TH 607 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

Fall Term, 2009

Thursdays, 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 purpose of the course is to explore the biblical foundations of these doctrines; to understand them in the context of their historical development; and to understand their implications for the contemporary problems of church and society. The instructor will also provide bibliographic help for further study.

Textbooks:


J. Davis, Christ's Victorious Kingdom.

Simon Chan, Liturgical Theology

Requirements:

1. Sustain a midterm exam (Thursday, October 29th)
2. Complete “Five Practices of Right Comprehension” assignment
   (due Thursday, October 29th)
3. Complete Scripture Meditation assignment (due Thursday, December 10th)
4. Sustain a final exam (Week of December 16-18)
5. Write a personal statement of faith (12-15 pages; due Dec. 22nd, 4 p.m.)
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. 17: Introduction to Course; Calling and Regeneration [E: 43, 45, 49]
2. Sept. 24: Faith, Repentance, Justification [E:46]
3. Oct.  1: Adoption; Sanctification [E:47]
4. Oct.  8: Predestination [E:44]
6. Oct. 29: Doctrine of the Church; Ordination of Women [E: 50, 51, 52, 55; Chan:1,2; Davis: “1Tim.2:12 ,the Ordination of Women, and Paul’s” Use of Creation Narratives,” PriscPapers 33:2 (2009):5-10]

Midterm exam; “Five Practices” assignment due

7. Nov.  5: Meaning, Mode, Subjects of Baptism [E:53; Chan:3,4]
8. Nov.19: Theology of Worship; Lord’s Supper [E:54; Chan:5-7]
9. Dec.  3: Millennial Views; Postmillennialism [E:56-60; Davis, CVK]
10. Dec.10: The Eternal State; 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


II. Salvation


Westcott, 1970.
III. Scripture


Orr, J., Revelation and Inspiration, Eerdmans, 1951.


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


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.


