

THEO 640: CALVIN'S OTHER POINTS

Paul Helm
June 9-13, 2014
1:15-4:15 pm
1 or 2 graduate credit hours



Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.
The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information.
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Course Description

Calvin's theology is widely believed to consist of the famous (or notorious) 'Five Points', and nothing more. In this Course we shall consider other important aspects of Calvin's thought that are neglected but have similar importance and interest - the knowledge of God and of ourselves (the main motif of the Institutes); his Catholic Christianity; his account of God's double gift, justification and sanctification; the two kingdoms and the significance of human culture; and God's providence and fatalism.

Class Outline

Monday, June 9	Calvin: the man and his style The knowledge of God and of ourselves
Tuesday, June 10	Calvin's catholic Christianity
Wednesday, June 11	The two-fold gift
Thursday, June 12	God's providence and fatalism
Friday, June 13	The two kingdoms and culture

Assignments

1. Reading

All students will read the following:

- Paul Helm's *Calvin, A Guide for the Perplexed* chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7
- Selections from John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, preferably translated by Henry Beveridge. The selections are Book I. 1-5, Book I. 13, Book I 16-18, Book II 13-16 and Book III 19.

Two-credit students will also read Paul Helm's *John Calvin's Ideas*.

Note: The reading is to be, first of all, the primary texts from the Institutes and then secondary reading. Please prioritize and take your time with the primary texts.

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2. Essay

One-credit students will write a 1,000 word essay on a topic of their choice (to be agreed with the Instructor). Two-credit students will write a 2,000 word essay on a topic of their choice (to be agreed with the Instructor).

Due: Monday, July 28, 2014

Evaluation

	1 cr hrs	2 cr hrs
Essay	100%	100%

Required Reading

All students are to read:

Helm, Paul. *Calvin, A Guide for the Perplexed*. T & T Clark, 2008. Chs 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. ISBN: 9780567032027.

Calvin, John. *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Trans. by Henry Beveridge. Book I 1-5, Book I 13, Book I 16-18, Book II 13-16, Book III 19. ISBN: 9781598561685.

Two-credit students are also to read:

Helm, Paul. *John Calvin's Ideas*. Oxford University Press, 2004. ISBN: 9780199205998.

Deadline for dropping the course with refund is 4:30 pm on June 9, 2014 (100% refund) or 4:30 pm on June 10, 2014 (75% refund). There is no refund of any tuition fees after the 75% refund deadline, but the course may be dropped, changed to audit, or reduced in credit hours up until 4:30 pm on June 13, 2014 (no refunds).