

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

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“Principles of Sanctification” Required Reading

- John Calvin, “On the Christian Life” (*Institutes*, Book 3, chapter 6-10)
- 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*.
- Baxter, Richard. *Dying Thoughts*.
- 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*.
- Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim’s Progress*. The Christian Library, 379 pp.
- Burroughs, Jeremiah. *The Saints Treasury*, “Christ is All in All.”
- Burroughs, Jeremiah. *Gospel Remission*. Soli Deo Gloria.
- Edwards, Jonathan. *The Religious Affections*.
- Edwards, Jonathan. *Charity and Its Fruits*.
- Flavel, John. *Christ Altogether Lovely*.
- Goodwin, Thomas. *The Vanity of Thoughts*.
- Manton, Thomas. *Let Patience Have Its Perfect Work*.

M'Cheyne, Robert Murray. *A Basket of Fragments*.
 Owen, John. 1991. *Communion with God*.
 Owen, John. *Indwelling Sin in Believers*. Baker, 276 pp
 Owen, John. *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ*. Banner of Truth.
 Owen, John. *Triumph Over Temptation*. Victor Books.
 Rutherford, Samuel (A.A.Bonar). 1984. *The Letters of Samuel Rutherford*. Banner of Truth
 Sibbes, Richard. *Divine Meditations*.
 Watson, Thomas. *A Test of Assurance*.
 Watson, Thomas. *The Doctrine of Repentance*. Banner of Truth.
 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:

a' Kempis, Thomas. 1434 (?). *Of the Imitation of Christ*, 186 pp.
 Augustine. 397. *The Confessions of Augustine*, Penguin Classics. 347 pp.
 Bennett, Arthur, 1975. *The Valley of Vision*, Banner of Truth Trust, 240 pp.
 Calvin, John. 1550. *Golden Book of the Christian Life*. Baker, 96 pp.
 Clairveaux, St. Bernard. 1983. *On Loving God*. Harper Collins, 304 pp.
 Kirk, K.E. 1931. *The Vision of God*. Morehouse Publishing, 201 pp
 Lawrence, Brother. 1666. *The Practice of the Presence of God*, 60 pp.
 Law, William. 1728. *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*.
 Murray, Andrew. 2001. *Humility*. Bridge-Logos Publishers, 100+ pp.
 Spurgeon, Charles (anything from him)
 Packer, J.I. 1973. *Knowing God*. IVP Press, 288 pp.
 Ryle, J.C. 1878/1977. *Practical Religion*. Baker, 495 pp.

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

- Allen, Diogenes. 1997. *Spiritual Theology*, Cowley Publications, 167 pp.
- Andrews, Lancelot. 1640-1650. *The Private Devotions of Lancelot Andrews*. 287 pp.
- Barton, Ruth Haley. 2004. *Invitation to Solitude and Silence: Experiencing God's Transforming Presence*. IVP Press, 144 pp.
- Boa, Kenneth, 2001. *Conformed to His Image, Biblical and Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation*. 543 pp.
- Bolton, Robert. 1626. *General Directions for a Comfortable Walking with God*. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 444 pp.
- Chan, Simon. 1998. *Spiritual Theology*. IVP Press, 350 pp.
- Foster, Richard J. and James Bryan Smith (editors). 1993. *Devotional Classics, Selected Readings*". Barron's Educational Series, 368 pp.
- Jones, E. Stanley. 1961. *In Christ*. Abingdon Press, 380 pp.
- Owen, John. 2002. *Sin and Temptation: The Challenge of Personal Godliness*. 240 pp.
- Packer, J.I. 1994. *A Quest for Godliness, The Puritan Vision of the Christian Life* Crossway, 336 pp.
- Peterson, Eugene. 2006. *Eat This Book: Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading*.

Eerdmans, 186 pp.

- Peterson, Eugene. *Subversive Spirituality*. Eerdmans, 265 pp.
- Furlong, Monica. 1996. *The Wisdom of Julian of Norwich (1342-1416?)*, Eerdmans, 48 pp.
- Toplady, Augustus Montague. 1794. *Complete Works: Letter 46 on "Conformity to Christ"*.
- Tozer, A. W. 1994. *The Christian Book of Mystical Verse*. Christian Publications, 152 pp.
- Tozer, A. W. 1976. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. STL, 128 pp.
- Weil, Simone. 1979. *Waiting for God* (Trans. Emma Craufurd). Routledge, 169 pp.
- Waddell, Helen. 1957. *The Sayings of the Fathers*. Univ. of Michigan Press, 216 pp.
- Young, Frances; Ayres, Lewis; Louth, Andrew (eds.). 2004. *The Cambridge History of Early Christian Literature*. Cambridge Press, 566 pp.

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.