

Theology

TH210 The Doctrine of God and the Person and Work of Christ (4 cps)

Offered: Every year (by distance)

Semester: First

Demand Hours 100 hrs

Unit Co-Ordinator: John McClean

Description: This unit deals in an introductory way with the knowledge of God, the doctrine of God, the being and attributes of God, the holy Trinity, the doctrines of creation and fall and the person and work of Christ.

Method: Distance mode.

Assessment: One 1750 word essay and one 1.5-hour exam.

Textbooks: Required
B. Milne, *Know the Truth: A Handbook of Christian Belief*, IVP, 1982.
or M. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, Baker, Rev. ed. 1998.
D. Milne, *The Westminster Confession of Faith for the Twenty-first Century*, Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, 2001.
The Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Free Presbyterian Publications, 1981.

Recommended
P.Lewis, *The Message of the Living God*, IVP, 2001
B. Edgard, *The Message of the Trinity*, IVP, 2005
John R.W. Stott, *The Cross of Christ*, IVP, 1986.

TH211 The Holy Spirit, Grace and Hope (4 cps)

Offered: Every year (by distance)

Semester: Second

Unit Co-Ordinator: John McClean

Demand Hours: 100 hrs

Description: This unit aims to introduce students to the doctrines of the Holy Spirit, grace and Christian hope.

Method:	Distance mode.
Assessment:	One 1000 word responses to reading, one 1500 word essay and one 1 hour exam.
Textbooks:	<p>Required</p> <p>B.Milne, <i>Know the Truth: A Handbook of Christian Belief</i>, IVP, 1982.or M. Erickson, <i>Christian Theology</i>, Baker, rev. ed. 1998.</p> <p>D. Milne, <i>The Westminster Confession of Faith for the Twenty-first Century</i>, Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, 2001.</p> <p><i>The Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms</i>, Free Presbyterian Publications, 1981.</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>A.A. Hoekema, <i>Saved by Grace</i>, Eerdmans, 1989.</p> <p>A.A. Hoekema, <i>The Bible and the Future</i>, Eerdmans, 1978.</p>

TH304/504 Introduction to Theology (4 cps)

Offered:	Every year
Semester:	Second
Unit Co-Ordinator:	John McClean
Demand Hours:	160 hrs
Contact Hours:	36-39 hrs
Description:	The unit introduces students to the formal study of Systematic Theology and allows them to develop skills for and confidence in their own theological reflection. It deals with theological method and various theological traditions. It includes the study of church and ministry as a case study in Systematic Theology.
Method:	Lectures, reading and assignments.
Assessment:	TBA
Textbooks:	<p>TH304</p> <p>Clark, D. K., <i>To Know and Love God: Method for Theology</i>. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2003</p> <p>Frame, J.M., <i>Salvation belongs to the Lord : an introduction to systematic theology</i> Phillipsburg: P&R Publishing, 2006</p> <p>TH504</p> <p>Clark, D. K., <i>To Know and Love God: Method for Theology</i>. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2003</p>

Stackhouse, J. Jr., (ed.), *Evangelical Futures: A Conversation on Theological Method* Grand Rapids, Baker, 2000

TH401/601 Knowledge of God (4 cps)

Offered: Even years

Semester: First

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 401: 36-39 hrs
601: 48-52 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: John McClean

Modules: TH401/601/Knowledge of God/3hpw/JMcC
TH601/Knowledge of God (MDiv)/1hpw/JMcC

Conditions: Prerequisite of 16 cps of core foundation level units and co-requisite of PE325/525 Philosophy of Religion (2 cps).

Description: This unit includes the doctrine of the knowledge of God (revelation, inspiration, Scripture, reason, authority, experience), creation, providence, humanity, sin and evil.

Method: Lectures, reading and assignments.

Assessment: 401: Two 1000 word critical reflections on reading, and one 2 hour exam.
601: One 1000 word critical reflections on reading, one 2000 word essay and one 2 hour exam.

Textbooks: Required
The Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Free Presbyterian Publications, 1981
J. Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 2 vols. (trans. F. Battles, ed. J. McNeill), Westminster, 1960
M.J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, rev. ed. Baker, 1998
or R.L. Reymond, *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, Nelson, 1998

Recommended

D. Milne, *The Westminster Confession of Faith for the Twenty-first Century*, Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, 2001.

A.N.S. Lane, *A Concise History of Christian Thought*, rev. ed. Baker, 2006

P.F. Jensen, *The Revelation of God*, IVP, 2002.

