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Introduction to Covenant Theology.
Syllabus

Semester:	Self-Paced	**Course:**	BT1210, Intro. to Cov. Theol.
Day & Time:	2 hours/lecture; 12 lectures	**Credits:**	2
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Course Note:

"In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. … Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors." (Ps 119:14-16, 24 ESV).

Surely this Jesus' own testimony. Covenant theology is, at its simplest expression, about the core structure of the Bible, revealing who God is, who we are, and how through God's Redeemer, our Savior, we can have a right relationship with God, an eternal one.

Learning to recognize the covenantal structure of Scripture is the beginning of learning to read the Bible the way Jesus does. This course will provide a foundation in this skill, one that the student can continue to build on throughout their walk of faith with Jesus.

Course Description:

This course introduces the student to the study of covenant theology from both the biblical theological and systematic theological perspectives. The course emphasizes the role that God's covenants play in structuring the Bible, and how these should apply in our reading and interpretation of Scripture. Applications will be made to the ordinary means of grace (preaching, teaching, sacraments, prayer), as well as the three primary contexts of Christian ministry (worship, discipleship, and evangelism).

Course Objectives:

- Developing the student's understanding of biblical covenants:
  - Be able to articulate the differences between the biblical theological and the systematic theological approaches to covenant theology, and their mutual benefits.

    - Memorize a brief description of the three main biblical covenants (redemption, works, grace), with a critical Scripture reference for each.
    - Be able to outline the progressive development of the three main biblical covenants throughout Scripture.
- Motivating the student's biblical reading and interpretation skills through biblical covenants:
    - Learn how to identify the macro covenantal structuring of the Bible.
    - Learn how to identify expressions and/or inferences to the three main biblical covenants in any passage of Scripture.
    - Learn how the NT broadly demonstrates the fulfillment of each of the three main biblical covenants.
- Establishing the student's application of biblical covenants:
    - Develop personal bible reading skills that include covenant structuring considerations.
    - Identify strategies for using the Bible's covenantal structure in the three main areas of Christian ministry life (worship, discipleship, and evangelism).

Required Texts, Resources:

These texts are required for completion of the course. All lectures will be based on the material in theses texts. Please notify the professor as soon as possible if the student has trouble locating any text. (ISBN-13 number, beginning with "978", are included for correct identification.).

Books, Articles.

Colquhoun, John. *A Treatise on the Law and the Gospel.* Reformation Heritage Books, 2023. 9798886860146.

Perkins, Harrison. *Reformed Covenant Theology: A Systematic Introduction*. Lexham Academic, 2024. 9781683597339.

Phelps, Tony, "Boston: The Mosaic Covenant Was An Administration Of The Covenants Of Grace And Works'. *The Heidelblog*, October 4, 2024. https://heidelblog.net/2024/10/boston-the-mosaic-covenant-was-an-administration-of-the-covenants-of-grace-and-works.

Westminster Confession of Faith 7: Of God's Covenant with Man. www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/.

Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 20-22, 30-36. www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 12, 16, and 20. www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/.

[**Pick one of the following**]:

Robertson, O. Palmer. *Christ of the Consummation: A New Testament Biblical Theology* (Vol. 1), *The Testimony of the Four Gospels*. P&R Publishing, 2022. 9781629956305.

_____. *Christ of the Consummation: A New Testament Biblical Theology* (Vol. 2), *The Testimony of Acts and Paul*. P&R Publishing, 2025. 9781629956336.

Recommended Texts and Resources:

These are texts that, while not required for participation in the course, may help the student develop a broader and deeper understanding of the course subject, and the topics covered. The student is encouraged to ask the professor for further information on why he recommends these texts. (ISBN-13 numbers, beginning with "978", are included for correct identification.).

Bergsma, Derke P. *Redemption, the Triumph of God's Great Plan.* (No location): Redeemer Books, 1989. Out of print, 9781877607127.

Clark, R. Scott, "For Those Just Tuning In: What Is The Federal Vision?" *Heidelblog*, November 8, 2013, https://heidelblog.net/2013/11/for-those-just-tuning-in-what-is-the-federal-vision/.

Colquhoun, John. *The Covenant of Grace.* The Northampton Press, n.d. 9781732155046.

