

Systematic Theology III—Soteriology and Eschatology

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Class Schedule

6.00-9.00pm
Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Oct 7, 14, 21 (**note no class on the 28th**)
Nov 4, 11, 18, 25
Dec 2

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). **THE MID-TERM IS DUE 4 NOVEMBER 2008 AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS. THE FINAL MUST BE POST-MARKED BY 16 DECEMBER 2008. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DOCKED 5 POINTS PER DAY.**

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).

Recording of Class Lectures

You are permitted to record 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 record 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, *Last Things First: Unlocking Genesis 1-3 with the Christ of Eschatology* (Fearn: Mentor, 2007).

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

N. T. Wright, *What St. Paul Really Said: Was Saul of Tarsus the Real Founder of Christianity?* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997).

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.

Recommended Reading (not required)

Darrell L. Bock, ed., *Three Views on the Millennium and Beyond* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999).

* Available through IQ Web on course homepage.

Lecture Schedule

Topic	Time	Day	Reading
Introduction to ST	1hr	2 Sept 08 6-7pm	Warfield, "Task and Method of ST" Vos, "Idea of BT as a Science"
Garden of Eden	1hr	7-8pm	Fesko, 57-76
Covenant of Works	1hr	8-9pm	Berkhof, 211-18; Fesko, 77-114
Shadows of the second Adam	1hr	9 Sept 08 6-7pm	Fesko, 115-44
Work of the Second Adam	1hr	7-8pm	Fesko, 145-82
The Sabbath	1hr	8-9pm	Fesko, 183-204
The Covenant of Grace	1hr	16 Sept 08 6-7pm	Berkhof, pp. 262-301 Vos, "Doctrine of the Covenant in Reformed Theology." WCF 7 Calvin, 2.6-7 (pp. 340-66); 2.81-5, 8, 51, 56 (pp. 367-72, 374-75, 415-16, 418-19); 2.9.1-4 (423-27); 2.10.1-5, 23 (pp. 428-32, 448-49)
Structure of Redemptive History	1hr	7-8pm	Vos, <i>Pauline Eschatology</i> , pp. 1-41
Inaugurated Eschatology	1hr	8-9pm	Vos, <i>Pauline Eschatology</i> , pp. 42-61
Soteriology in General	1hr	23 Sept 08 6-7pm	Berkhof, pp. 415-22
Common Grace	1hr	7-8pm	Berkhof, 432-46
Election	1hr	8-9pm	Berkhof, pp. 109-140
Calling	1hr	30 Sept 08 6-7pm	Berkhof, pp. 454-64
Regeneration	1hr	7-8pm	Berkhof, pp. 465-79 WCF 10
Conversion	1hr	8-9pm	Berkhof, pp. 480-92 WCF 15
Faith	1hr	7 Nov 08 6-7pm	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); 3.3.11-14, 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) WCF 14
Justification	1hr	7-8pm	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) WCF 11, 19, 20
Justification: RCC and ECT	1hr	8-9pm	END OF MATERIAL FOR MID-TERM
Justification: New Perspective on Paul (NPP)	1hr	14 Nov 08 6-7pm	BEGINNING OF MATERIAL FOR FINAL Waters, pp. 1-212 Wright, pp. 7-184
Justification: NPP	1hr	7-8pm	
Justification: NPP	1hr	8-9pm	
Justification: (NPP)	1hr	21 Nov 08 6-7pm	
Justification (NPP)	1hr	7-8pm	
Sanctification	1hr	8-9pm	Berkhof, pp. 527-44

			WCF 12, 13, 16
Perseverance	1hr	4 Nov 08 6-7pm	MID-TERM DUE AT BEGINNING OF CLASS Berkhof, pp. 545-54 WCF 17, 18
Mystical Union	1hr	7-8pm	Berkhof, pp. 447-53
Physical Death	1hr	8-9pm	Berkhof, pp. 668-71
Immortality of the Soul	1hr	11 Nov 08 6-7pm	Berkhof, pp. 672-78
Intermediate State	1hr	7-8pm	Berkhof, pp. 679-94
Resurrection	1hr	8-9pm	Berkhof, 720-25 Vos, pp. 136-71, 206-14
General Eschatology	1hr	18 Nov 08 6-7pm	Berkhof, pp. 695-707
Postmillennialism	1hr	7-8pm	Berkhof, pp. 708-19 * recommended: Bock, <i>Three Views</i> , pp. 13-80
Postmillennialism, cont.	1hr	8-9pm	
Premillennialism	1hr	25 Nov 08 6-7pm	* recommended: Bock, <i>Three Views</i> , pp. 157-276
Premillennialism, cont.	1hr	7-8pm	
Amillennialism	1hr	8-9pm	* recommended: Bock, <i>Three Views</i> , pp. 83-153
Amillennialism, cont.	1hr	2 Dec 08 6-7pm	
Preterism	1hr	7-8pm	
The Final Judgment and State	1hr	8-9pm	FINAL EXAM DUE ON 16 DEC 2008 (Postmarked) Berkhof, pp. 728-734, 735-38 Vos, <i>Pauline Eschatology</i> , pp. 261-287, 288-316 WCF 32, 33