C. Gunton, *Triune Creator*, T&T Clark, 1998.
 M.D. Thompson, *A Clear and Present Word: the Clarity of Scripture: Apollos*, IVP; 2006
 P Helm and C Trueman (ed), *The Trustworthiness of God Soundings and Perspectives on the Nature of Scripture*, IVP, 2002.
 D.K. Clark *To know and Love God: Method for Theology* Crossway, 2003
 M Horton *Covenant and Eschatology*, WJKP, 2003
 H. Bavinck *Reformed Dogmatics Vol 1 Prolegomena*, Barker, 2003
 H. Bavinck *Reformed Dogmatics Vol 2 God and Creation*, Barker, 2006
 C. Plantinga *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*, Eerdmans/ Apollos, 1995
 J. Frame *No Other God*, P&R, 2001
 KJ Vanhoozer *The Drama of Doctrine Westminster*, John Knox Press, 2005
 J. Webster, *Holy Scripture: A Dogmatic Sketch*, Cambridge University Press, 2003
 J. Frame, *Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*, P&R 1987

TH402/602 Doctrine of God and Work of Christ (4cps)

Offered: Even years

Semester: Second

Demand Hours: 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: John McClean

Modules: TH402/602/Doctrine God Work Christ/3hpw/PM

Conditions: Prerequisite of 16 cps of core foundation level units and co-requisite of PE325/525 Philosophy of Religion (2 cps).

Description: This unit deals with the being and attributes of God, the person of Christ, his humanity and deity, the Holy Spirit, the holy Trinity, Christ's incarnation and ministry, his death and resurrection, ascension and session.

Method: Lectures, reading and assignments.

Assessment: 402: One 3000 word essay; One 2 hour exam;
 602: One 2500 word essay; One 2 hour exam; One 1000 word / 15 min tutorial presentation on prescribed graduate reading.

Textbooks: D. Milne, *The Westminster Confession of Faith for the Twenty-first Century*, Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, 2001.
The Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Free Presbyterian Publications, 1981.
J. Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 2 vols. (trans. F. Battles, ed. J. McNeill), Westminster, 1960.
M.J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, rev. ed. Baker, 1998.
Or R.L. Reymond, *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, Nelson, 1998.
G. Bray, *The Doctrine of God*, IVP, 1993.

TH403/603 The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology (4 cps)

Offered: Odd years

Semester: First

Demand Hours: 2 cps 80 hrs
4 cps 160 hrs

Contact Hours: 36-39 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: John McClean

Modules: TH403/603/Grace & Eschatology/3hpw/PM

Conditions: Prerequisite of 16 cps of core foundation level units and co-requisite of PE325/525 Philosophy of Religion (2 cps).

Description: This unit covers in some depth the nature of the gospel, the doctrines of grace, the work of the Spirit and the Christian hope.

Method: Lectures, reading and assignments.

Assessment: 403: (2 cps): Two 1000 word responses to readings.
403: (4 cps): Two 1000 word responses to readings and one 2 hour exam.
603: One 1000 word response to readings, a 2000 word essay and one 2 hour exam.

Textbooks: D. Milne, *The Westminster Confession of Faith for the Twenty-first Century*. Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, 2001.
The Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms, Free Presbyterian Publications, 1981.
J. Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 2 vols. (trans. F. Battles, ed. J. McNeill), Westminster, 1960.
M.J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, rev. ed. Baker, 1998.

Or R.L. Reymond, *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith*, Nelson, 1998.

TH489/689 Westminster Confession (4cps)

Also see

CH761/489/689 The Westminster Confession in the Presbyterian Church of Australia

TH/PC 785/489/689 Church and Ministry: Reformed Understanding and Practice

Offered: Every year

Semester: First

Demand Hours: 300 hrs

Contact Hours: 26 hrs

Unit Co-ordinator: tba

Modules: TH785/Ch and Min/2hpw/TBA
TH785/Ch and Min/1hpw/JMcC

Conditions: Pre-requisite or co-requisite unit – TH304/504 or equivalent

Aim: To assist students to develop in their role as pastor-theologians serving churches from the Reformed tradition.

Outcomes: At the end of this unit a student should

- appreciate more fully God's blessings to his people and have a deeper motivation to develop corporate church life marked by prayer, worship and ministry;
- be able to discuss and assess in the light of Scripture the distinctive perspectives of Reformed thought on ecclesiology, sacraments, worship, ministry, church government and spirituality;
- be able to articulate an ecclesiology and philosophy of ministry in relation to Reformed approaches;
- appreciate the liturgical forms of the Reformed tradition in the context of the history of Christian corporate worship and be able to appropriate those forms for worship in contemporary churches, including the conduct of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Description: **The Bible and Reformed ecclesiology**

Distinctives of Reformed ecclesiology

Mission in the Reformed Tradition

- mission in Reformed theology and practice
- mission of the church in the world in the 21st C
- mission practice in Reformed churches, including practical consideration of some of the following
 - evangelism and church planting
 - pastoral care
 - discipleship
 - Christian education
 - mercy ministry

Ministry in the Reformed Tradition

- offices and ordination in the Reformed tradition and contemporary practice selection, training and ministry of leadership in the local
- church including detailed practical consideration of some of the following
 - selection, training, and working with elders
 - development of diaconal ministry
 - promotion of 'every member ministry'