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Fesko, John V. *Adam and the Covenant of Works*. Mentor, 2021. 9781527107281.

Perkins, Harrison. *Righteous By Design: Covenantal Merit and Adam's Original Integrity.* Mentor. 2024. 9781527111578.

_____. "Review Roundup: Covenant Theology (Part 1)". *The Heidelblog.* Heidelblog Reformation Association. February 2025. Accessed February 20, 2025. Https://heidelblog.net/2025/02/review-roundup-covenant-theology-part-1/.

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Robertson, O. Palmer. *Christ of the Consummation: A New Testament Biblical Theology* (Vol. 1), *The Testimony of the Four Gospels*. P&R Publishing, 2022. 9781629956305.

_____. *Christ of the Consummation: A New Testament Biblical Theology* (Vol. 2), *The Testimony of Acts and Paul*. P&R Publishing, 2025. 9781629956336.

_____. *The Christ of the Covenants*. P&R Publishing, 1987. 9780875524184.

_____. *The Christ of the Prophets*. P&R Publishing, 2008. 9781596380660.

_____. *The Christ of Wisdom: A Redemptive-Historical Exploration of the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament*. P&R Publishing, 2017. 9781629952918.

_____. *The Flow of the Psalms: Discovering Their Structure and Theology*. P&R Publishing, 2015. 9781629951331.

Waters, Guy P, ed.; Reid, J Nicholas, ed.; Muether, John R., ed. *Covenant Theology: Biblical, Theological, and Historical Perspectives*. Crossway, 2020. 9781433560033.

Witsius, Hermann. *Economy of the Covenants Between God and Man,* 2 Volumes. Reformation Heritage Books. 9781601780959.

Course Assignments:

Lecture Quizzes: the student will complete a quiz for each lecture in this course (12 classes). Questions in each quiz will be multiple choice and true/false, based on the material in the lecture notes for each class. IN keeping with this courses objectives, these quizzes may be taken with notes and books available. The student is recommended to only refer to these when he is not sure

of a given answer. After completing each quiz, the student is to email the exam to the self-pace course administrator for grading.

Grade Weighting: 70%.

Supplemental Book Reading: the student is to pick and read one of the O. Palmer Robertson books listed in the required texts, either:

- Volume 1: *Christ of the Consummation: A New Testament Biblical Theology*, *The Testimony of the Four Gospels*.
  - OR -.
- Volume 2: *Christ of the Consummation: A New Testament Biblical Theology, The Testimony of Acts and Paul.*

The purpose of this assignment is to provide the student with a substantial example of the application of the covenantal structure to reading the Bible. This reading is to be completed by the end of the student's regular class work in this course (by the completion of the twelfth class's quiz). The student is to begin reading at the first italicized Latin page # (*i*), and finish at the last regular text Roman page #. After completing this reading, the student is to submit an email to the self-paced course administrator with the following affirmation:

> I [student name], upon my honor in Christ, affirm that I have completely read the assigned pages in O. Palmer Robertson's [book title, publisher name, edition date, ISBN 13 number]. Signed [student name].

Grade Weighting: 30%.

BTS Format, Style, and Writing Standards:

[not applicable this course].

~~The paper must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago Standards (no title page). All papers are to be #12 font Times New Roman and Double-Spaced. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade. Please see the BTS Turabian Style Guide for more information on turning in papers and assignments (www.btswritingcenter.net/).~~

The Writing Center runs 2-3 Writing Workshops every semester. These are very helpful and highly recommended!

BTS Plagiarism / Generative AI Policy:

In addition to the BTS plagiarism policy, BTS is implementing a new Generative AI policy. Unless clearly directed by the professor, students must submit their own work, independent of artificial intelligence tools. Use of generative AI to write papers or to write significant portions of assignments is considered an ethical violation of BTS' Student Code of Conduct, and a violation of general academic integrity, which could result in a zero on the assignment and/or a lowered letter grade for the course. If determined to be an egregious violation, it could lead to further sanctions administered through the Academic Committee, including expulsion from BTS.

Course Schedule:

For each lecture below there are two sections:

- *For Class*: assignments to be completed before each lecture. Note: to assist the student in scheduling to completing these assignments, the number of pages to be read is included (with an estimate of how many minutes the average student need to schedule to complete the assignments).
- *Lecture Topics*: the topics that will be covered by the professor in each lecture. Note: the professor has provided lectures notes for each lecture. These are made available in MS Word format, with the intention that the student will take additional notes on the lectures, as offered by the professor.

