification	1hr		Track 1: WCF 12, 13, 16; LC 74, 75, 77-78; SC 34, 35-36 Track 2: Murray, pp. 141-50; WCF 12, 13, 16; LC 74, 75, 77-78; SC 34, 35-36
Justification and the final judgment	1hr	Nov 7	Track 2: Vos, pp. 136-316; Murray, pp. 174-82
Justification and the final judgment	1hr		
The church	1hr	Nov 14	
Justification and the RCC	1hr		

Justification and the RCC	1hr	<b>Nov 21</b>	
Justification and the EOC	1hr		
Justification and the EOC	1hr	<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Track 1: FINAL EXAM DUE 19 DEC 2006</b> <b>Track 2: TERM PAPERS DUE</b>
Buffer	1hr		