

COMPARATIVE EVANGELICAL THEOLOGIES

New Geneva Seminary

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This course will cover a number of theological issues in which evangelicals may find themselves on different sides. Students will be encouraged to examine these various views, look at strengths and weaknesses, and begin to develop and hold their positions with integrity and credibility.

Readings:

The papers and articles are available from the seminary. They will be referred to in the course outline.

Course Outline and Assignments (subject to adjustment):

Monday

Topics: Covenant Theology and Dispensationalism

Read: "Introduction: On Covenant Theology" by J. I. Packer

"Dispensationalism" by Grover Gunn

Review Chart on "A Comparison of Historic Covenant and Historic Dispensational Theology"

Assignment: Write a two page summary on this theme. Due on Monday.

Tuesday

Topics: Worship and Theonomy

Read: "Worship" from the PCA Statement of Identity.

"Some Questions about the Regulative Principle" by John M. Frame

"Redemptive History and the Regulative Principle of Worship" by Dominic Aquila

Read: "Some Common Theonomic Arguments" by Lee Irons

Assignment: Write a two page summary of either Worship or Theonomy. Due on Tuesday.

Wednesday

Topic: Federal Vision
Read: The PCA General Assembly's (2007) "Report of Ad Interim Study Committee on Federal Vision, New Perspective, and Auburn Avenue Theology"
Assignment: Write a three page paper on the main issues involved in Federal Vision. Due on Wednesday.

Thursday

Topic: Apologetics
Read: "A Short Explanation and Defense of Presuppositional Apologetics" by Grover Gunn
"Classical Apologetics: A Reasonable Faith"
"Apologetics: A Summary of Positions."
"Evidential Apologetics: the Right Way" by Greg Bahnsen.
Assignment: Write a three page summary of the one of the main apologetical views. Due on Thursday.

Friday

Topics: Creation and Role of Women in the Church
Read: "The PCA Creation Study Committee" report
"The Valuable Ministries of Women in Context of Male Leadership" by Thomas R. Schreiner
Assignment: Write a three page summary of the main views on creation-days allowed in the PCA report
Write a two page summary explaining the main arguments of complementarians and egalitarians. Due on Friday.

There will be no final exam in this class. Students will be evaluated on their written assignments and class participation.