Pastoral and Social Ethics

RTS Orlando

2ST528

Course Handbook, Spring, 2015

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Course Hours: Wed., 8-12 AM (break for chapel, 10-11 AM)

Office Hours: Thurs., 8-11 AM. Other times by appointment. Feel free also to submit comments or questions by note to my mailbox or by e-mail to [jframe@rts.edu](mailto:jframe@rts.edu).

Teaching assistant: Christopher Willett. Christopher will also answer questions and will be reading your term papers. If there is a dispute about your grade, talk to him first. If you can’t find agreement, I will arbitrate. Feel free to write him at [vortex297@gmail.com](mailto:vortex297@gmail.com).

**General Plan**

Part One is an introductory section dealing with (1)

basic ethical terminology and (2) a survey of non-Christian

ethical systems. Part Two presents the general structure of

Christian ethics in terms of the norm, the situation, and the

moral agent. Part Three is an exposition of the Decalogue,

applying the commandments to various ethical problems, e.g.

oaths, Sabbath, civil disobedience, punishment, women's rights,

war, capital punishment, abortion, contraception, premarital sex,

homosexuality, world hunger, economic systems, lying in defense

of life, etc.

**Assignments**

1. Completion of reading assignments (below), according to the indicated schedule.
2. Mid-term exam, to be given in the library, from opening of the library, Mon., Mar. 30, to its closing, Sat., Apr. 4. It is your responsibility to determine the library’s schedule and to plan accordingly. The exam will cover everything we have covered from the beginning of the course, through chapter 21 of DCL, including lectures and reading assignments. **Important note:** In your exam preparation, do not refer to exams used in the course in past years. If you notice anyone else doing this, please report them to me. I will have to regard this as cheating, and RTS has substantial penalties for cheating.
3. Final Exam, dealing only with Part III of the course, the Ten Commandments. The “**Important Note”** of #3 applies here as well.
4. Research paper, due at the catalogue deadline for papers, Fri., May 15, at 11 AM. Send them electronically to Christopher at his email address.
5. Recommended length, 4500 words (approx. 15 pp., doublespaced). I will not be rigid about the length, but if the paper is longer, the additional pages should be especially worth reading. If it is shorter, it should be equivalent in quality to a longer paper.
6. For the paper, you should do some research beyond the course assigned reading and lecture material. Indicate such in footnotes and bibliography. I don’t care about the style of citations, but please use a consistent system.
7. For a topic, you may choose anything in the field of ethics. See the lecture outline, study guide, supplementary documents, and the list of topics above under "General Plan" for suggestions. You may write about an ethical philosopher or theologian, exegete a text, deal with some biblical-theological issue with ethical implications (e.g. "Law and Grace in Gal. 3"), treat an ethical problem, or do anything else pertinent to the concerns of the course. I construe "ethics" pretty broadly, but I'd rather you did not choose a topic that is systematically treated in another course, unless you focus on ethical implications of that topic. For instance, don't write on "The Image of God in Reformed Thought," but you might write on "Moral Excellence as an Aspect of the Image of God."
8. Papers submitted late without valid excuse will not receive credit.
9. For our grading criteria and abbreviations we use in comments on your papers, see below.

# Grading

Your grade will be based on (1) the mid-term examination, (2) the final examination, (3) your term paper. All assignments will be graded on a **Pass-Fail** basis. For the course as a whole:

A: Passing work on all three components.

B: Passing work on two components.

C: Passing work on only one component.

F: Passing work on no components.

**Abbreviations for Comments on Papers**

A - awkward

Amb - ambiguous

Arg - more argument needed

C - compress

Circle (drawn around some text)

- usually refers to

misspelling or other

obvious mistake

D - define

E - expand, elaborate, explain

EA - emphasis argument

F - too figurative for context

G - grammatical error

Ill - illegible

Illus - illustrate, give example

Int - interesting

L1 - lateness penalty for one

day (similarly L2, etc.)

M - misleading in context

O - overstated, overgeneralized

R - redundant

Ref- reference (of pronoun, etc.)

Rel- irrelevant

Rep - repetitious

Resp - not responsive (In a dialogue: one party raises a good

question to which the other does not respond.)

S - summary needed

Scr - needs more scripture support

Simp - oversimplified

SM - straw man (a view nobody holds)

SS - problem in sentence structure

St - style inappropriate

T - transition needed

U - unclear

V - vague

W - questionable word-choice

Wk - weak writing (too many

passives, King James

English, etc.)

WO - word order

WV - whose view? yours?

another author?

**Schedule of Assignments**

Abbreviations:

BC: Belgic Confession. The Reformed and Presbyterian confessions and

catechisms, with many other creeds, can be found at [www.creeds.net](http://www.creeds.net).

CR2, David K. Clark and Robert V. Rakestraw, ed., *Readings in Christian*

*Ethics*, vol. 2 (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994). **ISBN-13:** 9780801020568.

DCL: Frame, *Doctrine of the Christian Life* (Phillipsburg: P&R, 2008). **ISBN-13:**

9780875527963.

