The Whole Armor of God

The Belgic Confession and Heidelberg Catechism for Today

JANUARY 18-19, 2013
WELCOME!

On behalf of the faculty of Westminster Seminary California (WSC), we are delighted that you have taken the time to join us for this year’s conference. This annual conference was instituted by our faculty in order to support the Church by addressing, from the Word of God as confessed by the Reformed faith, issues of interest and importance to churches in North America. It is our aim that you will be encouraged and better equipped to serve the Church as a result of this conference.

After more than thirty years since the founding of Westminster Seminary California (WSC), it is increasingly evident that we do not prize originality as much as we prize faithfulness to truths already discovered. As R. Scott Clark has said, “More recent interpretations of Scripture, practices, and forms of piety are assumed to be better than our older ecclesiastical conclusions.” However, the biblical faith—the historic faith that came through Jesus, the apostles, the early church fathers, and the Protestant reformers—is a confessional faith, and the confessions ought to be restored to their proper place in the life of the church. To this end, this conference aims to help restore our appreciation for and use of the Reformed confessions.

We pray that you will find value in each plenary session and speaker, and that you will enjoy rich fellowship with us and with each other over these two days. Thank you for your participation in our conference.

W. Robert Godfrey
President
On behalf of the faculty

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00 PM  Registration check-in, Bookstore open
7:00  Welcome
7:10  PLENARY I: “The Belt of Truth: Confession and Clarity” (Eph. 6:17) —David M. VanDrunen
7:55  Stretch Break (10 minutes)
8:05  PLENARY II: “The Shield of Faith: Why the Belgic Confession?” (Eph. 6:16) —W. Robert Godfrey
8:50  Dismissal/Refreshments
9:00-9:30  Book Signing (Bookstore)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM  Registration check-in, Bookstore open
8:30  Welcome
8:40  PLENARY III: “The Helmet of Salvation: Confession and Comfort” (Eph. 6:17) —S. M. Baugh
9:25  Break/Refreshments (20 minutes)
9:45  PLENARY IV: “Feet Shod in the Gospel of Peace: Why the Heidelberg Catechism?” (Eph. 6:15) —R. Scott Clark
10:30  Stretch Break (10 minutes)
10:40  PLENARY V: “The Sword of the Spirit: Confession and Confrontation” (Eph. 6:17) —J. V. Fesko
11:25  Lunch
12:50 PM  PLENARY VI: “Be Strong in the Lord: Confession and Commitment” (Eph. 6:10) —W. Robert Godfrey
1:35  Break (20 minutes)
1:55  Questions & Answers—Faculty Panel: David VanDrunen, W. Robert Godfrey, S.M. Baugh, R. Scott Clark, J.V. Fesko, and Michael S. Horton
2:45-3:30  Dismissal and Book Signing (Bookstore)
EDUCATION FOR CHRIST, HIS GOSPEL, AND HIS CHURCH

“Proper cultivation of the mind fosters proper devotion of the heart.”
- W. Robert Godfrey, President

The mission of Westminster Seminary California (WSC) is to educate pastors, teachers, and leaders who will glorify Christ, preach His Gospel, and serve His Church around the world. Since 1982, Westminster Seminary California has sent forth more than 900 alumni into more than 30 countries.

WSC is the only fully accredited and independent Reformed seminary in the Western United States.

The WSC education is a Reformed, rigorous study of God’s Word for the sake of Christ and His Church.

At the core of the WSC education is Scripture—God’s infallible, inerrant, and therefore authoritative Word.

The glorious, true Gospel of God’s provision for sinners in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the life force of our seminary.

WSC students learn how to preach and teach Christ from every book of the Bible.

Our faculty is committed to the inerrant Scriptures and subscribe the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms and the Three Forms of Unity (The Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort).

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David M. VanDrunen
Robert B. Strimple Professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Ethics

Dr. VanDrunen, a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, began teaching at Westminster Seminary California in 2001. His present research interests include natural law, the two kingdoms doctrine, and bioethics. Dr. VanDrunen is the author or editor of several books, most recently Living in God’s Two Kingdoms: A Biblical Vision for Christianity and Culture; Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms: A Study in the Development of Reformed Social Thought; and Bioethics and the Christian Life: A Guide to Making Difficult Decisions.

W. Robert Godfrey
President and Professor of Church History

Dr. Godfrey has taught church history at Westminster Seminary California since 1981. He is the third president of Westminster Seminary California and is a minister in the United Reformed Churches in North America. He is the author of several books, most recently John Calvin: Pilgrim and Pastor. In 2010, a festschrift was published in Dr. Godfrey’s honor entitled Always Reformed.

S.M. Baugh
Professor of New Testament

Dr. Baugh has taught part- and full-time at Westminster Seminary California since 1983. He is an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. One of Dr. Baugh’s main concerns has been to develop a more effective and integrated curriculum in Greek instruction for the Seminary. To this end, he wrote the two main textbooks used for Greek I-III: New Testament Greek for Interpreters (2nd edition) and A First John Reader.

