COURSE DESCRIPTION

This survey of theology emphasizes the practical application of the doctrines of Scripture and theology proper to the ministry of the gospel in contemporary culture (3 credit hours).

CLASS MEETINGS

Monday to Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, July 23–27

TEXTS

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics*, Volumes 1 & 2


N. T. Wright, *The Last Word: Beyond the Bible Wars to a New Understanding of the Authority of Scripture*


ASSIGNMENTS*

1. Assigned reading: Attached to the final exam there will be a question asking students to state the percentage of the assigned reading that they have completed.

2. Dialogue paper: Students will write an imaginary dialogue (and debate where relevant!) on the doctrine of Scripture between two Anglican theologians, J. I. Packer and N. T. Wright. The dialogue should demonstrate a solid grasp of the assigned reading and lectures and should address issues related to the doctrine of Scripture, such as, the role the Bible plays in God’s redemptive purposes (i.e., the Bible as a means of grace), the nature of biblical authority, the meaning of inspiration, and the nature of inerrancy.

   * The paper should be typed, 12 point font, double spaced, a maximum of 10 pages in length.

   * The paper will be graded based upon its (1) clarity, accuracy, and fairness in representing the views of Packer and Wright; (2) thoroughness and critical grasp of the issues at stake in relation to the doctrine of Scripture; (3) creativity, style, and clarity of prose; (4) conformity to the guidelines set forth in the syllabus.

3. Exam: Students will take one exam in this course. The exam will be comprised of multiple choice, true/false, and short essay questions. The exam will test comprehension and critical grasp of lectures, readings, and relevant chapters of the Westminster Confession of Faith (Chapters 1-5).

   * All assignments are due (in hard copy format) to Ceci Helm by 3:00 pm on August 17, 2007.

GRADING

1. Assigned reading: 20 %

2. Dialogue paper: 30 %

3. Exam: 50 %