

Course Description:

Interpretation of the New Testament in the Reformed Tradition

Course: BI 630 60

Distance Section, Spring 2024

Three Credits. Letter Grade Only

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Overview / Course Description

This course introduces the historical, literary, and cultural background and theological content of the New Testament in light of the Reformed tradition. Students will gain knowledge of the New Testament as understood by the Reformed tradition.

This course is a required course in the M.A.R.T. Program and an elective in other degree programs.

Course Objectives

By participating fully in this course, students will be able to:

- 1) outline the story of the New Testament and identify major genres, characters, and key passages;
- 2) identify and articulate key theological themes in the New Testament especially as interpreted in the Reformed tradition; and

- 3) analyze key passages in the New Testament and explain how they function in the canon and within the Reformed tradition.

This course fulfills the following MART curricular goals:

With full participation students will be able to:

- 1) identify and articulate the core commitments of the Christian tradition with a focus on the Reformed tradition
- 2) analyze how key theological terms and concepts emerged and function within the Christian tradition and, more specifically, the Reformed tradition
- 3) describe and evaluate the core commitments of the catholic and Reformed tradition in conversation with historical and contemporary critics
- 4) explain how key theological terms and concepts have been understood and applied in Christian congregations of various times and places, and, more specifically, congregations of the Reformed tradition
- 5) analyze and apply the principles of excellent moral character and professional ethics in the context of the Reformed tradition to current practices within

Course Requirements

Faithful attendance, close reading, and participation in discussion

(300 points)

Two essays.

(400 points)

Final exam:

(300 points)

REQUIRED TEXTS (You must have the edition noted by ISBN. You must have a print copy unless the pagination on the digital copy is identical to the print copy.):

Andreas J. Koestenberger, L. Scott Kellum, Charles L. Quarles,
The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown; (second edition)
Brentwood, TN: B&H Academic, 2016 ISBN 978-1-4336-8400-5

Michael Allen, Jonathan Linebaugh
Reformation Readings of Paul: Explorations in History and Exegesis
Downers Grove, IVP, 2015 ISBN 978-0-8308-4091-5

Either the Oxford Annotated NRSV Bible ISBN 978-0-1902-7607-2
or
The CEB Study Bible ISBN 978-1-6092-6028-6

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Luther, Martin
Luther's Works, Volume 26 (Commentary on Galatians, vol.1)
Edited by Jaroslav Pelikan, Walter A. Hansen
St. Louis, Concordia, 1963. ISBN. 0-570-06426-0

Calvin, John
Calvin's Commentaries, Volume 11 (Commentary on Galatians, et. al.)
Edited by David Torrence, Tom Torrence
Grand Rapids, MI. 1965 ISBN. 0-8028-2051-4

Steinmetz, David
Calvin in Context
New York, NY, Oxford Press 1995 ISBN: 0-19-509164-7

Parker, T.H.L.

Calvin's New Testament Commentaries (second edition)

Louisville, KY, Westminster/John Knox 1993

ISBN 0-664-25489-6

Burge, Gary

The New Testament in Seven Sentences

Downers Grove, IL, IVP, 2019 ISBN 978-0-8308-5476-9