HC: Heidelberg Catechism

LO: Lecture Outline

ME: Frame, *Medical Ethics* (Phillipsburg: P&R, 1988). **ISBN-13:** 978-0875522616.

PWG: Frame, *Perspectives on the Word of God* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock,

1999). **ISBN-13:** 978-1579102579.

SG: Study Guide, at [www.reformedperspectives.org](http://www.reformedperspectives.org). I ask the students to prepare definitions to Key Terms and answers to Discussion Questions for class discussion.

WCF: Westminster Confession of Faith

WLC: Westminster Larger Catechism

WSC: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Please note:

(1) The assignments vary greatly in length. Pace yourself. Plan ahead. Get started early.

(2) The Frame/Kurtz dialogue, the review of *Christian Faith, Health, and Medical Practice*, a Lecture Outline and the Study Guide are all available at [www.reformedperspectives.org](http://www.reformedperspectives.org). Click “Hall of Frame.”

Feb. 4: Introduction

DCL, Chapters 1-4

LO, I-IV, and similarly for each subsequent assignment.

SG, Chapters 1-4, and similarly for each subsequent assignment. Please prepare definitions for Key Terms and answers to Discussion Questions. I will call on you by name beginning Feb. 15.

PWG, Lecture 3

Feb. 11: Survey of Non-Christian Ethics

DCL, SG, Chapters 5-8

HC, 1-2, 91.

FK, “Do We Need God to Be Moral?” (at www.reformedperspectives.org)

WCF, 16.

Feb. 18: A Christian Model for Ethical Decision-Making

The Normative Perspective

BC, 25.

DCL, SG, Chapters 9-11.

Formula of Concord (Lutheran Confession), 5, 6.

HC, 63-64, 86-90 (review 91), 114-115.

PWG, 39-56.

WCF 1.6-10; 16, 19.1-4, 20.

WLC, 1, 91-97.

WSC, 1, 39-40.

Feb. 25: Using the Law; Natural Law

DCL, SG, Chapters 12-14.

Mar. 4: The Situational Perspective

BC, 24.

DCL, SG, Chapters 15-17.

HC, 63-64.

WCF, 16.5.

WLC, 1, 149-151.

WSC, 1.

Mar. 11: The Existential Perspective

BC, 24.

DCL, SG, Chapters 18-21.

HC, 86-90 (review 91).

WCF, review 16.

Mar. 18: Introduction to the Decalogue; First Commandment

DCL, SG, Chapters 22-24.

HC, 92-95.

WCF, 92-93.

WLC, 98-106.

WSC, 42-48.

Mar. 25: Spring Break; no class.

MAR. 30-APR. 4: MID-TERM EXAM, available in the library. (Check library hours.) Covers all lectures and reading through the Mar. 18 assignment.

Apr. 1: Second and Third Commandments

DCL, SG, Chapters 25-27.

HC, 96-102.

WCF, XXII.

WLC, 107-114.

WSC, 49-56.

WST, 1-62, 123-134.

Apr. 8: Fourth Commandment

DCL, SG, Chapters 28-30.

HC, 103

WCF, XXI.

WLC, 115-121.

WSC, 57-62.

Apr. 15: Fifth Commandment

CR2, 261-335, 423-450.

DCL, SG, Chapters 31-34.

HC, 104

WCF, 23.

WLC, 122-133.

WSC, 63-66.

Apr. 22: Sixth Commandment

CR2, 381-422, 451-524.

DCL. SG, Chapters 35-37.

Frame, Review of *Christian Faith, Health and Medical*

*Practice*, at www.reformedperspectives.org

HC, 105-107

ME, all.

WLC, 134-136.

WSC, 67-69.

Apr. 29: Seventh Commandment

CR2, 139-260.

DCL, SG, Chapters 38-40.

HC, 108-109.

WCF, 24.

WLC, 137-139.

WSC, 73-75.

May 6: Eighth through Tenth Commandments

CR2, 339-380.

DCL, SG, Chapters 41-44

HC, 110-113.

WLC 140-148.

WSC 73-81.

Friday, May 15, 11:00 A. M.: Papers due.

**Course Bibliographies**

These are more or less in the order in which the subjects are treated in the course. Contents:

General Ethics Texts

General Biblical Ethics

Philosophical Ethics

Natural Law

Adiaphora

Law in the Bible

Law and Grace, Law and Gospel

Old and New Covenants

Love, Law, and Situation Ethics

Imprecatory Psalms

Theonomy

Ethics and Free Will

Conscience

Introduction to the Decalogue

First Commandment:

The Occult

Secret Societies

Secular Schools

Worship

Sabbath

Social Ethics: General

State, Politics

War

Medical Ethics; Termination of Treatment

Abortion

Environment

Man and Woman: Marriage, Family, Divorce

Sexuality

Race

Substance Abuse

Economics; Poverty

Various

*General Ethics Texts*

Barth, Karl*, The Christian Life* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981). 310. H.

-, *Church Dogmatics*, esp. I/2, 401‑454, 782‑796; II/2, 509ff, 704ff; III/4.

