

## ST601/1 Covenant Theology (2 hrs) Summer 2018

### Course Description

An examination of covenant theology from exegetical and historical perspectives. Consideration is given to such issues as the relation of the Old and New Testaments, the significance of the covenants for sacramental theology, and the hermeneutics of Dispensationalism and Theonomy. Emphasis is placed on the role of the biblical doctrine of the covenants in preaching and pastoral ministry.

### Class Schedule

- Tuesday through Friday, 9.00am-4.30pm
- June 26-29, 2018

### Student Evaluation

- Final exam (worth 80% of final grade), which will cover both material delivered in lecture as well as material from reading assignments. Final exam due 30 July 2018
- Exam will be posted via Canvas and should be submitted via e-mail.
- Completion of all required reading (worth 20% of final grade). Reading report is due with the final exam on 30 July 2018. Indicate the percentage at the top of your exam. If you do not indicate a percentage, you will not get credit.

### Academic Policies

Class academic policies are those that are outlined in the current RTS Course Catalog (grading scale, class attendance policy, conduct, and examination policies).

### Recording Class Lectures

You are permitted to tape class lectures for note taking purposes or in the event that you miss a portion of a class day (students are responsible for getting a member of the class to tape the lecture for them). You may not under any circumstances post recorded lectures on-line or share them with anyone outside of class. Students who violate this rule will result in failure of the course. Recordings are for personal use only.

### Obtaining Class Lecture Notes in the Event of an Absence

You are responsible for obtaining lecture notes in the event of your absence from a fellow student. The professor will not provide lecture notes.

### Failure to Submit Required Assignments

In the event that you fail to turn in required assignments, you will receive the grade of an “F.” In the event that you need a time extension, you must obtain an official extension request form from the administration, which must be approved by the professor and academic dean. If an extension is granted you will receive an “INC” until all assignments are completed. Extensions will be granted only in the event of extenuating circumstances such as severe illness or death in the family.

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### Required Reading

Boston, Thomas. *A View of the Covenant of Works from the Sacred Records* (Edinburgh: John Gray, 1775).

<https://archive.org/details/viewofcovenantof01bost>

Muller, Richard A. "Toward the *Pactum Salutis*: Locating the Origins of a Concept," *Mid-America Journal of Theology* 18 (2007): 11-65.

<http://www.midamerica.edu/uploads/files/pdf/journal/muller18.pdf>

Brandon Crowe, *The Last Adam: A Theology of the Obedient Life of Jesus in the Gospels* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017).

Fesko, J. V. *Last Things First: Unlocking Genesis with the Christ of Eschatology* (Fearn: Christian Focus, 2007).

Fisher, Edward. *The Marrow of Modern Divinity* (Fearn: Christian Focus, 2015).

Van Asselt, Willem. "Expromissio or Fideiussio? A Seventeenth-Century Theological Debate Between Voetians and Cocceians about the Nature of Christ's Suretyship in Salvation History," *Mid-America Journal of Theology* 14 (2003): 37-57.

<http://www.midamerica.edu/uploads/files/pdf/journal/14-vanasselt.pdf>

### Lecture Schedule

Topic	Time	Day	Required Reading
Intro: Definition	9-10am	<b>Jun 26</b>	
<b>Covenant of Redemption</b>			
Historical Survey	11-12pm		Muller, "Toward the <i>Pactum Salutis</i> "; Van Asselt, "Expromissio or Fideiussio?"
Historical Survey	1-2pm		
Exegetical Foundations	2-3pm		
Exegetical Foundations	3-4.30pm		
Doctrinal Formulation	9-10am	<b>Jun 27</b>	
Doctrinal Formulation	10-11am		
<b>Covenant of Works</b>			
Historical Survey	11-12pm		Boston, <i>A View of the Covenant of Works</i> ; Fesko, <i>Last Things First</i> , 39-114.
Historical Survey	1-2pm		
Exegetical Foundations	2-3pm		
Exegetical Foundations	3-4pm		
Exegetical Foundations	9-10am	<b>Jun 28</b>	

Doctrinal Formulation	11-12pm		
Doctrinal Formulation	1-2pm		
<b>Covenant of Grace</b>			
Historical Survey	2-3pm		Fisher, Marrow of Modern Divinity; Fesko, <i>Last Things First</i> , pp. 115-204
Exegetical Foundations	3-4.30pm		
Exegetical Foundations	9-10am	<b>Jun 29</b>	
Exegetical Foundations	10-11am		
Doctrinal Formulation	11-12pm		
Doctrinal Formulation	1-2pm		
	2-3pm		
	3-4.30pm		