ST503: Doctrine of Scripture. 2 hours
Thursdays: 1:00-2:55 pm

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Catalog Course Description
An exegetical, historical, and dogmatic survey of the Christian doctrine of Scripture, including such topics as revelation, inspiration, authority, infallibility, inerrancy, canonicity, hermeneutics, and self-attestation. Consideration of representative contemporary formulations of these loci are included along with recent attacks on the historical Christian doctrine of Scripture.

Expanded Description and Course Objectives
This course is designed to introduce first-year seminary to the orthodox doctrine of Scripture set in its proper place at the head of Systematic Theology and heart of Theological Prolegomena. After a brief introduction to Systematic Theology and Theological Prolegomena, we will consider the various principles upon which Theology is founded. It is in this context, and due to our absolute dependence upon divine revelation in general and special revelation in particular, that we will turn our attention to Scripture. The Bible is the supremely authoritative source for the knowledge of God. We will consider its nature and attributes, authentication, canon, use, and interpretation. Along the way we will note deviations from and challenges to the Reformed orthodox formulation.

Textbooks (Required)
Course Reader (available in library reserve)

(Recommended)
J. I. Packer, *Fundamentalism and the Word of God*
B. B. Warfield, *Inspiration and Authority*
Justin Holcomb, ed., *Christian Theologies of Scripture*

Assignments
Reading Report
You will sign and submit a reading report packet that consists of a typed (single spaced, 12 point, standard margins, etc.) one page summary of each day’s assigned reading(s).

In-class Exams
The two in-class exams will cover course content including assigned readings, class lectures, and class discussions. They will consist primarily of objective and short answer type questions, though a few short essay questions are possible.

Term Paper
Students will write a 10-12 page term paper on an approved aspect of the doctrine of Scripture that integrates exegetical, systematic, and historical perspectives and sound argumentation (demonstrating a clear thesis). Proper style and formatting are expected.

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