Lecture 1

For Class (completed before starting this lecture; 41 pages ≈ 77 min.):

- Read Syllabus.
- Read Perkins, *Reformed Covenant Theology* (RCT): Preface (pp. xvii-xx).
- Read Colquhoun (Col-hoon), *The Law and the Gospel* (L&G): Introduction (pp. 5-7).
- Read RCT: Ch.1: Meeting God in the Covenants (pp. 1-15).
- Read assigned Westminster Standards (WCF 7, WLC 20-22, 30-36, WSC 12, 16, and 20).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. Course Introduction:
   a. Syllabus review (be sure to be prepared to ask questions).
      1) Course Objectives.
      2) Course Goal: learning how to read the Bible the way Jesus does.
2. Covenant Ordered Everything.
   a. Is the Bible structured by a covenant principle?
   b. Is it just the Bible that is so structured?
3. RCT, Preface:
   a. Purpose and structure of book.
   b. Integrated reading approach.
4. L&G, Introduction:
   a. Purpose of the treatise.
   b. Importance of this purpose.
   c. Structure of the argument.
5. RCT, Ch. 1: introduction to covenants.
   a. Ps 25:14.
   b. Covenants: what, how, why.
   c. Westminster Standards on covenants.
   d. Covenants overview:
6. Two key takeaways.
7. Covenants Chart.

Lecture 2

For Class (completed before class starts; 63 pages, ≈ 119 min.):

- Read RCT: P1 CoW, Ch. 2: The Covenant with Adam and Its Law (pp. 19-46).
- Read L&G: Ch. 1: The Law of God in General (pp. 9-43).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. RCT 2: Covenant with Adam and Its Law.
   a. The covenant as a means of relationship between creature and Creator.
   b. The Covenant of Works (CoW).
   c. Adam's Original Righteousness.
   d. The Covenant with Adam.
   e. Adam Had the Law.
   f. The Content of Adam's Law.
   g. The Law About the Tree of the Knowledge of God and Evil.
2. L&G 1: The Law of God in General
   a. Introduction.
   b. The Law Inscribed at Man's Creation.
   c. The Law as Given to Adam.
   d. The Law as Given in Jesus Christ.
   e. Reflections.

Lecture 3

For Class (completed before class starts; 70 pages, ≈ 132 min.):

- Read RCT: P1 CoW, Ch. 3: The Covenant's Legal Character and Reward (pp. 47-76).
- Read RCT: P1 CoW, Ch. 4: Applying the Covenant of Works, (pp. 77-98).
- Read L&G: Ch. 3. The Properties of the Moral Law (pp. 71-77)
- Read L&G: Ch. 4. The Rules for Understanding Aright the Ten Commandments (pp. 79-89)

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. RCT 3: The Covenant's Legal Character and Reward.
   a. Introduction.
   b. The Legal Covenant.
   c. The Reward Offered to Adam.
2. RCT 4: Applying the Covenant of Works.
   a. Introduction.
   b. How God Offered Incorruptible Life to Adam.
   c. The Covenant Broken.
   d. Applications for Contemporary Relevance.
3. The Moral Law's Properties (L&G ch. 3, pp. 71-77).
   a. The ML's distinguishing properties.
   b. Reflections.
4. Rules for Correct Understanding of the 10Cs (L&G, ch. 4, pp. 79-89; cf., WLC 99).
   a. 10 Considerations for 10Cs.

b. Reflections.

Lecture 4

For Class (completed before class starts; 58 pages, ≈ 110 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 2 CoR, Ch. 5: The Trinity and Their Covenant, (pp. 101-130).
- Read RCT: Pt. 2 CoR, The Covenant of Redemption, Ch. 6: The Father, Son, and Spirit in the Fulfillment of Salvation, (pp. 131-158).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. Review of the Covenant of Works.
   a. WCF 7.2.
   b. WSC 12.
   c. WLC 20.
   d. The Covenant of Redemption is the ground of the CoW (and the CoG).
2. RCT 5: The Trinity and Their Covenant.
   a. Introduction.
   b. Doctrine development.
   c. Exegetical development.
   d. Conclusion.
3. RCT 6: The Father, Son, and Spirit in the Fulfillment of Salvation.
   a. Introduction: procession AND mission.
   b. The Father Arranges Redemption.
   c. The Son Accomplishes Redemption.
   d. The Spirit Applies Redemption.
   e. Conclusion.

