

Systematic Theology I – Scripture and Theology (Proper)

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Class Schedule

- Tuesday evenings 6-9 pm 3 Feb 2009– 5 May 2009
- No class on 14 April 2009

Student Evaluation

- Mid-term and final exam (worth 90% of final grade, 45% each) and will cover both material delivered in lecture as well as material from reading assignments.
 - Mid-term due 24 Mar 2009 at beginning of class (late submissions have 5 grade points deducted per day)
 - Final exam due 19 May 2009
- Exams will be posted via IQ Web and must be submitted via hardcopy. **NO E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED.**
- Completion of all required reading (worth 10% of final grade). Reading report is due with the final exam on 19 May 2009. Indicate the percentage at the top of your exam. **If you do not indicate a percentage, you will not get credit.** You may also submit “prophetic reading reports” so long as you commit to complete the reading by 3 February 2010.

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 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 academic 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). ISBN-13: 978-0802838209

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). ISBN-13: 978-0664220280

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

D. A. Carson, *Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981). ISBN-13: 978-1579108595.

Meredith G. Kline, *The Structure of Biblical Authority* (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 1997). ISBN-13: 978-1579100698.

Herman Ridderbos, *Redemptive History and the New Testament Scriptures* (Phillipsburg: P & R, 1988). ISBN-13: 978-0875524160.

David Hagopian, ed., *The Genesis Debate: Three Views on the Days of Creation* (Global Publishing Services, 2000). ISBN-13: 978-0970224507.

Westminster Standards (preferably w/ Scripture Proofs). (Not available through Amazon. Follow the link provided below to purchase the book).

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

Required supplementary reading

* 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.

* Available IQ Web

Lecture Schedule

WCF = Westminster Confession of Faith; LC = Larger Catechism; SC = Shorter Catechism

Topic	Time	Day	Reading
Intro to ST	6-7pm	Feb 3	Warfield, "Task and Method of ST"; Vos, "Idea of BT"
Principia in general	7-8pm		Berkhof, 93-97
Principia cognoscendi externum	8-9pm		Berkhof, 116-43; Calvin, 1.1-5 (pp. 33-68)
Inspiration of Scripture	6-7pm	Feb 10	Berkhof, 144-69; Calvin, 1.6-10 (pp. 69-98); WCF 1; LC 3-5; SC 1-3
Scripture	7-8pm		Kline; Ridderbos
Scripture	8-9pm		
Scripture	6-7pm	Feb 17	
Principium cognoscendi internum	7-8pm		Berkhof, 170-86
Existence	8-9pm		Berkhof, 19-28
Knowability	6-7pm	Feb 24	Berkhof, 29-40
Relation of the being and attributes	7-8pm		Berkhof, 41-46
Names	8-9pm		Berkhof, 47-51
Attributes	6-7pm	Mar 3	Berkhof, 52-56; Calvin, 1.11-12 (pp. 99-119)
Incommunicable attributes	7-8pm		Berkhof, 57-63
Communicable attributes	8-9pm		Berkhof, 64-81
Communicable attributes, cont.	6-7pm	Mar 10	END OF MID-TERM MATERIAL
Trinity	7-8pm		BEGINNING OF FINAL MATERIAL Berkhof, 82-99; Calvin, 1.13 (pp. 120-58); WCF 2; LC 6-11; SC 4-6
Trinity, cont.	8-9pm		
Trinity, cont.	6-7pm	Mar 17	
Trinity, cont.	7-8pm		
Trinity, cont.	8-9pm		
Trinity, cont.	6-7pm	Mar 24	MID-TERM EXAM DUE
Divine decrees	7-8pm		Berkhof, 100-08; Carson, <i>Divine Sovereignty</i> , 1-40, 125-222; WCF 3
Divine decrees, cont.	8-9pm		
Predestination	6-7pm	Mar 31	Berkhof, 109-18; Calvin, 3.21-24 (pp. 920-86); WCF 3; LC 12-14; SC 7-8
Predestination, cont.	7-8pm		
Covenant of	8-9pm		Berkhof, 265-71

Redemption			
Creation	6-7pm	Apr 7	Berkhof, 126-40
Creation of the Spiritual world	7-8pm		Berkhof, 141-49
Creation of the material world	8-9pm		Berkhof, 150-64; Calvin, 1.14 (pp. 159-82)
Creation-intro	6-7pm	Apr 21	Hagopian; WCF 4; LC 15-17; SC 9-10
Creation-intro	7-8pm		
Creation-Gen 1.1	8-9pm		
Creation-Days 1-3	6-7pm	Apr 28	
Creation-Days 4-6	7-8pm		
Creation-Day 6	8-9pm		
Creation-Day 7	6-7pm	May 5	
Providence	7-8pm		Berkhof, 165-80; Calvin, 1.16-18 (pp. 197-238); WCF 5; LC 18-20; SC 11
Providence, cont	8-9pm		FINAL EXAM DUE 19 MAY 2009