TH 607 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

Fall Term, 2013

Tuesdays, 2:00 – 5:00 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 (ISBN 9780974236520)

________________________, Handbook of Basic Bible Texts (ISBN 0310437113)

________________________, Worship & the Reality of God (ISBN 978083083884)
Requirements:

1. Sustain a midterm exam (Tuesday, October 22nd)
2. Complete “Scripture Meditation” assignment
   (due Tuesday, October 22nd)
3. Complete “Five Practices …” assignment (due Tuesday, December 10th)
4. Sustain a final exam (Tuesday, December 10th)
5. Write a personal statement of faith (12-15 pages; due Tuesday, December 17th)

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.

Order of Course Topics:

1. Sept. 10: Introduction to Course; Calling and Regeneration [E: 43, 45, 49]
2. Sept. 17: Faith, Repentance, Justification [E:46; Meditation: chpts.1-3; PMPG, 1,2]

3. Sept. 24: Adoption; Sanctification [E:47; Meditation: chpt.4; PMPG, 6]

4. Oct. 1: Predestination [E:44; Meditation: chpt.5]

5. Oct. 8: Gifts of the Spirit; Perseverance [E:48; Meditation: chpts. 6,7]


Midterm exam; "Scripture Meditation" assignment due

7. Oct. 29: Meaning, Mode, Subjects of Baptism [E:53; Worship: 3; PMPG, 10]

8. Nov. 5: Theology of Worship; Lord's Supper [E:54; Worship: 4,5; PMPG, 8,9]

9. Nov. 19: Millennial Views; Postmillennialism [E:56-60; Davis, CVK]

10. Nov. 26: The Eternal State; heaven, hell, New Creation

[ PMPG, 14,15]

11. Dec. 3: Final review and summary

12. Dec. 10: Final Exam; "Five Practices ..." 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


II. Salvation


III. Scripture


IV. Church and Sacraments


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


V. Eschatology


____________, *Crucial Questions About the Kingdom of God*, Eerdmans, 1952.


