ST3529 Systematic Theology IV: The Doctrine of Salvation

Professor: Rev. Lee Bloodworth
Tuesday 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Covenant Presbyterian Church
2 Credit Hours

COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to proclaim the doctrine of the application of the work of redemption by the Holy Spirit. We will study the work of the Holy Spirit as He applies to us the work of Christ for us. Our studies will encompass the common grace of God and focus on His saving grace; the order of salvation; union with Christ; calling, regeneration, conversion, faith and repentance, justification, adoption, sanctification, perseverance, and glorification.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will be able to explain the order of salvation and its constituent parts.

2. The student will be able to articulate the Reformed doctrine of justification by faith alone.

3. The student will be able to distinguish justification and sanctification (of imputed and imparted righteousness) and explain the importance of recognizing the difference.

4. The student will be able to discuss the nature of sanctification in general, and indwelling sin and its mortification through the Holy Spirit, in particular.

5. The student will be able to describe the divine basis for the perseverance of the saints as well as the responsibility they have for their endurance unto the end.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts


Recommended Texts


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Class attendance is mandatory.

2. Complete the readings from the required texts on time.

3. Write a 10-12 page paper discussing and applying one of the following topics: explore the relationship between regeneration and conversion; the nature of saving faith; why must be justified by an imputed righteousness rather than an imparted righteousness; what it means to live in light of our adoption as God’s children; or a topic from Systematics IV that you would like to pursue and has the approval of the professor. The body of this paper is to be no less than 10 pages and no more than 12 pages typed (double spaced, using 12 pt. Times New Roman font). All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards, including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade. This paper should include the following:
   a. The title page
   b. A table of contents
   c. An introduction
   d. A thesis statement
   e. The body (10-12 pp.) should be a well-reasoned presentation of the subject, with solid exegetical support for your position.
   f. A conclusion, containing a summary of the paper’s contents
   g. Footnotes
   h. A bibliography of at least 10 sources cited (not simply consulted)

Note: Papers without footnotes or bibliography will receive a zero. This paper is due the next to the last class.

4. Complete a 5 page paper on John Owen’s *Overcoming Temptation and Sin*. Summarize Owen’s understanding of the challenge the Christian faces from temptation and indwelling sin. Then show how the believer must fight and triumph in this battle. Write the paper with a particular age group, Sunday School class, or Bible Study group in mind. Be as clear and precise as possible. **This paper is due at the beginning of class March 5, 2013**

5. Complete a final exam.
GRADING

1. Class attendance: over 2 unexcused absences drops the final grade one letter grade.

2. Completion of the reading and participation in class discussion: 25%

3. The Owen paper makes up 20% of your grade.

4. The Final Exam counts 25% of your grade.

5. The Term Paper counts 30% of your grade.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

All papers must be formatted in accordance with Kate L. Turabian’s Manual for Writers, including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Therefore, course materials may be submitted for up to six weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six weeks grace period, the student’s grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student’s transcript.

Systematic Theology IV
THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION
Spring 2013

The Work of the Holy Spirit
in the Application of Redemption

Class: Date Readings to be completed before Class

1: January 22 Introduction: Texts, Class Requirements, etc.
Importance of the Doctrine of Salvation Today
The Holy Spirit’s Work in the Application of Redemption
Berkhof, pp. 415-431
Owen, pp. 23-68

2: January 29 Common Grace
Berkhof, pp. 432-446
Owen, pp.69-140

3: February 5 Union with Christ
Berkhof, pp. 447-453
Ferguson, pp. 104-114
Murray, pp. 161-173
Owen, pp. 141-186
4: February 12  General and Effectual Calling
   Berkhof, pp. 454-464
   Ferguson, pp. 27-37
   Murray, pp. 88-94
   Owen, pp. 187-224

5: February 19  The New Birth
   Berkhof, pp. 465-479
   Ferguson, pp. 47-60
   Murray, pp. 95-105
   Owen, pp. 225-283

6. February 26  Conversion: Saving Faith and Repentance
   Berkhof, pp. 480-509
   Ferguson, pp. 61-79
   Murray, pp. 106-116
   Owen, pp. 284-341

7: March 5  Papers Due on Overcoming Temptation and Sin!!!
   Justification
   Berkhof, pp. 510-526
   Ferguson, pp. 80-92
   Murray, pp. 117-131
   Owen, pp. 342-425

MARCH 11-15  SPRING BREAK!

8. March 19  Children of God
   Ferguson, pp. 93-103
   Murray, pp. 132-140

9: March 26  Sanctification
   Berkhof, pp. 527-543
   Ferguson, pp. 131-167
   Murray, pp. 141-150

10. April 2  Discussion of John Owen on Sin and Temptation

11. April 9  Perseverance of the Saints
   Berkhof, pp. 545-549
   Ferguson, pp. 168-180
   Murray, pp. 151-160

12: April 16  Term Paper Due!!!
   Glorification
   Ferguson, pp. 181-202
   Murray, pp. 174-182

13: April 23  Review and Final Exam!!!
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Select Bibliography

**Systematic Theologies**


**The Work of the Holy Spirit**


**Salvation**


**Union With Christ**


See also Ferguson (*Christian Life*), Murray (*Redemption Accomplished*)

**Effectual Calling / Regeneration**


**Faith and Repentance**


**Justification**


**Adoption**


**Sanctification**


**Perseverance of the Saints**


**Glorification**

See Ferguson (*Christian Life*) and Murray (*Redemption Accomplished*)