ST528: Pastoral and Social Ethics. 3 hours
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Monday: 1:00 – 3:55 PM
Dean Center; DC 2

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Catalog Course Description
Students are introduced to terminology, major views, and problems in the study of ethics and to a biblical basis for morality. Basic concerns and current issues in social ethics are covered.

Expanded Description
This course is designed to introduce students provide students with a sound theory and method for treating moral issues and problems of both theological and pastoral concern that is grounded in Scripture and Reformed Theology. The first four weeks deal with issues of theory and method, and fifth week is a transition to Scripture, and the rest of the course is devoted to exploring the moral significance of the Decalogue with special attention paid to its application to some of the weighty moral concerns of our age.

Textbooks
Calvin, Institutes of Christian Religion, (any complete copy, also available online)
Westminster Standards
Home Made Reader (HMR)—available on reserve in the library

Assignments
Your primary assignment is to complete all the readings, attend each lecture, and be prepared to contribute to each discussion. Accountability will come in the form of five quizzes and two exams.

Reading Reports
Reports will be due as a packet on the day of the final exam. You will write a one-page, typed, single-spaced summary of the reading due for each day’s class—one page per day (P/F).

Exams
The two exams will cover course content including assigned readings, class lectures, and class discussions. They will be comprehensive and include both objective and short answer type questions and essay questions.

Course Grade
Reading Report packet  25%
Midterm Exam  30%
Final Exam  45%
Total  100%