

ST 4 – The Church and the Sacraments 2ST 524

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course we will study the doctrines of the Church and the Sacraments. We will attempt to understand, appreciate, and apply these doctrines as they are revealed in Holy Scripture and confessed by the Reformed churches to the end that we may better glorify the triune God.

This course meets Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, January 26-30, 2009.

READING REQUIREMENTS

1. Textbooks to be purchased by the student:

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics, Volume 4* (ISBN: 978-0801026577): read chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* (ISBN: 978-0800683252): read all

2. In addition to the aforementioned books, essays by the following authors will be posted on IQ Web: Kenneth E. Bailey, Richard B. Gaffin Jr., Thomas R. Schreiner, C. Samuel Storms, and Stephen J. Wellum. Read each of these essays in their entirety.

3. The Westminster Confession of Faith (available in many formats): read Chapters 20-31

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Students will take a **final exam** based upon the assigned readings and lectures. The exam will include both objective questions (e.g., multiple choice, true/false) and essay questions (* see below). The exam is worth **70 % of the final grade.**

* Note: Students will be required to answer (at least) the following two essay questions on the final exam:

(1) Should we *seek* the gifts of “tongues” and “prophecy” in the church today? Interacting with the essays by Gaffin and Storms, discuss the best arguments *against and for* your answer to this question.

(2) Should we baptize the children of believers in the church today? Interacting with Wellum’s essay as well as Bavinck’s treatment of this topic, discuss the best arguments *against and for* your answer to this question.

2. On the final exam, students will give a **reading report** stating the percentage of assigned readings they have completed. The reading report is worth **30 % of the final grade**.

3. **Hard copies** of all assignments must be turned in or postmarked to Ceci Helm **by 11:00 am on March 16, 2009**.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Paul D. L. Avis, *The Church in the Theology of the Reformers*

James Bannerman, *The Church of Christ*

William S. Barker and W. Robert Godfrey, eds., *Theonomy: A Reformed Critique*

Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, Volume 4

Wilhelmus à Brakel, *The Christian’s Reasonable Service*

Mark R. Brown, ed., *Order in the Offices*

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

John Calvin, *Treatises on the Sacraments*

D. A. Carson, *Christ and Culture Revisited*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Edmund Clowney, *The Church*

Richard B. Gaffin Jr., *Perspectives on Pentecost*

Wayne Grudem, *The Gift of Prophecy*

Darryl G. Hart, *Recovering Mother Kirk: The Case for Liturgy in the Reformed Tradition*

Darryl G. Hart and John R. Muether, *Seeking a Better Country: 300 Years of American Presbyterianism*

Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon, *Resident Aliens*

Michael S. Horton, *People and Place: A Covenant Ecclesiology*

Robert W. Jenson, *Systematic Theology*

Meredith G. Kline, *By Oath Consigned*

R. B. Kuiper, *The Glorious Body of Christ*

Abraham Kuyper, *Lectures on Calvinism*

Hans Küng, *The Church*

J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*

John Milbank, *Theology and Social Theory*

John Murray, *Christian Baptism*

Oliver O'Donovan, *The Desire of the Nations*

Robert Saucy, *The Church in God's Program*

Thomas R. Schreiner and Shawn D. Wright, eds., *Believer's Baptism: Sign of the New Covenant in Christ*

Gregg Strawbridge, ed., *The Case for Covenantal Infant Baptism*

Francis Turretin, *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*

Zacharias Ursinus, *Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism*

Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*

John Webster, "On Evangelical Ecclesiology," Chapter 7 in *Confessing God*