ST3529 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY IV

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ST3529 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY IV
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COURSE PURPOSE

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This course is a study of the Holy Spirit and the order of salvation. Doctrinal topics will include the person of the Spirit, the baptism and filling of the Spirit, the ministry of the Spirit in the work of salvation. The doctrines of regeneration, effectual calling, the nature of the gospel, conversion, justification, adoption, sanctification and perseverance will be addressed as the order of salvation is surveyed Biblically and theologically.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will gain an overview of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

2. The student will be able to distinguish the varying roles of the Spirit.

3. The student will gain knowledge of the order of salvation.

4. The student will develop a deeper understanding of the depth and breadth of God's saving work in the life of the believer from a Biblical and Reformed perspective.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Berkhof, Louis. Systematic Theology. Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Company: Grand Rapids, 1996.

Ferguson, Sinclair, The Holy Spirit. Intervarsity Press: Downers Grove, Il., 1996.

Murray, John. Redemption Accomplished and Applied. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company: Grand Rapids, Michigan: 1955. (Pages 79-183)

Williamson, G. I. Westminster Confession Of Faith: For Study Classes. P&R Publishing: Phillipsburg, New Jersey, 2004. (Chapters 9-19)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Read texts

2. Write a theological paper on either the doctrine of justification or sanctification. This paper should include the following:
   1. Title page
   2. Table of contents
   3. Introduction
   4. Thesis statement
   5. Body (should include)
      1) definition of the doctrine
      2) historical overview of the doctrine
      3) biblical defense of the doctrine
      4) application of the doctrine to your discipline of study
   6. Conclusion - giving a summary of the paper's contents
   7. Footnotes
   8. Bibliography with at least 15 references
   9. Paper should be no less than twelve pages and no more than fifteen pages - typed (double spaced; *Times New Roman* 12 point type)
   10. Papers without footnotes or bibliography will receive a **zero.**

GRADING

1. Completion of reading - 15% - due December 14

2. Theological Paper - 35% - due December 7
   (Best possible grade for papers received after this date is D.) See Student Handbook

3. Final Examination – 50% - due December 14
   (**No exams** will be accepted after this date.)

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) 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 (6) weeks grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: 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.

Course Outline

Start Date: 09/13/2010 Complete Date: 12/14/2010

See printed Systematic I instructional syllabus for course outline and development.

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