Worship in the Reformed Tradition

- the regulative principle – classic views and contemporary debates
- elements of worship and Reformed liturgy
- practical consideration of some of the following
 - preparation of worship
 - liturgical resources
 - the use of music
 - approaches to "styles" of worship
 - Reading scripture, leading in prayer
 - involvement of whole church family in worship

Sacramental Practice in the Reformed Tradition

- covenant theology and the sacraments
- sacraments as "sign and seal"
- biblical material on baptism
- place of baptism in Reformed thought - infant baptism and credo-baptism
- pastoral decisions about baptism and practical consideration of some of the following
 - preparation for baptism
 - conduct of baptism
 - family ministry as follow-up from baptism
- biblical material on the Lord's Supper
- the place of the Lord's Supper in Reformed thought
- Reformed liturgy and the Lord's Supper practical consideration of conduct of the Lord's Supper

Method:

Lectures/seminars two hours per week for a semester.

Field visits to two worship services.

As a seminar unit, the students will be asked to the following:

- Barth K. *Church Dogmatics* IV pt 2 T&T Clark, 1958, 614-57
Grudem W. *Systematic theology : an introduction to biblical doctrine* IVP, 2007 2nd ed., 923- 37
Avis, P. *The Church in the Theology of the Reformers* John Knox, 1981, 167-214
Guder D. "The Church as Missional Community" 114-28 in M. Husbands and D.J. Treier *Community of the Word* Apollos, 2005
Keller T. "Reformed Worship in the Global City" 193-249 in D.A. Carson (ed) *Worship by the book* Zondervan, 2002.
Clark R.S. *Recovering the Reformed Confession* P&R 2008, 227-91
Bromiley G.W. "Lord's Supper" pp224-8 in McKim D.K. & Wright D.F. (eds) *Encyclopedia of the Reformed faith* W/JK, 1992
May G. "The Lord's Supper: ritual or relationship? Making a meal of it in Corinth, Part 1: meals in the Gospels and Acts" *RTR* 60/3 (Dec 2001) 138-50 and "The Lord's Supper: ritual or relationship? Making a meal of it in Corinth, Part 2: meals in the Gospels and Acts" *RTR* 61/1 (Apr 2002) 1-18
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Wright S.D. "Baptism and the Logic of Reformed Paedobaptists" pp207-55 in Schreiner T.R. & Wright S.D. (eds) *Believer's baptism : sign of the new covenant in Christ* B&H, 2006

Assessment:

785:

- 1000 words reflection on primary document reading: J. Bannerman, *The Church of Christ* (1st pub 1869; Banner of Truth, 1960) OR J. Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian religion*, 2 vols. (trans. F. Battles, ed. J. McNeill; Westminster, 1960) – 10% (This will be a pre-reading assignment when offered in intensive.)
2000 word liturgical project – 30%
4000 word essay – 50%
1000 word field report – 10%

689:

- 15 minute class presentation – 20%
2000 word liturgical project – 30%
2000 word essay – 40%
1000 word field report – 10%

489:

- 15 minute class presentation – 20%
1500 word liturgical project – 30%
2000 word essay – 40%
750 word field report – 10%

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- Baker J.W. "Discipline, Church" pp104-5 in McKim D.K. & Wright D.F. (eds) *Encyclopedia of the Reformed faith* W/JK, 1992.
- Balzer C. "The Lord's Supper- meal or sacrament" *RTR* 61/3 (Dec, 2002)
- Banks R. "Denominational Structures: their legitimacy, vocation and capacity for reform" pp277-298 in D. Peterson & J. Pryor (eds) *In the Fullness of Time* Lancer, 1992
- Barth K. *The Teaching of the Church regarding Baptism* SCM, 1948
- Bavinck J.H. *An Introduction to the Science of Missions* P&R, 1960
- Beale G.K. *The Temple and the church's mission : a Biblical theology of the dwelling place of God* IVP, 2004
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- Benedict P. *Christ's Churches Purely Reformed* New Haven & London: Yale UP; 2004
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- Boice. J.M. "One Nation under God" pp17-30 in Boice J. M. (ed) *Transforming our world : a call to action* Multnomah, 1988
- Bromiley G.W. "Lord's Supper" pp224-8 in McKim D.K. & Wright D.F. (eds) *Encyclopedia of the Reformed faith* W/JK, 1992
- Bromiley G.W. "The Meaning and Scope of Baptism" pp234-44 in Mckim (ed) *Major Themes in the Reformed Tradition* Eerdmans, 1992
- Brown M.K. (ed) *Order in the Offices* Classic Presbyterian Government Resources, 1993
- Buschart, W. D. *Exploring Protestant traditions : an invitation to theological hospitality* IVP, 2006, 84-113
- Calvin, J., *The necessity of reforming the Church* (trans. H. Beveridge; Protestant Heritage Press, 1995).
- Cameron H. "Purity of Worship" pp93-128, in D. Macleod (ed) *Hold Fast Your Confession* Knox, 1978
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