Course Description

An intensive 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 is included along with recent attacks on the historical Christian doctrine of Scripture. This course will follow a seminar format (2 hours).

This course meets Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, February 03 - May 13.

Required Reading

Textbooks


Articles and Essays (available on the internet, from the professor, or on reserve in the library)


Scott Swain, “The Trinity, the Kingdom, and the Word of God” (Available from professor)


**Weekly Seminar (40 % of final grade)**

This course is structured as a seminar. Accordingly, lectures will be minimal; class discussion maximal. In order to facilitate a meaningful seminar, students will be expected (1) to have read the assigned readings for a given week before they come to class that week; (2) to engage actively in class discussion of the assigned readings for that week; (3) to lead class discussion of the assigned readings from time to time (2 or 3 times during the semester). Failure with respect to any of the three aforementioned points will result in a deduction of points from the student’s final grade.

Given the seminar format of this course, I have kept the weekly reading assignments to a manageable length in order to facilitate intelligent discussion of the authors’ arguments.

**Reading Report (30 % of final grade)**

Students will turn in a reading report stating the percentage of the assigned readings that they have read over the course of the semester.

Please note: While I have only required certain chapters from Harrisville and Sundberg, Enns, and McGowan on our weekly course schedule (see below), I expect students to have read all three books in their entirety by the end of the semester. *Reading reports are due on May 15.*

**Book Review (30 % of final grade)**


**Course Outline**

*I. Holy Scripture and the Economy of God*
Feb 5
Feb 12 Swain, all
Feb 19 Harrisville and Sundberg, chaps 1-2

II. The Word Incarnate and Inscribed

Feb 26 Gaffin, Parts I-II
Mar 5 Gaffin, Part III
Mar 12 Enns, TBA

III. Perfections of Holy Scripture

Mar 19 Hodge/Warfield, all
Mar 26 Spring Break
Apr 2 Harrisville and Sundberg, chap 10; Enns, TBA
Apr 9 McGowan, chap. 5
Apr 16 Letham, all
Apr 23 Webster, all

IV. Scripture and Tradition

Apr 30 Kuyper, all

V. Scripture and the sermo Christi

May 7