

4DM802 APPLIED THEOLOGY

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Course Description:

3 hours. This course assists the student to integrate theological, historical, and practical aspects of ministry – whether carried out in North America or S.E. Asia, with special attention given to questions of pastoral theology respecting i) sacraments in relation to the preaching of the gospel, ii) the maintenance of the day of rest in a restless society, iii) emergent ministries among young adults, iv) the promotion of missions and world evangelism in light of contemporary challenges and finally – v) the question of what it means to uphold the Reformed faith in modern times..

Professor of Record:

Kenneth Stewart is professor of theological studies at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA. A minister of the P.C.A., he served churches in three provinces of Canada over a dozen years prior to entering theological teaching in 1994. A Canadian by birth, he is now a naturalized U.S. citizen. He is a graduate of Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia (M.Div. & Th.M.) and New College, University of Edinburgh (Ph.D.) Stewart has published three books, *Restoring the Reformation: British Evangelicalism and the Francophone Revival 1816-1849* (2006); *The Emergence of Evangelicalism: Exploring Historical Continuities* (2008) and most recently *Ten Myths About Calvinism: Recovering the Breadth of the Reformed Tradition* (2011). His essays have been published in *Books and Culture*, *The Evangelical Quarterly*, *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, and *Themelios*.

A. Cognitive Learning Outcomes:

Participants will develop a critical comprehension of pastoral, missiological and historical-theological issues touching on Reformed pastoral ministry in North America and S.E. Asia.

B. Affective Learning Outcomes:

Participants will grow in the understanding that the pastoral issues they face in their particular post are highly similar to those faced by Presbyterian and Reformed pastors internationally. Though the North American scene is in some senses quite distinct from other societies, pastoral issues and questions in this culture often emerge also in cultures and settings linked to America by commonalities.

C. Volitional Learning Outcomes:

Participants will grow in their determination to strengthen the unity of the culturally and generationally diverse Body of Christ, to seek all that exalts Him, and to reflect His character in their values and relationships.

Course Assessment:

1. The student's active and informed contribution to class discussion, drawing upon assigned readings, and prompt and regular class attendance. (20%)
2. A major course paper of 15-18 pages on an issue or theme raised in the lectures and readings must be submitted by November 30, 2011(80%). These essays will be submitted in Korean, unless by special request.

Contacting the Professor: Appointments may be scheduled with Dr. Stewart after class or by e-mail (kstewart@covenant.edu). Students considering taking the course are welcome to contact him well in advance of August 8th with any questions.

Six themes will be taken up each class day

A. Issues Pertaining to the Church's Inner Life

Monday, August 8th

- I. **Ferment Surrounding the Reformed Practice of Infant Baptism**
 - i. The Roots of Infant Baptism in Early Christianity
 - ii. The Development of the Theology of Infant Baptism
 - iii. Our present situation: Infant Baptism as a Present Reality *and* a Prospect

- II. **Questions Surrounding the Administration of the Lord's Supper**
 - i. Does Extending Baptism to Infants require that we follow suit and also extend the Supper to our Infants?
 - ii. Evaluating the Case for Weekly Observance of the Supper: Scriptural or merely historical evidences?
 - iii. What can be said of the trend towards describing the pastoral ministry as "ministry of word and sacraments"?

Tuesday, August 9th

- III. **What is the Future of Sunday?**
 - i. The 4th Commandment in the Modern World

 - ii. The Decay of Sunday in the Western Church

B. Issues Pertaining to the Church's Outreach to the World

- IV. **The Western World's Experiment with Emergent Christianity**
 - i. Defining the 'Emergent Church' Movement, and

 - ii. If the Emergent Church has it reached its zenith, what will follow next?

- V. **Three Current Issues in Missionary Thinking**

Evaluating the Strengths and Weaknesses of Today's Popular 'Short-term' Mission Emphasis

Recent Discussion at Lausanne III (Cape Town, South Africa) about the respective roles of gospel proclamation and social ministry

Wednesday, August 10th

May the God of the Bible also be called "Allah"? Two opposing approaches in modern evangelical Protestantism (Timothy George vss. Miroslav Volf).

- VI. **Current Debate about the Prospects of the Unevangelized**
 - i. The situation at the 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference

 - ii. The situation since Vatican II and Karl Rahner's 'Anonymous Christians' idea.

iii. Current evangelical controversies in some ways related to Rahner.

C. Commending the Reformed Faith Now and in Future

(large parts of this section will be supported by Ken Stewart's own writings)

- VII. **Does Protestantism Need to “Go Behind” the Reformation?** How are we to respond to this desire, so evident across Protestantism, to ‘go behind the Reformation’ to recover practices abandoned 500 years ago? (Examples: monasticism, liturgical prayer, church year)
- VIII. **Do conservative Reformed churches venerate the sixteenth century beyond what is proper?** If we venerate the sixteenth century too much, how did we develop this habit of mind? What must replace this habit of mind?

Thursday, August 11th

- IX. **Ending the reign of TULIP** (long accepted as a faithful summary of Reformed soteriology). We should end use of this acronym because it does not properly convey the themes of the Synod of Dordt (1618-1619) and because it is only of early 20th century origin.
- X. **Affirming that Revival and Evangelistic Preaching are not “problems” for the Reformed tradition.** We must learn to set aside modern treatments which make it seem as though such movements are peripheral to our Reformed tradition.
- XI. **Restoring the Reformed emphasis on the cultivation of holiness of life.** For lack of sufficient emphasis of this kind, Reformed Christianity has come to be perceived by other Christians in the western world as lenient and tending to laxity – even antinomianism. Yet the promotion of holiness also carries with it the danger of a growth of legalism.
- XII. **Recovering Reformed ministries for both genders** (while affirming the Pauline teaching which reserves the offices of pastor and elder for males). We must draw on Reformation (and earlier) practices which provided other recognized ministries for persons of both genders. We must recognize that the gospel has spread globally in the past 200 years partly because these perceived restrictions have been reverently re-thought.
- XIII. **The Reformed Tradition Meets the Digital Age.** What are the prospects and the pitfalls of this age of the world wide web for followers of the Reformed faith?
- XIV. **What does the Calvinist future hold?** It will certainly be less Eurocentric and probably less centered in America. Latin American, Asian and African Reformed theology will become more influential. In the western world, diversity within Calvinism must be grappled with, not only in terms of the various ‘streams’ associated with different immigrant groups, and past upsurges, but also in terms of the degree to which the various streams have adapted to modern culture

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