

Systematic Theology III
ST504: Doctrine of Man
New Geneva Theological Seminary
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Goals:

Knowledge:

- To come to an understanding of the orthodox doctrine of Man and Sin.
- To know and defend the biblical evidences of these doctrines against those who oppose said doctrines.
- To know the historical structure of understanding these biblical doctrines.
- To know the relevant confessional material: The Ecumenical and Reformed Creeds and Confessions.

Skills:

- To be able to explain with clarity and simplicity these core doctrines.
- To be able to refute all heresies and errors as they relate to these doctrines.

Character:

- To grow in faith—a sure knowledge and hearty trust concerning what the Triune God has done and continues to do for us.
- To grow in humility, love, and a fervor to share the gospel with others.

Methods:

Main instruction format will be lectures and discussions, written assignments, reading assignments, and final examination. Questions are encouraged and needed for growth and development for self, class, and the professor.

Catalog Description:

An examination of the second major area of theology—the doctrine of man. The course deals with man as made in God’s image, as a covenant creature, and as a covenant breaker.

Course Requirements:

All assignment deadlines are final. It is necessary to learn the priority of the “Sunday” deadline. Therefore, unless severe providence, the dates are fixed. It is best to start now.

Research Paper: 20% of grade

This paper must follow the Turabian research style: 12-point font, Times New Roman, double space, etc. The student will be graded on content, argumentation, tone,

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application, and conclusion. I will be looking to see if you can clearly present your topic with proper primary and secondary sources. There must be a bibliography that utilizes primary sources (church fathers, medieval theologians, or reformers) and secondary sources. The paper must be between 12 and 15 pages. If the student goes over 15 pages, they will not pass the assignment. If the paper goes under 12 pages, they will not pass this assignment. The student must learn the discipline of lucid brevity. If one is found to have plagiarized, that is an automatic failing grade! This is a matter of the 8th and 9th commandment:

Exodus 20:15-16 ¹⁵ " You shall not steal.

¹⁶ " You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

This paper is due during the 10th week of class—see schedule.

(See Research Assignments below.)

Book Review: 20% of grade

Pick one to Review:

Anthony A. Hoekema *Created In God's Image*

Cornelius Plangtinga Jr. *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*

This review should be eight pages. Interact with the book. Ask questions, critique, and express pros and cons of the book. The style must consist of 12-point font, Times New Roman, and double spaced. The margins must be 1in.

Sermon Manuscript or Bible Study Plan: 20% of grade

- a. These messages must be presented with a clear theme and outline. I desire to see a full manuscript, but the student is encouraged to preach in their own style and comfort. The grade will consist on presentation, clarity, exegetical content, theological content (Trinitarian, Christ-centered), application, and most of all: did we hear the Gospel?

The student will not have a full 25-30 minutes to present his sermon, but they will be allowed during the first lecture's opening devotion time to present a short exhortation based on their sermon.

This is only for those looking to enter pastoral ministry. The manuscript must be submitted one week before the message is to be preached in class. To see the passages to be preached, look to the page with Scripture passages for sermon prep.

- b. The Bible Study Plan: this project is for the purpose of preparing an entire series of lectures one of these two choices:

Anthony A. Hoekema, *Created in God's Image*

Or

Cornelius Plantinga Jr. *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*

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This does not need to be a full manuscript of each lesson, just an outline. Questions should be included for each lesson to promote discussion on the book or the lesson. This assignment is meant for non-M.Div. students.

Attendance and Participation in class: 20% of grade

(Arrangements should be made if you miss class to make up the lecture material.)

Final examination: 20% of grade

Required Readings:

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics: God and Creation, Volume Two*, Edited by John Bolt and Translated by John Vriend (Baker Academic: Grand Rapids, 2008), pages 511-588.

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics: Sin and Salvation in Christ, Volume Three*, Edited by John Bolt and Translated by John Vriend (Baker Academic: Grand Rapids, 2008), pages 25-190.

