Apologetics/ ST-530
Summer Term, 2008

I. Details
A. Time: June 9-13; M 1-4:30, T-Th 9-4:30, Fri 9-12.
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II. Purpose
A. To gain familiarity with the biblical basis for practicing apologetics.
B. To gain acquaintance with the main apologetic methodologies and their impact on the way one argues for the truth of Christianity.
C. To build a conceptual framework for how to argue with various forms of unbelieving thought from a Reformed (presuppositional) perspective.
D. To interact and understand the Christian approach to the main issues of apologetics: Existence of God, Resurrection, Problem of Evil, etc..
E. To grow spiritually in one's relationship with God as the truth of Christ (and Christianity) is affirmed and upheld.

III. Course Requirements
A. Faithful class attendance
   - Attendance is vital: to miss one day of class is to miss seven lectures.
   - Expect class participation when applicable
   - Feel free to ask questions during lecture
B. Apologetics Paper
   - Serious paper approximately 12-15 pages in length (typed) due on July 25th.
   - Assignment: Write a fictional apologetics dialogue between two individuals (believer and unbeliever) over any apologetic issue of your choice. Dialogue should demonstrate a Reformed/Presuppositional approach to defending the faith with the non-Christian. Although not a research paper, per se, you should incorporate the required readings (and other research you may do) into the paper. Creativity, originality, and profundity are rewarded. For a brief example of such a dialogue, see Frame, AGG, 204-217.
   - For all footnotes, use the standard SBL format, sections 3, 4, 5.2, 5.4, 6, 7 and abbreviations (8-16). The SBL standards are in the reference section in the library, or you can purchase the book, The SBL Handbook of Style, (Hendrickson, 1999). The paper should have footnotes (not endnotes) and resemble the articles found in the standard journals; e.g., JBL, JTS, JETS, NTS, etc.
C. Complete the required reading in preparation for paper and final exam.
D. Final Exam must be completed by July 25th.

IV. Grading
A. Apologetics Paper—50%
B. Final Exam—50%
V. Textbooks and Readings
E. James Anderson, “If Knowledge Then God: The Epistemological Theistic Arguments of Plantinga and Van Til,” *CTJ* 2005. (Posted on webpage) ALL
F. James Anderson, “Secular Responses to the Problem of Induction.” (Posted on webpage) ALL