

History of Christianity Studies - Reformation

THEO 60232 Reformation History (H.C.)

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8:10-10:30 MTWRF June 16-July 4, 2008

An examination of the theology of such major Protestant figures as Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Melanchthon, Menno Simons and Thomas Cranmer in the context of competing Catholic visions of reform. Requirements: Three 4-page papers and a final exam.

For textbooks, get the paper editions of David Bagchi and David Steinmetz, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Reformation Theology*. Cambridge, 2004. Hans J. Hillerbrand, ed., *The Protestant Reformation*. Harper Torchbooks, 1968. David C. Steinmetz, *Reformers in the Wings*, 2 ed., Oxford, 2001. *The Cambridge Companion* and *Reformers in the Wings* should be read early in the session.

Requirements for the course:

1. Participation in the discussion of lectures and assigned readings.
2. Preparation of three short essays of 4 pages on the following themes:

Week One: Read *The Protestant Reformation*, 1-107.

Topic: What role do good works play in Luther's understanding of life as a Christian?

Week Two: Read *The Protestant Reformation*, 108-152.

Topic: What is the Anabaptist vision of the nature of the Church?

Week Three: Read *The Protestant Reformation*, 153-239.

Topic: What are the main elements in Calvin's defense of the Reformation against the criticisms leveled by Cardinal Sadoletto?

3. A final examination over lectures, discussions and assigned readings for the whole course.

Recommended reading:

I. *Theology on the Eve of the Reformation*

Norman Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium*

John L. Farthing, *Thomas Aquinas and Gabriel Biel*

Jean-Claude Margolin, *Humanism in Europe at the Time of the Renaissance*

Heiko A. Oberman, *The Harvest of Medieval Theology*

_____, *Forerunners of the Reformation*

_____, *Masters of the Reformation*

_____, *The Roots of Antisemitism*

James H. Overfield, *Humanism and Scholasticism in Late Medieval Germany*
Miri Rubin, *Corpus Christi: The Eucharist in Late Medieval Culture*
Gerald Strauss, *Manifestations of Discontent in Germany on the Eve of the Reformation*
Thomas N. Tentler, *Sin and Confession on the Eve of the Reformation*
Steven E. Ozment, ed., *The Reformation in Medieval Perspective*
David C. Steinmetz, *Misericordia Dei: The Theology of Johannes von Staupitz in its Late Medieval Setting*

II. General Histories

Hans J. Hillerbrand, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation*
Thomas A. Brady, Jr., Heiko A. Oberman, and James D. Tracy, *Handbook of European History, 1400-1600*
Euan Cameron, *The European Reformations*
A.G. Dickens, *Luther and the German Reformation*
_____, *The Counter Reformation*
_____, *The English Reformation*
John Dillenberger and Claude Welch, *Protestant Christianity interpreted through its Development*
John Dillenberger, *Protestant Thought and Natural Science*
R. Po-Chia Hsia, ed., *The German People and the Reformation*
Joseph Lortz, *The Reformation in Germany*
Alister E. McGrath, *Reformation Thought: An Introduction*
Steven E. Ozment, *The Reformation in the Cities*
_____, ed., *Reformation Europe: A Guide to Research*
Andrew Pettegree, ed., *The Early Reformation in Europe*
Bob Scribner, Roy Porter and Mikulas Teich, eds. *The Reformation in National Context*
G.H. Williams, *The Radical Reformation*
The New Cambridge Modern History II, The Reformation 1520-59
James E. Bradley and Richard A. Muller, *Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods*

III. Some Specific Studies in Reformation History

Peter Blickle, *The Revolution of 1525*
Brian Gerrish, ed., *Reformers in Profile*
_____, *Continuing the Reformation*
Martin Brecht, *Martin Luther*, 3 vols.
Gerhard Brendler, *Martin Luther: Theology and Revolution*
Mark U. Edwards, *Luther and the False Brethren*
_____, *Luther's Last Battles*
_____, *Printing, Propaganda, and Martin Luther*
Franz Lau, *Luther*
Gordon, Rupp, *The Righteousness of God: Luther Studies*
_____, *Luther's Progress to the Diet of Worms*
_____, *Patterns of Reformation*

