

ST 526 – Principles of Sanctification

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

(From the RTS Catalog) This course emphasizes methodology, responsibility for personal growth in Christ, and a concern for the spiritual well being of others. This involves the study of Scripture for personal nurture and the exercise of certain disciplines necessary for spiritual growth.

MEETING TIMES

This course meets Mondays, 3-4pm, August 25 – December 1, 2008.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a doctrinal and practical foundation for the Christian life that is “Reformed according to the Word of God.”
2. To gain a greater appreciation for and a greater familiarity with the “external and ordinary means” of Christian sanctification.
3. To grow as those created and redeemed to behold and reflect the glory of the triune God.

TEXTS

Walter Marshall, *The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification*, Bruce H. McRae translator (ISBN-10: 1597520543; ISBN-13: 978-1597520546)

Matthew Henry, *A Method For Prayer* (ISBN-10: 1857920686; ISBN-13: 978-1857920680)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Reading Report: (40 % of final grade) Students will turn in a reading report stating the percentage of the assigned reading (i.e., Marshall and Henry) that they have read with reasonable

care over the course of the semester. The reading report should be attached to the Marshall journal (see below).

2. Marshall journal: (60 % of final grade) Students will keep a short journal (minimum 12 pages, double spaced) that interacts with Marshall's, *Gospel Mystery of Sanctification*. This journal should contain interactions with *each chapter* of Marshall's book. Do not write a *summary* of Marshall's book (I have read it!). Instead, discuss the *implications* of Marshall's book for your understanding of the Christian life. What does he say that you did not know? That challenges you? That confirms, strengthens what you already knew? That will change the way you think about/live the Christian life? In order to keep a good journal, read Marshall slowly and write as you go.

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Aug 25

Sep 1 *No class—Labor Day*

Sep 8 Marshall, chaps 1-2

Sep 15 Marshall, chaps 3-4

Sep 22 Marshall, chaps 5-6

Sep 29 Marshall, chaps 7-8

Oct 6 Marshall, chaps 9-10

Oct 13 *No class—Reading Week*

Oct 20 Marshall, chaps 11-12

Oct 27 Marshall, chaps 13-14

Nov 3 Henry, chap 8; Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 186-196

Nov 10 Henry, chaps 1-3

Nov 17 Henry, chaps 4-7

Nov 24 Henry, chap 9

Dec 1 Reading report due; Marshall journal due

APPOINTMENTS

To schedule an appointment, please send me an email at sswain@rts.edu.