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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this class is to deepen the student's understanding of the Old Testament in order to see the opportunities it holds for preaching and teaching and to overcome perceived obstacles to delivering Old Testament sermons and lessons.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of the course, the participant will be equipped to:

• More effectively read Old Testament texts to understand the theological point of the text to the original audience
• More effectively connect Old Testament its fulfillment in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
• More effectively bridge from Old Testament texts to present-day applications
• Understand and evaluate present controversies regarding “first reading/second reading” approaches and the Christocentric nature of all Scripture

REQUIRED TEXTS:

• Edmund Clowney, Preaching Christ in All of Scripture, Crossway, 2003.
**Requirements:**

*Attendance:* Students are required to attend class discussions. If you know you cannot make it to a class session, you must notify the instructor in advance. Failure to attend a significant number of classes with “significant” being defined at the discretion of the instructor may result in failure of the class.

*Class Participation:* This will be a seminar class, with each student responsible to prepare the assigned readings AND to apply them to specific passages assigned each week by the instructor.

*Paper:* Students should prepare a final paper evaluating Sidney Greidanus’ seven methods of preaching Christ from the Old Testament in light of class discussions and their attempts over the semester to apply the secondary literature about preaching Christ from the Old Testament to specific passages. Particular foci should include:
  - What “methods” of preaching Christ from the Old Testament are acceptable and why? Which (if any) are not, and why not?
  - What “methods” are most and least helpful?
  - How can pastoral preaching ministry effectively integrate Old Testament texts into pulpit preaching?
  - How do these findings relate to current debates about “Christocentric, Christotelic, and Christomorphic” readings of Scripture?

**Total Grade:**

The final grade for the course will be the total of each of the required assignments listed above.

- Seminar Discussions (50%)
- Final Paper (50%)

The instructor reserves the right to adjust grades based on each student’s attendance at class and participation in classroom exercises.

**Extension Policy:** All assignments and exams are to be completed by the deadlines announced in this syllabus or in class.

Extensions for assignments and exams due within the normal duration of the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. Extensions of two weeks or less beyond the date of the last deadline for the course must be approved beforehand by the Professor. A grade penalty may be assessed.

Extensions of greater than two weeks but not more than six weeks beyond the last deadline for the course may be granted in extenuating circumstances (i.e. illness, family emergency). For an extension of more than two weeks the student must request an Extension Request Form from the Student Services Office. The request must be approved by the Professor and the Academic Dean. A grade penalty may be assessed. (RTS Catalog p. 42 and RTS Atlanta Student Handbook p. 14)
Any incompletes not cleared six weeks after the last published due date for course work will be converted to a failing grade. Professors may have the failing grade changed to a passing grade by request. (RTS Catalog p. 42)

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**
This is a seminar class, meaning that all assigned readings are to be completed BEFORE class on the day due. Students should come to class prepared to discuss each reading. NOTE: The course schedule is ALWAYS subject to revision based on the needs of the class.

Aug 25 – Greidanus 1-110
Sept 1 – Greidanus 111-224
Sept 8 – Greidanus 227-260
Sept 15 – Greidanus 261-278
Sept 22 – Poythress 1-138
Sept 29 – Poythress 139-250
Oct 6 – Poythress 251-288
Oct 13 – Clowney 1-102
Oct 20 – Clowney 103-180
Oct 27 – Beale 1-148
Nov 3 – Matthewson 161-226
Nov 10 – Davis 85-158
Nov 17 – Greidanus 279-318

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesdays 10:00-12:00. I am always also available by separate appointment, including before and after class.

I enjoy sharing thoughts with students, so do not hesitate to contact me. The contact information given above is for your use, and you should feel free to contact me as much as you wish. I will respond as promptly as possible.