

## **RTS Atlanta**

***Reformation Worship* {4PT626 - 1 hour}**

**October 20-23, 2011**

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***Course Dates / Times:*** October 20-23, 2011. Please see *Reformation Worship Conference* website / brochure for complete three-day schedule: ([www.reformedworship.com](http://www.reformedworship.com))

***Course Location:*** Midway Presbyterian Church (PCA), Powder Springs, Georgia. Directions may be found at ([www.midwaypca.org](http://www.midwaypca.org)).

***Course Instructor:*** Dr. Jon D. Payne has served as minister of Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Douglasville, Georgia since 2003. He teaches homiletics as a visiting lecturer of practical theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Payne has written numerous articles and two books, including *John Owen On The Lord's Supper* (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 2004) and *In The Splendor of Holiness: Rediscovering the Beauty of Reformed Worship for the 21st Century* (White Hall: Tolle Lege Press, 2008). He is also the series editor for the forthcoming *Lectio Continua Expository Commentary on the New Testament* (Tolle Lege Press).

***Course Description:*** Worship is the preeminent calling and task of every true church and every sincere Christian believer. This course will attempt to set forth a Biblical / Reformed understanding of the nature and practice of Lord's Day public worship, with a special emphasis on *lectio continua* preaching. This course is one credit hour, and is in conjunction with the second annual Reformation Worship Conference. See lecture/seminar schedule on website: ([www.reformedworship.com](http://www.reformedworship.com)) Each student will be required to attend all conference lectures, seminars, and worship services.

\* Please contact RTS Atlanta for information regarding conference registration and course credit.

### ***Course Objectives***

1. To grow in a Biblical understanding of Lord's Day worship, especially as it concerns preaching, sacraments and public prayer.
2. To provide guidance to future / current ministers on how to best prepare, and lead, Lord's Day worship services that are Reformed according to Scripture.

### ***Course Requirements***

#### **1. Required Reading (20%)**

\*\* The following books must be read in full.

- a. *Worship* by Hughes Oliphant Old (177 pgs)
- b. *In The Splendor Of Holiness* by Jon D. Payne (122 pgs)
- c. *The Expository Genius of John Calvin* by Steven J. Lawson (139 pgs)
- d. *Reformed Worship* by Terry Johnson (80 pgs)

## **2. Faithful Attendance at the Second Annual RWC (45%)**

Attendance at the three-day, second annual *Reformation Worship Conference* on the weekend of October 20-23rd, 2011 at Midway Presbyterian Church in Powder Springs, Georgia. This year's theme is *Vital Preaching & Sacred Worship*. The three day conference on Reformation worship will be a combination of scholarly lectures, workshops and worship services. *Speakers will include Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old, Dr. Steven Lawson, Dr. W. Robert Godfrey, Dr. Jon D. Payne, Dr. T. David Gordan, Dr. Mark E. Ross, Dr. Paul S. Jones, Dr. Terry L. Johnson and several others.* Students are also invited to attend Lord's Day worship services at either Midway Presbyterian Church or Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglasville, GA.

## **3. Essay on Reformation Worship (35%)**

\*\* The required essay must be an 8-10 academic paper on one of the topics:

- a. The Nature and Practice of Public Prayer
- b. Visible Words of Love: The Nature and Role of the Sacraments in Christian Worship
- c. The Reading of Scripture in Public Worship
- d. Worship, Music and Singing: Biblical & Historical Solutions to the Worship Wars
- e. The Regulative Principle of Worship
- f. The Efficacy of Preaching in Worship
- g. Worship & the Protestant Reformation