ST517: Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology

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Revised Syllabus

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Course Description
This course explores biblical doctrine from a systematic perspective. Topics include Christology, soteriology and eschatology.

Class Meetings

Required Textbooks


Other Required Reading (on the “Modules” section in Canvas)

Richard B. Gaffin, “The last Adam, the life-giving Spirit”

Jonathan Gibson, “For Whom Did Christ Die? Particularism and Universalism in the Pauline Epistles”

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1 Although I do not require that you purchase them (a number of these titles are available as e-books), I recommend printed books for study. Murray, *Collected Writings*, Macleod, *Christ Crucified*, and Gaffin, *By Faith*, are books you will almost certainly want to read and reread.
Tony Lane, “The Wrath of God as an Aspect of the Love of God”

James I. Packer, “Arminianisms”

Fred Sanders, “Introduction to Christology: Chalcedonian Categories for the Gospel Narrative”

John Webster, “‘It was the Will of the Lord to Bruise Him’: Soteriology and the Doctrine of God”

*The Westminster Confession of Faith (WC)*

**Assignments**

1. Final Exam (50 %): Students will take a short essay exam that assesses their understanding and articulation of the course lectures, reading assignments, and relevant creeds and confessions. The exam is due emailed to me by 11:59PM on December 12th, 2015.

2. Research paper (25 %): Students will write a research paper (12-15 pages, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font, Turabian format, with bibliography) that argues a specific thesis (i.e., a specific claim that can be argued on the basis of sound biblical and theological reasoning and defended against objections). More details will be forthcoming. See the Modules section of the Canvas course homepage. The paper is due emailed to me by 11:59PM on November 21st, 2015.

3. Reading report (25 %): Attached to the final exam, students will turn in a reading report that states the percentage of assigned readings that they have read with reasonable care by the due date of the final exam.

**Academic Policies**

1. Late assignments: apart from exceptional circumstances, I will not accept late assignments for credit.

2. Plagiarism: plagiarism, whether intentional or unintentional, will result in a failing grade for the course.

**Reading Assignments Due**

September 26th:
- Gaffin, “The last Adam, the life-giving Spirit”
- Sanders, “Introduction to Christology,” 1-36
- Macleod, *Person*, 15-152
- *WC* chapter 7 (the chapter numbers are to the PCA version)

October 17th:
- Macleod, *Person*, 153-264
- Macleod, *Christ Crucified*
- Gibson, “For Whom Did Christ Die?”
- *WC* chapter 8
October 31st:
- Gaffin, *By Faith*
- *WC* chapter 9-10

November 14th:
- Packer, “Arminianisms”
- *WC* chapters 11-17

December 5th:
- MacDonald, *Evangelical Universalist*
- Venema, *Promise of the Future*
- Lane, “The Wrath of God”
- Webster, “‘It was the will of the Lord to Bruise Him’”
- *WC* chapters 32-33