

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky
Ph.D. Seminar
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Evangelistic Ministry: Biblical and Theological Principles
Evangelism 88580

Fall 2006

I. Seminar Description

A study of major biblical and theological themes influencing the evangelistic mission of the church. Special emphasis is given to historical interpretations of the gospel message and the process of conversion as they inform the development of an evangelistic strategy.

II. Seminar Objectives

1. To ascertain the essential message of the gospel of salvation.
2. To comprehend contemporary theological issues which impact the message of evangelism.
3. To develop familiarity with different viewpoints on the process of conversion.
4. To develop skill in the critical assessment of methodologies from a biblical and theological perspective.

III. Seminar Requirements

1. Read thoroughly each of the five required textbooks and be prepared to discuss them on the assigned due date. Write a five page review / analysis on each book to be turned in on the due date.
2. Each student will research and write a paper on a selected topic related to the theology of evangelism (the professor must approve all paper topics). The paper should be 20 to 25 pages, double-spaced and conforming to the current Southern Seminary style guide. The paper must reflect doctoral level research and make a significant contribution to the field.
3. Each student must make a synopsis presentation of his/her paper of no more than five minutes.
4. Each student must submit five one sentence key thoughts for every paper other than his/her own. Those thoughts are due on the day of each presentation.

5. Presentation and seminar participation are weighted heavily.

IV. Other Information

1. Copies of research papers must be distributed to professors and other students in the seminar on the due date. This requirement will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in serious grade penalties and possible failure.
2. Do not distribute book analyses to students.

V. Research Topics

The following list is suggested but is not necessarily exhaustive. The professor must approve the research topic and the presentation date for each student.

Possible topics include:

- The understanding of the gospel message and view of conversion of:

Bill Bright
 John Bunyan
 Jonathan Edwards
 Charles G. Finney
 Andrew Fuller
 Billy Graham
 D. James Kennedy
 D. L. Moody
 John Owen
 J. I. Packer
 Adrian Rogers
 Charles H. Spurgeon
 John Stott
 R.A. Torrey
 Jerry Vines
 John Wesley
 George Whitefield

The Southern Baptist Convention as reflected in current Convention literature

Popular evangelism training programs (e.g. Becoming a Contagious Christian, People Sharing Jesus, Share Jesus Without Fear, F.A.I.T.H., etc.)

- Reformed Evangelism

- The Apostolic Preaching and Its Development (bibliographic survey and analysis of Dodd, Mounce, Green, Drummond, Loscalzo, etc.)
- Children and Conversion

VI. Bibliographic Aids

Students are asked to provide extensive bibliographies along with their paper.

VII. Required Reading:

Carson, D.A. and John D. Woodbridge, eds. *Scripture and Truth*. Baker, 1995. (reprint available in bookstore).

Demarest, Bruce. *The Cross and Salvation*. Crossway, 1997.

Horton, Michael. *Christ the Lord*. Baker, 1992. (reprint available In bookstore)

Pinnock, Clark H., ed. *The Grace of God and the Will of Man*. Bethany House, 1995.

Sproul, R.C. *Grace Unknown*. Baker, 1997. (book is out-of-print and has been replaced by R.C. Sproul, *What Is Reformed Theology?* Baker, 2005). The books are identical except for the title, and that the newest edition is paperback.

VIII. Special Needs

In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g., tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.

IX. Schedule (seminar meets from 11:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m., Wednesdays in N 205).

August 16	Syllabus, Introduction to Course
August 23	The Authority for Evangelism DUE: Carson/Woodbridge, <i>Scripture and Truth</i>
August 30	The Message of Evangelism DUE: Demarest, <i>The Cross and Salvation</i>
September 6	The Lordship Salvation Controversy DUE: Horton, <i>Christ the Lord</i>
September 13	NO CLASS: Research Day

September 20	NO CLASS: Research Day
September 27	The Calvinism/Arminianism Controversy DUE: Pinnock, <i>The Grace of God and the Will of Man</i> Sproul, <i>Grace Unknown</i>
October 4	NO CLASS: Fall Break
October 9 (Monday)	All Research Papers due in BGS Office by 12:00 noon
October 11	Presentation #1: _____ Presentation #2: _____
October 18	NO CLASS
October 25	Presentation #3: _____ Presentation #4: _____
November 1	Presentation #5: _____ Presentation #6: _____
November 8	Presentation #7: _____ Presentation #8: _____
November 15	Presentation #9: _____ Presentation #10: _____
November 22	NO CLASS: Reading Days
November 29 (final)	Presentation #11: __If necessary_____ Presentation #12: __If necessary_____