Lecture 5

For Class (completed before class starts; 56 pages, ≈ 106 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 2 CoR, Ch. 7: The Last Adam and His People, (pp. 159-184).
- Read RCT: Pt. 3 CoG Substance, Ch. 8: The Unity of the Covenant of Grace in Christ, (pp. 187-216).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. Overview of the CoG.
   a. Parties.
   b. Stipulations.
   c. Rewards.
   d. Penalties.
   e. Covenant Sign.
2. RCT 7: The Last Adam and His People, (pp. 159-184).
   a. The CoR is a standard concept in reformed confessions.
   b. The CoR is critical in interpreting the CoW, the CoG, and the nature of their relationship.
3. RCT 8: The Unity of the Covenant of Grace in Christ.

a. Introduction: a demonstratable covenantal unity.
b. What is the Covenant of Grace?.
c. Christ as the substance.
d. The condition of faith.

Lecture 6

For Class (completed before class starts; 54 pages, ≈ 102 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 3 CoG Substance, Ch. 9: The Unity of the Covenant of Grace in the Benefits of Christ, (pp. 217-242).
- Read RCT: Pt. 3 CoG Substance, Ch. 10: The Time of Tension, (pp. 243-270).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. RCT 9: The Unity of the Covenant of Grace in the Benefits of Christ.
   a. Introduction.
   b. Union with Christ.
   c. Justification.
   d. Sanctification.
   e. Glorification.
2. RCT 10: The Time of Tension.
   a. Introduction.
   b. Establishing the time of tension.
   c. Christ's rewards in relationship to one another.
   d. The relationship of justification to glorification for believers.
   e. Spiritual life *in tension*.
   f. Priorities between benefits.

Lecture 7

For Class (completed before class starts; 79 pages, ≈ 149 min.):

- Read L&G: Ch. 5. The Gospel of Christ (pp. 91-105).
- Read L&G: Ch. 6. The Uses of the Gospel and of the Law in Subservience to It (pp. 107-126).
- Read L&G: Ch. 7. The Difference between the Law and the Gospel (pp. 127-142).
- Read L&G: Ch. 8. The Agreement between the Law and the Gospel (pp. 143-153).
- Read L&G: Ch. 9. The Establishment of the Law by the Gospel (pp. 155-171).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. Read L&G: Ch. 5. The Gospel of Christ (pp. 91-105).
   a. Gospel defined.
   b. Adjectivized labels of the gospel's richness.
   c. Reflections.
2. Read L&G: Ch. 6. The Uses of the Gospel and of the Law in Subservience to It (pp. 107-126).
   a. The gospel's principal uses.
   b. Reflections.

3. Read L&G: Ch. 7. The Difference between the Law and the Gospel (pp. 127-142).
   a. Initial considerations.
   b. Distinguishing between law and gospel; 10 observations.
   c. Reflections.
4. Read L&G: Ch. 8. The Agreement between the Law and the Gospel (pp. 143-153).
   a. General agreement.
   b. Particular agreement.
   c. Reflections.
5. Read L&G: Ch. 9. The Establishment of the Law by the Gospel (pp. 155-171).
   a. Initial observations.
   b. The gospel establishes the law under both the CoW and under the CoG.
   c. The gospel establishes the law as the rule of life for the believer under the CoG.
   d. Reflections.

Lecture 8

For Class (completed before class starts; 44 pages, ≈ 83 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 4 CoG Administration, Ch. 11: God's Multifaceted Plan of Salvation, (pp. 273-299).
- Read RCT: Pt. 4 CoG Administration, Ch. 12: From, Adam to Moses, (pp. 301-317).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. RCT 11: God's Multifaceted Plan of Salvation.
   a. Introduction.
   b. What is an Administration.
   c. One Covenant, Diversely Administered.
   d. List OT CoG administrations.
2. RCT 12: Administration of the CoG: From Adam to Moses.
   a. Introduction.
   a. The start of the promise.
   b. Noah's Universal Blessing.
   c. The paradigm of Abraham.
   d. The Mosaic covenant's relationship to the Abrahamic.

