

Systematic Theology 2 – 2ST 514

Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology

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Course description

A continuation of Systematic Theology 1 (ST508). This course includes the topics of Christology, soteriology, and eschatology.

Class meetings

Tuesdays, 2:00-5:00pm, February 7-May 16, 2012

Required texts

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Volume 3 (Baker); ISBN: 9780801026560

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Volume 4 (Baker); ISBN: 9780801026577

J. Todd Billings, *Union with Christ: Reframing Theology and Ministry for the Church* (Baker); ISBN: 9780801039348

Cornelis P. Venema, *The Promise of the Future* (Banner of Truth); ISBN: 9780851517933

Assignments

1. Exams (50 %): Students will take two short essay exams that assess their understanding and articulation of the course lectures, reading assignments, and relevant creeds and confessions.

2. Research paper (25 %): Students will write a research paper (18-20 pages, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font, Turabian format, with bibliography) that argues a specific thesis (i.e., a claim that can be argued biblically and theologically, and defended against objections) related to one of the doctrines treated in this course.

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.

Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

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<u>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</u>		<u>Rubric</u>	<u>Mini-Justification</u>
<p><i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None 	
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Strong	Research paper
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	Readings, lectures, research paper
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Strong	Readings, lectures, research paper
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Strong	Readings, lectures
Desire for Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Strong	Readings, lectures
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Strong	Readings, lectures
Preach	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Moderate	Readings, lectures, research paper
Worship	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	None	
Shepherd	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	None	
Church/World	Ability to interact within a denominational context,	Moderate	Readings, lectures

	within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.		
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