

Systematic Theology IV – Ecclesiology and Sacraments

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Course Description

This course will explore the centrality of the church in the work of Christ and examine these doctrines in terms of the context of redemptive history, the nature, structure, leadership and marks of the church, the relationship between church and state, and a discussion of the sacraments of the church: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Class Schedule

1-2 August: Fri, 6.30-8.30pm; Sat, 8.30-4.30pm
8-9 August: Fri, 6.30-8.30pm; Sat, 8.30-4.30pm
15-16 August: Fri, 6.30-8.30pm; Sat, 8.30-4.30pm

Student Evaluation

- 1 Comprehensive Final Exam (worth 90% of final grade) and will cover both material delivered in lecture as well as material from the class texts. **FINAL EXAM DUE and must be post-marked by 12 September 2008. Submit via snail-mail.**
- Completion of all required reading (worth 10% of final grade). **READING REPORT DUE 12 September 2008 (reported on final exam).**

Academic Policies

Class academic policies are those that are outlined in the current RTS 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).

Obtaining Class Lecture Notes in event of an absence

You are responsible for obtaining lecture notes in the event of your absence from a fellow student. The professor will not provide lecture notes.

Failure to turn in required materials

In the event that you fail to turn in required assignments, you will receive the grade of an "F." In the event that you need a time extension, you must obtain an official extension request form from the administration, which must be approved by the professor and aca-

demic dean. If an extension is granted, you will receive an “INC” until all assignments are completed. Extensions will be granted only in the event of extenuating circumstances such as severe illness or death in the family.

Required Textbooks

Holy Bible (any version)

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

D. G. Hart, *Recovering Mother Kirk: The Case for Liturgy in the Reformed Tradition* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003).

_____, *A Secular Faith: Why Christianity Favors the Separation of Church and State* (Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2006).

J. V. Fesko, *Last Things First: Understanding Genesis 1-3 with the Christ of Eschatology* (Fearn: Mentor, 2007).

Vandrunen, David, *A Biblical Case for Natural Law* (Grand Rapids: Acton Institute, 2006).

http://www.acton.org/shopping_cart/details.php3?item_no=535

Westminster Confession of Faith with Larger and Shorter Catechisms (preferably w/ Scripture Proofs) * note, bring a copy with you to class, as frequent reference will be made to these documents.

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

Required Reading

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, ed. John T. McNeill, trans. Ford Lewis Battles, Library of Christian Classics, vols. 20-21 (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960).

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

* Greg Bahnsen, “What is Theonomy?”

* Greg Bahnsen, “The Theonomic Antithesis to Other Law-Attitudes”

* 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.

*Available from on IQ web

Lecture Schedule (approximate—will have approximately 1 hr 15 mins for lunch each Saturday)

Topic	Time	Day	Reading
Introduction to ST	6.30-7.30	Fri Aug 1st	Warfield, “Task and Method of ST” Vos, “Idea of BT as a Science”
Garden of Eden	7.30-8.30		Fesko, 39-76
Covenant of works	8.30-9.30	Sat Aug 2nd	Fesko, 77-114 Vos, “Doctrine of the Covenant” WCF 7, LC 20, 30-35; SC 12, 20
Shadows of the second Adam	9.30-10.30		Fesko, 115-44
Work of the second Adam	10.30-11.30		Fesko, 145-82
Structure of redemptive history	1.00-2.00		
Church in redemptive history	2.00-3.00		Berkhof, pp. 555-62 WCF 25-26; LC 61-64
Church in redemptive history	3.00-4.00		
Nature of the church	6.30-7.30	Fri Aug 8th	Berkhof, pp. 562-78 Calvin, 4.1-4, pp. 1011-84; 4.12.1-13, p. 1229-40
Church government	7.30-8.30		Berkhof, pp. 579-92 Hart, <i>Mother Kirk</i> , pp. 107-26 WCF 30-31
Women in the church	8.30-9.30	Sat Aug 9th	Hart, <i>Mother Kirk</i> , pp. 127-36
Church and state	9.30-10.30		Berkhof, pp. 593-602 Bahnsen, “What is Theonomy?” Bahnsen, “Theonomic Antithesis” Calvin, 4.11, pp. 1211-29, 4.20, pp. 1485-1521 Hart, <i>Mother Kirk</i> , pp. 163-78 Hart, <i>Secular Faith</i> , pp. 1-257 VanDrunen, pp. 1-74

			WCF 19, 23; LC 91-152; SC 39-84
Church and state	10.30-11.30		
Church and state	1.00-2.00		
Means of grace	2.00-3.00		Berkhof, pp. 604-09
Sacraments	3.00-4.00		Berkhof, pp. 616-21. Calvin, 4.3, pp. 1043-68; 4.14, pp. 1276-1303 WCF 27; LC 161-64; SC 91-93
Baptism	6.30-7.30	Fri Aug 15th	Berkhof, pp. 622-43. Calvin, 4.15-16, pp. 1303-59. WCF 28; LC 165-67; SC 94-95
Baptism	7.30-8.30		
Baptism	8.30-9.30	Sat Aug 16th	
Lord's Supper	9.30-10.30		Berkhof, pp. 644-60. Calvin, 4.17-18, pp. 1359-1448 WCF 29; LC 168-77; SC 97
Lord's Supper	10.30-11.30		
Lord's Supper	1.00-2.00		
Sabbath	2.00-3.00		
Worship	3.00-4.00		Calvin, 3.20, pp. 850-920 Hart, pp. 69-106, 179-240 WCF 21; LC 178-79, 180-96; SC 98-107