“Principles of Sanctification” and “Classics of Personal Devotion”

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“Principles of Sanctification” Required Reading
- Harold Seinkbeil, *Sanctification: Christ in Action*
- Gerhard Forde, *On Being A Theologian of the Cross*
- David Brooks, “Spiritual Life” (electronic reading)
- Christian Smith, “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” (electronic reading)

Before the course, please complete as much of the reading as possible. We will discuss the other readings in class.

“Classics of Personal Devotion” Required Reading
- Warfield, B. B. *The Religious Life of Theological Students*
- Other Required Reading—see below (350 pages)

NOTE: READING SHOULD BE DONE OVER A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 18 DAYS WITH A RECORD OF THE DATE OF THE READING AND THE SPECIFIC READINGS (This requirement is an attempt to assist the student to do the reading in devotional fashion).

1. Reading of the Puritans:
You are required to read at least 250 pages (20 pages minimum/book choice) from at least five (5) of the following books:
   - Ames, William, *The Marrow of Theology*.  
   - Boston, Thomas. *The Beauties of Boston*.  
   - Brainerd, David. *The Diary of David Brainerd*.  
   - Brooks, Thomas. *Christ is the Life of Believers*.  
   - Brooks, Thomas. *Precious Remedies Against Satan’s Devices*.  
   - Burroughs, Jeremiah. *The Saints Treasury*. “Christ is All in All.”  
   - Flavel, John. *Christ Altogether Lovely*.  
   - Goodwin, Thomas. *The Vanity of Thoughts*.  

M’Cheyne, Robert Murray. *A Basket of Fragments.*
Owen, John. *Indwelling Sin in Believers.* Baker, 276 pp
Watson, Thomas. *A Test of Assurance.*
Also, see www.puritansermons.com for Puritan sermons and topics.

2. Required Reading on Library Reserved List:
You are required to read a total of 100 pages (20 pages minimum/book choice) from at least three (3) of the following books:

- Law, William.1728. *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life.*
- Spurgeon, Charles (anything from him)

Recommended: http://www.ccel.org/

- Peterson, Eugene. 2006. *Eat This Book: Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading.*

**Requirement for Courses**

Please write a paper on Sanctification (2,500 words)

Please write a paper for Classics of Personal Devotion (2,000) that interacts with the readings you have done for the course. Please list the works read and pages you have read in all books. Explain in the paper why you chose the particular works you read. Please answer the following questions: 1. How do the various authors reflect their individual devotion to God? 2. Are there any meaningful quotes or concepts you can state? What have they taught you? 3. How have you been encouraged personally by these writings? 4. What is the impact on your own views of personal devotion(s)? 5. What type of plan or structure will you attempt to create in order to strengthen and maintain your personal devotional life, both now in seminary and in your future ministry? 6. Any other thoughts you might wish to write.