TH 607 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

Fall Term, 2011

Tuesdays, 1:15-4:15 p.m.

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Introduction:

TH 607 is a continuation of TH 605 and includes a study of the doctrines of salvation, the Christian life, the church, sacraments, and eschatology. The goals of the course are to study the biblical foundations of these doctrines; to understand them in the context of their historical development; and to understand their application to the various ministries of the church and to worship, personal discipleship, and spiritual formation. The instructor will also provide bibliographic help for further study.

These course goals are believed to be in keeping with the stated goals of the Gordon-Conwell Mission Statement: to increase knowledge of the Word of God (Art.1); to cultivate spiritual maturity (Art.4; see also the scripture meditation assignments below); to promote an effective evangelical presence in church and society (Art.5); and to cultivate a vision for God's redemptive work throughout the world (Art.6; see topics on mission of the church and eschatology).

Textbooks:


John Jefferson Davis, Christ's Victorious Kingdom

________________, Handbook of Basic Bible Texts

________________, Worship & the Reality of God

Requirements:

1. Sustain a midterm exam (Tuesday, October 25th)

2. Complete “Five Practices of Right Comprehension” assignment
(due Tuesday, October 25th)

3. Complete Scripture Meditation assignment (due Tuesday, December 6th)

4. Sustain a final exam (Tuesday, December 13th)

5. Write a personal statement of faith (12-15 pages; due Tuesday, December 20th)

**Evaluation**

For the final evaluation, the statement of faith will count one-third, the Midterm and “Five Practices” assignment one-third, and the Final and Scripture Meditation assignment will count one-third.

**Grade Scale:**

A = 93-100; A- = 90-92; B+ = 88-89; B = 83-87; B- = 80-82;

C+ = 78-79; C = 73-77; C- = 70-72; D = 65-69; F = 0-64.

**Schedule of Course Topics:**

1. Sept. 13: Introduction to Course; Calling and Regeneration [E: 43, 45, 49]

2. Sept. 20: Faith, Repentance, Justification [E:46]

3. Sept. 27: Adoption; Sanctification [E:47]

4. Oct. 4: Predestination [E:44]

5. Oct. 18: Gifts of the Spirit; Perseverance [E:48]


   Davis, Worship & Reality of God, 1,2
Midterm exam; “Five Practices” assignment due

7. Nov. 1: Meaning, Mode, Subjects of Baptism [E:53; Worship: 3]
8. Nov. 15: Theology of Worship; Lord's Supper [E:54; Worship: 4,5]
9. Nov. 22: Millennial Views; Postmillennialism [E:56-60; Davis, CVK]
10. Nov. 29: The Eternal State; heaven, hell, New Creation

11. Dec. 6: Final review and summary

    Scripture Meditation assignment due

Collateral Readings

Systematic Theologies:

    K. Barth, Church Dogmatics
    L. Berkhof, Systematic Theology
    D. Bloesch, Essentials of Evangelical Theology
    C. Hodge, Systematic Theology
    F. Pieper, Christian Dogmatics
    A. H. Strong, Systematic Theology
    H. O. Wiley, Christian Theology

Topical Studies:

I. Holy Spirit

    Dunn, J. D., Baptism in the Holy Spirit, SCM, l970.


II. Salvation


______________, Faith and Justification, Eerdmans, 1954.


### III. Scripture


Warfield, B. B., The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible, Craig, 1948.


IV. Church and Sacraments

Best, E., One Body in Christ, SPCK, 1955.


Cunningham, W., Discussions on Church Principles, T. and T. Clark, 1863.

Flew, R. H., Jesus and His Church, Allenson, 1956.

__________________________, The Nature of the Church, SCM, 1952.


Stibbs, A., God's Church, IVF, 1959.

Adams, Jay, Meaning and Mode of Baptism, Presbyterian and Reformed, 1975.


V. Eschatology


__________, Crucial Questions About the Kingdom of God, Eerdmans, 1952.


Pentecost, J. D., Things to Come, Dunham, 1958.