Anthony A. Hoekema, *Created in God's Image*, (Eerdmans Publishing Company: Grand Rapids, 1986), pages 1-243.

Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin*, (Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995), pages 7-197.

Total Page Count: 675

Recommended Book List:

Troxel, A. Craig *What is Man? Basics of the Faith Series*. Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P&R Publishing, 2010.

Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology*. New Edition. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing, 1996.

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*.

Francis Turretin, *Institutes of Elenctic Theology*.

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Herman Witsius, *The Economy of the Covenant Between God and Man*.

W.G.T. Shedd, *Dogmatic Theology*.

A.A. Hodge, *Outlines of Theology*.

Whilemus á Brakel, *The Christian's Reasonable Service*.

G.C. Berkouwer, *Studies In Dogmatics: Holy Scripture*.

Geerhardus Vos, *Reformed Dogmatics*

Outline of Lectures:

Week 1: Introduction

Lecture 1: Introduction to Syllabus

Lecture 2: Introduction to Theological Loci and where does the doctrine of Man and Sin fit into our System.

Week 2: The Image of God— (Bavinck II:511-588)

Lecture 3: Human Origins—II:511-529

Lecture 4: Human Nature—II:530-562

Week 3: The Image of God Continued (Hoekema 1-10)

Lecture 5: Human Destiny—II:563-588

Lecture 6: The Importance of the Doctrine of Man—H. 1-10

Week 4: The Image of God Cont.— (Hoekema 11-65)

Lecture 7: Biblical Teaching—H. 11-32

Lecture 8: Historical Survey—H. 33-65

Week 5: The Image of God Cont.— (H. 66-111)

Lecture 9: A Theological Survey—H. 66-101

Lecture 10: The Question of the Self-Image—H. 102-111

Week 6: The Origin of Sin— (Bavinck III.25-74; H. 112-132)

Lecture 11: The Origin of Sin, part 1

Lecture 12: The Origin of Sin, part 2

Week 7: The Spread of Sin— (B. III. 75-125; H. 133-167)

Lecture 13: The Spread of Sin, part 1

Lecture 14: The Spread of Sin, part 2

***(Book Review Due)* Friday October 11**

October 17 Fall Break

Week 8: The Nature of Sin (B. III.126-157; H. 168-186)

Lecture 15: The Nature of Sin, part 1

Lecture 16: The Nature of Sin, part 2

Week 9: The Restraint of Sin & The Whole Person—(H. 187-226)

Lecture 17: Restraint of Sin—H. 187-202

Lecture 18: The Whole Person—H. 203-226

Week 10: The Question of Freedom—(H. 227-243)

Lecture 19: Free Will?

Lecture 20: The Bondage of the Will

***(Research Paper Due)* Friday November 8**

Week 11: The Punishment & Doctrine of Sin— (B. III.158-190; P. 7-38)

Lecture 21: Punishment—B. III.158-190

Lecture 22: Doctrine—P. 7-38

Week 12: Corruption of Man— (P. 39-112)

Lecture 23: Perversion, Pollution, Disintegration, & Progress—P. 39-77

Lecture 24: Parasite & Masquerade—P. 78-112

Week 13: Real Addiction— (P. 113-199)

Lecture 25: Sin, Folly, & Tragedy—P. 113-149

Lecture 26: Attack & Flight—P. 150-199

(Sermon Manuscripts due and Presented; Bible lesson plans due)

Final Exam:

Research Assignments: Choose one

- 1. Research paper detailing the history of the doctrine of Original Sin**
- 2. Research paper on Augustine's four fold state of man**
- 3. Research paper on the Fall of Man and the various views**

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- 4. Research paper on the Seven Deadly Sins**
- 5. If you have a topic not listed, submit to the Professor for approval.**

Sermon Passages: Choose a passage either on the Creation of Man, the Image Bearer, Sin, etc. The passage must be approved by the Professor.