R. Scott Clark
Professor of Church History and Historical Theology

Dr. Clark has taught at Westminster Seminary California since 1997. He is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in the United States and is presently a minister in the United Reformed Churches in North America. Dr. Clark is the author and editor of several books, most recently Always Reformed: Essays in Honor of W. Robert Godfrey (co-editor and contributor) and Recovering the Reformed Confession: Our Theology, Piety, and Practice.

J.V. Fesko
Academic Dean and Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology

Dr. Fesko is a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He was ordained as a church planter in 1998 and was installed as a pastor in 2003, thus serving in pastoral ministry for over ten years. His present research interests include the integration of biblical and systematic theology, soteriology, and sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Reformed theology. He is the author of several books, most recently Beyond Calvin: Union with Christ and Justification in Early Modern Reformed Theology (1517-1700), Jesus and the Old Testament Tabernacle, and The Lectio Continua Expository Commentary on the New Testament: Galatians.

Michael S. Horton
J. Gresham Machen Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics

Dr. Horton has taught apologetics and theology at Westminster Seminary California since 1998. In addition to his work at the Seminary, he is the president of the White Horse Inn broadcast and editor-in-chief of Modern Reformation magazine. Dr. Horton is the author of more than twenty books, most recently The Christian Faith: A Systematic Theology for Pilgrims on the Way and The Gospel Commission.
**PSALM 46**

1. **1**God is our refuge and our strength;
   To cheer the city of our God,
   A present help in our distress.

2. **2**A river brings refreshing streams
   The Most High’s holy dwelling place.
   We will not therefore be afraid
   Tho’ all the earth should be removed,
   Though all the earth should be removed,

3. **3**O come, see what the LORD has done:
   He despairs of our distress;
   To make for Him, The Redeemer through the desert wastes!
   God is in her; she won’t be removed;
   God is in her; she won’t be moved;

4. **4**The orphans’ father, widows’ help, God’s in His
   He puts an end to wars,
   None before Him stay. Like smoke drive them away!
   Breaks bow and spear, and chariots burns.

**PSALM 68:1–6**

1. **1**Let God arise, and scatter the nations far before all His
   And let all those who hate Him flee; Let
   All the nations far before Him flee.

2. **2**As melting wax before a fire, before God
   But let the righteous all exult; Be
   The nations before Him flee.

3. **3**O sing to God! O praise His name! A highway
   Make for Him, The Redeemer through the desert wastes!
   Make for Him, The Redeemer through the desert wastes!

4. **4**The orphans’ father, widows’ help, God’s in His
   God leads the prisoners out to peace, Gives
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DEAR FRIEND,

I am hoping you are able to join Dr. Robert Godfrey and me on a trip to England & Scotland to study the British Reformation, August 15, 2013 through August 23, 2013.

We will be visiting historically significant sites in London, Cambridge, York, and Edinburgh. Many friendships have been forged on our previous trips, and I am looking forward to deepening these relationships and to building new ones. We are anticipating a large response to this trip; however we want to keep the size of our group manageable and are limiting it to 130 people.

I hope you will seriously consider joining Ligonier Ministries for this time of fellowship and teaching.

In His Service,

R.C. Sproul
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Purchase a Chick-Fil-A box lunch for $10 at the Student Lounge (includes a chicken sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink).

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Panda Express
Rubio’s
Quizno’s
Starbucks

Directions: Go left out of the seminary gates back down the hill. Stay on Boyle and cross over Bear Valley Parkway. Boyle becomes Rose St. as you wind through the residential area. (You’ll pass Grand Ave.) When you get to Valley Pkwy, make a left. The eateries are in the Home Depot shopping center.

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Westminster Seminary California: A New Old School, is a recent book that tells the story of how Westminster Seminary California (WSC), a relatively new school, has sought to preserve “old school” theological commitments during some very tumultuous years for American evangelicalism. After 33 years, WSC continues its mission to educate the next generation of pastors, teachers, and leaders for the Church by delivering the true biblical religion revealed in the Scriptures.

“In the process of writing the book with my friend and colleague, Dr. Darryl G. Hart, I was continually encouraged by God’s faithfulness in preserving the theological fidelity of our seminary as our faculty sought—and continue to seek—to combine confessional orthodoxy with vital religion.” — W. Robert Godfrey, President of Westminster Seminary California

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The Pattern of Sound Doctrine: Systematic Theology at the Westminster Seminaries; Essays in Honor of Robert B. Strimple edited by David VanDrunen

Covenant, Justification, and Pastoral Ministry: Essays by the Faculty of Westminster Seminary California edited by R. Scott Clark

Always Reformed: Essays in Honor of W. Robert Godfrey edited by R. Scott Clark and Joel E. Kim