Bonhoeffer, D., *Ethics*.

Brunner, E., *The Divine Imperative*.

—, *Dogmatics*, II, 215ff; III, 306ff.

—, *Faith Hope and Love*.

Bunyan, J., *Christian Behavior* (in Complete Works, NFCE, 1968, I, 164ff).

Puritan.

Calvin, John, *Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1952). 1.50. 98. H. Also paperback copy, 1982.

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Rapids: Baker, 1994). 2 vols. Mostly evangelical. In past years, I assigned these volumes for the course. I’ve concluded that the readings are a bit long for that purpose, but they are quite valuable in helping you to see the range of opinions in the evangelical world on ethical issues.

Clark, Gordon H., *A Christian View of Men and Things*, III‑IV.

--, *Essays on Ethics and Politics* (Jefferson,

MD: Trinity Foundation, 1992). 10.95. 236. p.

—, *Religion, Reason and Revelation*, IV.

—, "The Wheaton Lectures," in Nash, ed., *The Philosophy of Gordon H. Clark* (esp. 112‑117, later discussion).

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Cox, Harvey, ed., *The Situation Ethics Debate* (Phila.:

Westminster Press, 1968). 1.95. 285. p.

Davis, John Jefferson, *Evangelical Ethics* (Phila.: Presbyterian

and Reformed, 1985, 1993). Good reformed survey of ethical

issues under current discussion.

De Boer, C., *Responsible Protestantism* (1957) ‑ Christian Reformed.

DeJong, P. Y., *The Christian Life* (1950).

DeWolf, L. H., *Responsible Freedom* (1971) ‑ liberal.

Douma, J., *Christian Morals and Ethics* (Winnepeg: Premier Publishing, 1980). 100. P.

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Edwards, Jonathan, *Charity and its Fruits* (Banner of Truth, 1969).

--, *The Nature of True Virtue.*

Erickson, Millard J., *Relativism in Contemporary Christian Ethics* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1974). 3.95. 170. P. 2 copies.

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Springs: Navpress, 1986). The Sermon on the Mount.

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Gilson, E., *Moral Values and the Moral Life* (R.C.).

Guatafson, J., *Christ and the Moral Life* ‑ liberal, but more moderate than Fletcher.

Haring, B., *The Law of Christ* ‑ R.C.

Harkness, G., *Christian Ethics* (1957) ‑ liberal.

--, *John Calvin: The Man and His Ethics* (NY: Abingdon, 1931, 1958). 1.50. 266. P.

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*Ethics* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1987).

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Eerdmans, 1957). 6.95. 615. h.

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*ICBI Summit III* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987).

Kevan, Ernest F., *The Grace of Law: A Study of Puritan Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1965). 4.95. 294. H.

--, *The Moral Law* (Jenkintown, PA: Sovereign Grace, 1963). 149. H.

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Lewis, C. S., *The Four Loves*.

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Maston, T. B., *The Conscience of a Christian* (1971) ‑ evangelical.

—, *Right or Wrong*.

McQuilkin, Robertson, *An Introduction to Biblical Ethics*

(Wheaton: Tyndale, 1985). 563. p.

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Monsma, P., *Calvin and Ethics* (1959).

Murray, J., *Collected Writings*, I, 169‑185 (essays on “Christian Doctrine and Life,” “The Christian Ethic,” “Adorning the Gospel.”

—, *Principles of Conduct* (1957).

Niebuhr, Reinhold, *An Interpretation of Christian Ethics*

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from teaching at Fuller Seminary. His view of Scripture

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## Philosophical Ethics

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| **MDiv Student Learning Outcomes** | | **Rubric**   * Strong * Moderate * Minimal * N/A | **Mini-Justification** |
| **Articulation**  **(oral & written)** | Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. | Strong | Very broad treatment of biblical principles, term paper and class participation assignments. |
| **Scripture** | Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.) | Strong | All principles exegetically developed, applied to modern circumstances. |
| **Reformed Theology** | Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards. | Strong | The approach is thoroughly Reformed, sent over against alternatives. In the second half of the course, students will study the commentary on the law in the Reformed Confessions and Catechisms. |
| **Sanctification** | Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student’s sanctification. | Strong | The study of biblical ethics and application to life is central to the course. |
| **Desire for Worldview** | Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God. | Strong | The course emphasizes the distinctives of the biblical worldview and their importance. |
| **Winsomely Reformed** | Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.) | Strong | I consider this very important in my treatment of ethical issues. |
| **Preach** | Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm. | Moderate | This is not a class in preaching, but I emphasize the value of the material for preaching. |
| **Worship** | Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service. | Moderate | The first four commandments of the Decalogue do deal with worship, and the whole course deals with worship in the broad sense of Rom. 12:1-2. |
| **Shepherd** | Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide. | Moderate | This is not a pastoral theology course, but I should think that the emphasis on ethics and its application to the Christian life should be an impetus to spiritual maturity. |
| **Church/World** | Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues. | Moderate | Nothing much denominational here, except for a brief discussion of the validity of denominations. But the course does discuss “significant public issues.” |