



## **PT604 Preaching Doctrinal and Ethical Texts** *Spring 2008*

### **Purpose**

To further the preparation of Master of Divinity students to enter into the calling of Minister of the Word of God by:

- a) Becoming acquainted with the peculiar hermeneutical and homiletical challenges presented by legal, wisdom, poetic, and prophetic literature in both Testaments.
- b) Developing skills in structuring sermons on such portions of Scripture and providing practice (with evaluation) in preaching them

### **Assignments**

1) Refresh your memory of the pages of Goldsworthy's book that are relevant for the class subject (see below).

2) Read all the pieces that are provided in the Class Reader. Highlight and analyze **one** insight regarding Christian Doctrine or Ethics that you will find useful as you preach from the non-narrative portions of Scripture. A 5-6 page response due by midday on Thursday 20 March

3) Prepare and preach a sermon on a text selected from Leviticus, Proverbs, Colossians or James.

- i Submit the reference by February 20 and a *one-page* sermon outline in sentence form, two days before you preach,
- ii Preach the sermon to the class (25 minutes) **without dependence on a manuscript** and record it in audio. Evaluation by your fellow-students and the instructor will follow.

4) Participate in the in-class evaluation of other students' sermons.

Complete and submit an evaluation form (to be provided) for each student preacher in your section — identifying one major strength and one major weakness.

## **Evaluation (Grading)**

Your grade in the course will be calculated according to the following scale:

Readings and Response	30 %
Sermon Content and delivery	50%
Evaluation participation	20%

## **Schedule**

15, 22 February – Introductory Lectures

29 March - 16 May - Sermon Practica

## **Reading**

- *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture*. G.Goldsworthy. Grand Rapids. MI. Eerdmans 2000 pp. 152-221.
- *Christian Doctrine and Life* and *The Christian Ethic*. John Murray. Collected Writings Vol. 1 (provided)
- *Seven Questions for Paul's Ethics* in *Understanding Paul's Ethics* pp. 351-360. Ed. Brian S Rosner. Eerdmans 1995 (provided)
- *Unity or Diversity in Wisdom Theology? A Canonical and Covenantal Perspective*. Richard Schultz. Tyndale Bulletin 48 (1997) pp.271-306 (provided)
- *Calvin and the Law-Gospel Hermeneutic*. Michael S. Horton. Pro Ecclesia Vol VI No 1 (provided)

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