COVENANT BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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INFORMED SCHOLARSHIP • PASTORAL HEART

ST22 • The Doctrine of the Word
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2 Credit Hours

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Course Description
The content of this course includes an overview of the entire doctrine of revelation beginning with revelation in general, proceeding to redemptive revelation, concluding with a treatment of the doctrine of Scripture which examines both its major attributes and the issue of the canon.

Educational Objectives
By means of the assigned reading, class discussion, course lectures, regular quizzes, papers, the student will be able to understand and identify the major historical and contemporary issues with regard to the Doctrine of the Word and develop and express a biblical approach to those issues.

Required Textbooks
Inerrancy, ed. by Norman L. Geisler (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980).
The Infallible Word: A Symposium (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 1978)
Richard B. Gaffin Jr., *God's Word in Servant-Form: Abraham Kuyper and Herman Bavinck on The Doctrine of Scripture* (Jackson, MS: Reformed Academic Press, 2008).
John Calvin, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*, trans. Ford Lewis Battles and ed. John T. McNeill (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960).
Samuel E. Waldron, *To be Continued?* (Merrick, NY: Calvary Press, 2005).

Reading Schedule
The assigned reading should be read in conjunction with the three parts of the course as follows:

Part 1: Revelation in General
  Inerrancy: Chapter 7   32 pp.
  The Infallible Word: "Nature and Scripture by Van Til   40 pp.
  The Institutes: Book 1, Chapters 1-5   39 pp.
Part 2: Redemptive Revelation
Part 3: Inscripturated Redemptive Revelation
  Inerrancy: Chapters 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13   229 pp.
  God's Word in Servant-Form (Out of Print. See Footnote)[1] 103 pp.
  The Infallible Word: Chapters 1, 4, 5   129 pp.
  The Institutes: Book 1, Chapters 6-8   23 pp.
  To be Continued? (in its entirety)   105 pp.
[Total Pages: 700]

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[1] If you are unable to get a copy of *God's Word in Servant-Form* by Richard B. Gaffin Jr., you may read his two-part article titled "Old Amsterdam and Inerrancy?" published in the Westminster Theological Journal: Part 1 in Volume 44:2 (Fall 1982) and Part 2 in Volume 45 (Fall 1983). The book is a lightly revised version of these articles.

Course Requirements
The Substance of the Course Requirements
1.   A Critical Review of God's Word in Servant-Form   200 points
       (No more than 7 pages in length and written according to the CBTS of Style Sheet)
2.   Quizzes on the Lecture Manuscript   400 points
3.   Final Exam over the Quiz Questions   400 points
4.   The Completion of the Reading   Required

Academic Performance
No student will be deemed to have successfully completed the work in any course who does not
achieve a cumulative grade of 75 or above for his course work. The letter equivalents for the
percentile grades assigned are as follows:

A 96-100	B+ 88-90	C+ 78-80
A- 91-95	B 85-87	C 75-77
	B- 81-84	C- 71-74

Outline of Lectures
Part 1: Revelation (In General)
         Section 1: The Concept Of Revelation
         Section 2: The Categories Of Revelation
Part 2: Redemptive Revelation
         Section 1: Its Introduction
         Section 2: Its Relations
         Section 3: Its Impartation
Part 3: Inscripturated Redemptive Revelation
         Section 1: The Attributes Of Scripture
         Section 2: The Canon Of Scripture