

# PREACHING AND BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

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## CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course provides a teaching practice and laboratory to give students tools, models and opportunities integrating the disciplines of Biblical Theology and preaching. It includes viewing online content delivered by the Charles Simeon Trust and participating in discussions on the content, which are then supplemented with additional readings that focus attention on the exegetical demands of Biblical theology, specifically concerning how to study for teaching and preaching.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course:

1. Students will have an accurate grasp of the main characteristics of Biblical Theology and understand the specialized opportunities and demands of teaching from texts while utilizing Biblical Theology.
2. Students will improve the quality of their own study and preparation for teaching by interacting with instructional material from expert practitioners and over their own preparation with both Biblical Theology and preaching.
3. Students will, by presenting their own work in the context of collegial and critical small group, be better able to identify and improve in skills and strategies relevant to expounding the Scriptures using Biblical Theology.
4. Students will appreciate the value of offering and receiving constructive feedback.
5. Students will allow the taught Word itself to inform their lives in ways consistent with the reasons the Holy Spirit saw fit to include them in Scripture.

## COURSE FORMAT

This course is divided into four primary components:

1. The first component is the student's viewing of the eight online videos and the completion of the relevant study questions. These eight videos include five instructions on putting Biblical Theology to use in preaching broadly speaking, and three lessons on how a particular doctrine can be of help to the preacher.
2. The second component is the small group sessions where the student will discuss the assigned Study Questions as well as prepare two assigned passages in advance and present them for collegial feedback.
3. The third component is reading all assigned texts and writing one critical book review.
4. The fourth component and capstone project is to prepare and preach two sermons from assigned passages using the tools, skills, and strategies taught in the course and provide supporting preparation documentation.



## REQUIRED TEXTS

There are five required readings:

- Goldsworthy, Graeme, *Christ-Centered Biblical Theology*. (240 pages)
- Hafemann, Scott, and Paul House, *Central Themes in Biblical Theology*. (308 pages)
- Beale, G.K., *Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*. (192 pages)
- Williamson, Paul R. *Sealed with an Oath*. (247 pages)
- Charles Simeon Trust, *Study Guide on Preaching and Biblical Theology*. (-- pages)

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Each student is expected to:

1. Actively view each of the eight online videos and thoroughly complete the relevant Study Questions.
2. Prepare two assigned practice outlines, and submit outlines after presenting to the course coordinator (Texts 1 & 2).
3. Prepare and deliver two recorded sermons on different Epistles texts (as assigned) that employ the tools, skills, and strategies covered in the course (Texts 3 & 4).
  - a. notes (however rough) from one week in advance of giving each sermon
  - b. a provisional outline of the message from at least three days in advance of giving each sermon
  - c. a two-page rationale/commentary for the homiletical decisions for each sermon
  - d. final outline of the sermons
  - e. audio or video recording of each sermon
4. Read *Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Beale) by the thirteenth lesson of the Course and on a ten-page, double-spaced report a) affirm that you have read the book, b) in 6-7 pages, summarize main point(s) of the author's argument(s), being sure to reference specific supporting insights and giving page numbers in parentheses, and, c) in the remaining 3-4 pages, engage personally with the content that you have already summarized. You should address the following questions: 1) How do the author's arguments affirm or challenge my current beliefs or practices in teaching ministry? 2) What from the book will I implement immediately? 3) Why would I recommend (or not recommend) this book?

## BIBLICAL TEXTS AVAILABLE FOR OUTLINE AND SERMON ASSIGNMENTS

1 Samuel 8:1-21

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

Matthew 4:12-17

1 Peter 2:1-12

Proverbs 1:20-33

Revelation 21:9-27

Hosea 2:14-23

Isaiah 11:11-16



## COURSE SCHEDULE

- Lesson 1           View INSTRUCTION #1 (Greg Beale)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for INSTRUCTION #1
- Lesson 2           View INSTRUCTION #2 (Dave Helm)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for INSTRUCTION #2
- Lesson 3           View INSTRUCTION #3 (Graeme Goldsworthy & Vaughan Roberts)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for INSTRUCTION #3
- Lesson 4           View INSTRUCTION #4 (Dave Helm)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for INSTRUCTION #4
- Lesson 5           View INSTRUCTION #5 (Dave Helm)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for INSTRUCTION #5
- Lesson 6           View INSTRUCTION #6 (Stephen Wellum)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for COVENANT INSTRUCTION
- Lesson 7           View DEMONSTRATION #1 (Dave Helm)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for COVENANT DEMONSTRATION
- Lesson 8           View DEMONSTRATION #2 (Michael Lawrence)  
                      Discuss/Write STUDY QUESTIONS for COVENANT EXPOSITION

## COURSE RESOURCES

In addition to the required readings, we recommend consulting:

Beale, G.K. *Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament: Exegesis and Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.

Beale, G.K. *A New Testament Biblical Theology: The Unfolding of the Old Testament in the New*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011.

Beale, G.K. *The Temple and the Church's Mission: A Biblical Theology of the Dwelling Place of God*, NSBT. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2004.

Carson, D.A., and G.K. Beale. *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.

Chapell, Bryan. *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*, Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2005.



- Clowney, Edmund P. *Preaching Christ in All of Scripture*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2003.
- Duduit, Michael. *Handbook of Contemporary Preaching*. Nashville: Broadman, 1992.
- Gentry, Peter J., and Stephen J. Wellum. *Kingdom through Covenant: A Biblical-Theological Understanding of the Covenants*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2012.
- Goldsworthy, Graeme. *According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2002.
- Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Christ-Centered Biblical Theology: Hermeneutical Foundations and Principles*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2012.
- Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture: The Application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.
- Greidanus, Sidney. *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament: A Contemporary Hermeneutical Method*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
- Hafemann, Scott, and Paul House. *Central Themes in Biblical Theology: Mapping Unity in Diversity*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.
- Lawrence, Michael. *Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church: A Guide for Ministry*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2010.
- Roberts, Vaughan. *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2006.
- Scharf, Greg R. *Prepared to Preach: God's Work and Ours in Proclaiming His Word*. Fearn: Christian Focus, 2005.
- Williamson, Paul R. *Sealed with an Oath: Covenant in God's Unfolding Purpose*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2007.