Lecture 9

For Class (completed before class starts; 60 pages, ≈ 113 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 4 CoG Administration, Ch. 13: The Mosaic Covenant, (pp. 319-352).
- Read: Phelps, Tony. "Boston: The Mosaic Covenant Was An Administration Of The Covenants Of Grace And Works". *The Heidelblog*, October 4, 2024. https://heidelblog.net/2024/10/boston-the-mosaic-covenant-was-an-administration-of-the-covenants-of-grace-and-works.
- Read L&G: Ch. 2. The Law of God as Promulgated to the Israelites from Mount Sinai (pp. 45-69).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. Ancient Near East Covenants.
   a. Introduction: the critical role of hermeneutical presuppositions .
   b. Hittite suzerainty treaties, obligatory: an example from Deuteronomy (Kline's 5-part scheme).
   c. ANE royal grants covenants, promissory.
   d. Assessment.
2. RCT 13: The Mosaic Covenant.
   a. Introduction.
   b. The Mosaic Covenant *resembled* the Covenant of Works.
   c. The Mosaic Covenant in the Reformed Tradition.
   d. NT reflection on the Mosaic Administration.
3. L&G: Ch. 2. The Law of God as Promulgated to the Israelites from Mount Sinai (pp. 45-69).
   a. Preliminary considerations.
   b. The Moral Law as a rule of life under the Mosaic administration of the Covenant of Grace.
   c. The Moral Law, in the form of the Covenant of Works, as Presented in the Mosaic covenant.
   d. The Mosaic Law, as a typical National covenant between Israel and God.
   e. Reflections.

<u>Lecture 10</u>

For Class (completed before class starts; 58 pages, ≈ 110 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 4 CoG Administration, Ch. 14: From Moses to Christ, (pp. 353-383).
- Read RCT: Pt. 5 Living in CoG, Ch. 15: The Covenant Community, (pp. 387-413).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. RCT 14: CoG Administration: From Moses to Christ.
   a. Introduction.
   b. Substance (ordo salutis).
   c. Administration (historie salutis).
   d. The Relationship Between Old Economy Administrations.
   e. The New Covenant.
2. RCT 15: The Covenant Community.
   a. Introduction.
   b. The Unity of God's People.
   c. The Structure of God's People.

d. The Sacraments.
e. The Necessity of the People of God.

Lecture 11

For Class (completed before class starts; 79 pages, ≈ 149 min.):

- Read RCT: Pt. 5 Living in CoG, Ch. 16: The Shape of Covenant Life with God, (pp. 415-441).
- Read L&G: Ch 10. The Believer's Privilege of Being Dead to the Law as a Covenant of Works, with a Highly Important Consequence of It (pp. 173-224).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. RCT 16: The Shape of Covenant Life with God.
   a. Introduction.
   b. A Covenantal Reading.
   c. A Covenantal Ethic.
   d. The Abiding Rule for Life.
   e. The Proclamation of Life.
2. L&G: Ch 10. The Believer's Privilege of Being Dead to the Law as a Covenant of Works, with a Highly Important Consequence of It (pp. 173-224).
   a. Preliminary considerations.
   b. What is in the Moral Law that Believers are dead to as a Covenant of Works.
   c. What this includes in the Moral Law under the Covenant of Works.
   d. How do believers become dead to the Moral Law as a Covenant of Works.
   e. Important fruit of being dead to the Moral Law as a Covenant of Works.
   f. The necessity of a believer being dead to the Moral Law as a Covenant of Works.
   g. How being dead to the Moral Law as a Covenant of Works necessarily yields evangelical obedience.
   h. Reflections.

Lecture 12

For Class (completed before class starts; 50 pages, ≈ 94 min.):

- Read L&G: Ch. 11. The High Obligations under Which Believers Lie to Yield Even Perfect Obedience to the Law as a Rule of Life (pp. 225-243).
- Read L&G: Ch. 12. The Nature, Necessity, and Desert of Good Works (pp. 245-275).