Robert W. Scribner, *For the Sake of Simple Folk: Popular Propaganda for the German Reformation*

David C. Steinmetz, *Luther and Staupitz: An Essay in the Intellectual Origins of the Protestant Reformation*

_____, *Luther in Context*

_____, *Calvin in Context*

_____, ed., *The Bible in the Sixteenth Century*

Gerald Strauss, *Luther's House of Learning*

Philip Watson, *Let God be God*

Paul Althaus, *The Theology of Martin Luther*

_____, *The Ethics of Martin Luther*

Gerhard Ebeling, *Luther: An Introduction to his Thought*

Roland Bainton, *Women of the Reformation*, 3 vols.

Heiko A. Oberman, *Luther: Man between God and the Devil*

_____, *The Dawn of the Reformation*

_____, *The Impact of the Reformation*

Steven E. Ozment, *When Fathers Ruled*

_____, *Magdalena and Balthasar*

_____, *Three Behaim Boys*

_____, *Mysticism and Dissent*

_____, *The Bürgermeister's Daughter*

Merry Wiesner-Hanks, *Working Women in Renaissance Germany*

H. C. Erik Midelfort, *The Mad Princes of Renaissance Germany*

Jaques Courvoisier, *Zwingli: A Reformed Theologian*

Ulrich Gäbler, *Huldrych Zwingli: His Life and Work*

Gottfried W. Locher, *Zwingli's Thought*

G.M. Potter, *Zwingli*

W.P. Stephens, *The Theology of Huldrych Zwingli*

_____, *The Holy Spirit in the Theology of Martin Bucer*

Claus-Peter Clasen, *Anabaptism, A Social History, 1525-1618*

Eric W. Gritsch, *Reformer without a Church*

Hans J. Hillerbrand, *A Fellowship of Discontent*

William Klassen, *Covenant and Community*

Franklin H. Littell, *The Anabaptist View of the Church*

Francois Wendel, *Calvin, Origins and Development of his Religious Thought*

William J. Bouwsma, *John Calvin: A Sixteenth Century Portrait*

Jane Dempsey Douglass, *Women, Freedom and Calvin*

Edward A. Dowey, *The Knowledge of God in Calvin's Theology*

Richard A. Muller, *Christ and the Decree: Christology and Predestination in Reformed Theology from Calvin to Perkins*

_____, *Dictionary of Greek and Latin Theological Terms*

_____, *Post-Reformation Reformed Dogmatics*

_____, *The Unaccommodated Calvin*

Richard A. Muller and John L. Thompson, eds., *Biblical Interpretation in the Era of the Reformation*

T.H.L. Parker, *Calvin's New Testament Commentaries*

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Susan E. Schreiner, *Theater of His Glory*
_____, *Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?*
John L. Thompson, *John Calvin and the Daughters of Sarah*
Natalie Z. Davis, *Society and Culture in Early Modern France*
_____, *The Return of Martin Guerre*
_____, *Fiction in the Archives*
Lucien Febvre, *The Problem of Unbelief in the Sixteenth Century*
Miriam U. Chrisman, *Lay Culture, Learned Culture*
Sachiko Kusukawa, *The Transformation of Natural Philosophy: The Case of Philip
Melanchthon*
Robert Stupperich, *Melanchthon*
Timothy J. Wengert, *Vivum Evangelium: Philip Melanchthon's Annotationes in
Johannem*
T.M. Parker, *The English Reformation to 1558*
Geoffrey R. Elton, *The English Reformation*
Eamon Duffy, *The Stripping of the Altars*
John O'Malley, *The First Jesuits*
Hubert Jedin, *A History of the Council of Trent*