

# Syllabus for Reformation History and Theology (CH 602)

Front Range Bible Institute  
(Fall 2014)

## Course Description

The course “Reformation History and Theology” is a study of the Reformation as it developed in Germany, Switzerland, England, France, and the Low Countries up to the time of the Westminster Confession. The leading men and issues are examined. The class will focus primarily on the Reformed wing of the Reformation, as opposed to the Lutheran and Anabaptist developments, and special attention will be given to the doctrinal beliefs which drove the Reformation.

The course will have classroom lectures that are primarily based upon the professor’s notes. Students are encouraged to participate by asking and answering questions and taking notes. Notes will be provided, but the student is encouraged to make additions based upon classroom discussions.

The course will include outside reading, quizzes and exams from the classroom lectures, and a research paper. The paper is a very important tool for the student to gain first-hand acquaintance with and evaluation of Reformation theology. The paper will be aimed at taking the classroom learning and transferring it into a useable student tool for practical ministry purposes.

## Course Objectives:

- To give the student a working knowledge of the major figures and the theology of the Reformation
- To equip the student to better understand the current theological landscape of the West by understanding its roots in the time of the Reformation
- To sharpen the student’s biblical and theological skills by studying the theological debates and confessions of the Reformation era
- To inspire the student to be committed to Reformation principles: *sola scriptura, sola fide, sola gratia, solus Christus, soli deo gloria.*
- To challenge the student to preserve and pass on the pure gospel which so many in the Reformation and post-Reformation era struggled to reclaim
- To deepen the student’s delight in the sovereign goodness of our saving Lord

## Required Course Materials

- Reading materials
  - Professor’s notes
  - *Theology of the Reformers* by Timothy George, Revised edition, Broadman & Holman Publishers (350 pages, omitting chapter 6) – **Required reading**
  - *Heidelberg Catechism* (counts for 50 pages) – **Required reading**
  - *Westminster Confession of Faith* (counts for 100 pages) – **Required reading**
  - *Institutes of the Christian Religion* by John Calvin, translated by Ford Lewis Battles, Westminster John Knox Press (recommended resource, 1521 pages)

- *Reformation Thought: An Introduction* by Alister McGrath, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (recommended resource, 326 pages)
- *The Creeds of Christendom*, 3 vols., ed. Philip Schaff, reprint edition by Baker (recommended resource)
- *Reformed Confessions Harmonized* by Joel Beeke and Sinclair Ferguson, Baker (recommended resource, 245 pages)
- Computer
  - All work submitted electronically should be in Microsoft Word documents (.doc).

### Course Requirements

- Attendance at all classes
  - Take notes and participate in class discussion.
  - If you know in advance that you will miss a class, please notify the professor ahead of time to obtain an excused absence.
  - It may be possible to listen to missed lectures via mp3 recordings.
- Reading – **Due November 11**
  - Certificate level – 500 pages from reading materials list
  - B.B.S. – 600 pages from reading materials list
  - M.B.S. – 900 pages from reading materials list
  - M.Div. – 900 pages from reading materials list
- Quizzes/Examinations
  - All students will take periodic quizzes over the material covered in class. These will be unannounced and at the discretion of the professor.
  - There will one mid-term exam and one final exam.
- Research paper – **Due November 4**
  - All students will complete a paper of original historical research on a topic of the student's choosing.
  - The professor must approve the topic.
  - Paper requirements
    - Certificate level – 10 page (double spaced)
    - B.B.S. – 15 page (double spaced)
    - M.B.S. – 20 page (double spaced)
    - M.Div. – 20 page (double spaced)

### Course Grading Criteria

- 10% Attendance and participation
- 30% Reading
- 30% Quizzes/Examinations
- 30% Paper

### Course Schedule

Date:                      Requirements and Lecture Topic:

Sept 2	Introduction to course Medieval Background to the Reformation Luther Leads the Charge: <i>Theologia Crucis, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura</i>
Sept 9	Zwingli and the Swiss Reformation Martin Bucer: Pastoral Theologian and Unifier
Sept 16	John Calvin: The Man John Calvin: The Double Knowledge of God
Sept 23	Deadline for paper topic selected and approved John Calvin: Union with Christ and the Double Grace John Calvin: The Glory of God in Salvation
Sept 30	Mid-term exam Reformation in France: Huguenots, Gallic Confession, and Persecution Reformation in England: Tyndale, Cranmer, and the Thirty-Nine Articles
Oct 7	Reformation in Scotland: Knox and the Scots Confession Reformed Theology Confessed in the Netherlands: the Belgic Confession
Oct 14	Reformed Theology Catechized in Germany: the Heidelberg Catechism Roots of Covenant Theology: Calvin, Bullinger, Ursinus, and Olevianus
Oct 21	Counter-Reformation Council: the Canons of the Council of Trent
Oct 28	Arminian 5 Points and Calvinist Response: Canons of the Synod of Dort
Nov 4	Papers due The Westminster Confession
Nov 11	The Westminster Confession Final Examination Reading Reports Due

#### SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Primary Sources – Original sources are essential for accurate historical research. The student is highly encouraged to become familiar with these documents, particularly the confessions, which are consensus documents representing more than one individual's theological ideas.

Augsburg Confession

Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent

Gallic Confession.

Belgic Confession.

Scots Confession.

The Thirty-Nine Articles.

Heidelberg Catechism.

Second Helvetic Confession.

Canons of the Synod of Dort.

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