

**Birmingham Theological Seminary**  
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**Spring 2012**  
**ST3527 Systematic Theology II**  
**Class Hours: 2**

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### Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the study of the doctrine of man in relation to God and man in the Covenant of Grace. The study includes a study of the origin of man, the nature of man, the Covenant of Works, the doctrine of sin, and man in the Covenant of Grace.

### Course Objectives

1. The student will be able to articulate the doctrine of man in its theological context.
2. The student will be able to explain why the questions of the origin of man are important to understanding the question, what is man?
3. The student will gain an understanding of the Covenant of Works.
4. The student will be able to delineate the implications of the Fall.
5. The student will be able to define sin and its consequences on man.
6. The student will gain an understanding of the biblical concept of covenant and of man in the Covenant of Grace.

### Course Texts

Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996 (pp. 181-301).

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. trans. Henry Beveridge. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997 (Book I, chapt. 15, Book II, chapt. 1).

Machen, J. Gresham. *The Christian View of Man*. Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1984.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Glasgow: Free Presbyterian Publications, 1997. (Chapters 4.2, 6-7, 9).

## Course Requirements

1. Class attendance
2. Completion of all assigned reading
3. Write a theological paper of at least 10 pages and not more than 15 pages exclusive of footnotes, bibliography, title page, and table of contents on any of the topics listed below. You may write on another subject with the professor's prior approval. All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page.

A survey of anti-biblical theories of the origin of man contrasted with the biblical view

Man as trichotomy or dichotomy

The unity of the human race

Survey of Pelagian, semi-Pelagian, and Augustinian doctrines of sin

Man as the *imago Dei*

Diversity within the Latin Church regarding the doctrine of sin

How the biblical doctrine of man clashes with much of animal rights "theology" in our day

4. A mid-term exam made up of short answer, multiple choice, and short essay questions.
5. A final exam which will lean more to short answer and essay questions.

## Grading

1. Completion of assigned reading 10%
2. Theological paper 30%
3. Mid-term exam 25%
4. Final exam 30%
5. Class attendance and participation 5%

All course materials must be submitted to the professor at the end of the semester (last day of class). Thereafter, 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 week 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.

## **Course Outline**

- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Introduction, Origin of man, man's significance as God's creation
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nature of man
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – Nature of man, origin of the soul
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Original state of man
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Covenant of Works
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – The Fall
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Mid-term exam
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sin
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Sin
- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – No class – Maundy Thursday
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup> – Common grace and free agency
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – Man in the Covenant of Grace  
Theological paper due
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – Final exam

## **Further Reading**

- Berkhof, Louis. *The History of Christian Doctrines*. 1937. Reprint. Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1997.
- Berkhouwer, G. C. *Sin*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1971.
- Bogue, Carl W. *Jonathan Edwards and the Covenant of Grace*. Cherry Hill, N. J.: Mack Publishing Co., 1975.
- Boston, Thomas. *Human Nature in the Four-Fold State*. London: Banner of Truth, 1964.

- Clark, Gordon H. *The Biblical Doctrine of Man*. Unicoi, TN: The Trinity Foundation, 1984.
- Cunningham, William. *Historical Theology: A Review of the Principal Doctrinal Discussions in the Christian Church Since the Apostolic Age*. 2 vols. 1870. Reprint. London: Banner of Truth, 1960.
- Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology*. 3 vols. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997.
- Hoekema, Anthony A. *Created in God's Image: The Christian Doctrine of Man*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1986.
- Hoeksema, H. *The Wonder of Grace*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1944.
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- Owen, John. *Temptation and Sin*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1958.
- Reymond, Robert. *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1998.
- Sittler, Joseph. *Essays on Nature and Grace*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1972.
- Torrance, T. F. *Calvin's Doctrine of Man*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1957.
- Vos, Geerhardus. *Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1948.
- Van Til, Cornelius. *Psychology of Religion*. Philadelphia: Westminster Theological Seminary, 1935.