Lecture Topics (covered during class):

1. L&G: Ch. 11. The High Obligations under Which Believers Lie to Yield Even Perfect Obedience to the Law as a Rule of Life (pp. 225-243).
   a. Introductory comments.
   b. The believer's obligation to obedience to the Moral Law under the Covenant of Grace follows from seven considerations.
   c. Reflections.

2. L&G: Ch. 12. The Nature, Necessity, and Desert of Good Works (pp. 245-275).
    a. Introductory comments.
    b. The Nature of Good Works.
    c. The Necessity of Good Works.
    d. The Naught (Desert) of Good Works.
    e. Reflections.
    f. Clarification about Good Works.
3. Reading the Bible Through the Covenants.

Course Policies and Procedures:

- BTS highly recommends using handwritten note taking methods in class and keeping computer usage to a minimum.
- Other electronics should be used sparingly.
- All assignments must be submitted by 11:59 pm (CDT/CST) on the due date.
- Late assignments will incur a -3 point deduction per weekday after the due date, except in cases of emergency communicated to the professor.
- Missed tests/exams may only be made up with an excused absence, preferably in advance of class. Excused absence tests/exams must be made up before the final day of the semester.
- All assigned pages in the required texts and resources should be read before completion of the final assignment.
- For all other student policies, see the latest edition of the student handbook, available at https://www.bts.education/admission/student-forms.

Supplementary Bibliography:

The following works will enhance and develop the students' understanding of the Bible's use of covenants, and how these apply to both the personal Christian life, and the ministry of the church. (ISBN-13 numbers, beginning with "978", are included for correct identification.).

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Estelle, Bryan D.(Editor), Fesko, J. V. (Editor), VanDrunen, David (Editor). The Law Is Not of Faith: Essays on Works and Grace in the Mosaic Covenant. P&R Publishing, 2009. 978-1596381001.

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_____. *Typology of Scripture*. West Linn, OR: Monergism Books LLC, 2023. www.monergism.com/typology-scripture-ebook.

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Grading Criteria and Assessment Rubric:

Exams questions are multiple choice and true/false. Letter grades are based on the following scale:

- A (95%+).
- A- (90-94.9%)
- B (85-89.9%).
- B- (80-84.9%)
- C (75-79.9%).
- C- (70-74.9%)
- D (65-69.9%).
- D- (60-64.9%)

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BTS Outcomes Evaluation:

1: this outcome is not covered in this class.
2: this outcome is only touched on in this class.
3: this outcome is discussed in conjunction with class material.
4: this outcome lightly assessed as part of course assessment (one assignment).
5: this outcome is fully integrated into the assessment of this course (multiple assignments).

1. Scripture: Students will effectively articulate the truth of Scripture and Scripture as truth, engaged with learning biblical knowledge and reformed principles of the supremacy of Scripture as God's word.
2. Reformed Theology: Students will be able to engage and reproduce the primary and essential elements of Reformed Theology.
3. Local Church: Students will be engaged in applied ministry projects in the local church .
4. Wisdom: Students will grow in character; increasing in their demonstration of wisdom and its fruits.
5. Discipleship: Students will be able to understand and articulate the nature and importance of discipleship–both ordinary (means of grace) and extraordinary (biblical counseling).
6. Communication: Students will grow in the efficacy of their communication (articulation, teaching/speaking, and preaching—respective to various departments) both in content knowledge and rhetorical strategies.
7. Worldview: Students will demonstrate a growing ability to apply God's word to all spheres of life, evidenced through class discussion and other assigned assessments.
8. Leadership: Students will grow in their understanding of godly leadership and ability to lead others in service of the local church.

Outcome	*Rank*	*Rational (one sentence)*
Scripture	5	For each topic, exegesis of key passages is provided.
Reformed Theology	5	Systematic theology concepts are coordinated with corresponding biblical theological topics.
Local Church	3	Applications to how topics might be used in local church ministry are presented.
Wisdom	3	Applications to how topics might affect Christian character are addressed.
Discipleship	4	Emphasis on usage of the topics covered in ordinary means of grace ministry.
Communication	2	While not expressly covered, various rhetorical strategies will be exemplified is using the topics covered.
Worldview	5	Development of understanding and lifetime practice of reading the Bible the way Jesus does (i.e., via the covenantal structure).
Leadership	3	Applications to how topics might affect pastoral leadership are addressed.