

33. REFORMED ETHICS

Main Texts

Calvin, John. [On the Commandments and On the Christian Life]. In *Calvin: Institutes of the Christian Religion*, translated from the 1559 Latin ed. by Ford Lewis Battles, Book II, Chapters 4–8, and Book 3, Chapters 6–10 (vol. 1, pp. 309–423, 684–725). Library of Christian Classics, ed. John T. McNeill, vol. 20. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960.

Edwards, Jonathan. *Charity and its Fruits: Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life*.

Barth, Karl. *The Epistle to the Romans*. Read section on Romans 12–13.

Barth, Karl. “The Command of God.” In *Church Dogmatics*, edited by G. W. Bromiley and T. F. Torrance, Vol. II, *The Doctrine of God*, Part 2, §§ 36–39, pp. 509–781. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1957.

———. “The Command of God the Creator.” In *Church Dogmatics*, edited by G. W. Bromiley and T. F. Torrance, Vol. III, *The Doctrine of Creation*, Part 4, §§ 52–56, pp. 3–685. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1961.

Brunner, Emil. *The Divine Imperative: A Study in Christian Ethics*.

Niebuhr, Reinhold. *The Nature and Destiny of Man: A Christian Interpretation*. Vol. 2, Chapters 5–9.

———. *An interpretation of Christian Ethics*.

Niebuhr, H[elmut] Richard. *The Responsible Self: An Essay in Christian Moral Philosophy*. New York: Harper & Row, 1963.

Background Reading

Graham, W. Fred. *The Constructive Revolutionary: John Calvin & His Socio-Economic Impact*.

Lovin, Robin W. *Christian Faith and Public Choices: The Social Ethics of Barth, Brunner, and Bonhoeffer*. Read selections on Barth and Brunner.

Ramsey, Paul. *Nine Modern Moralists : Paul Tillich, Karl Marx, H. Richard Niebuhr, Fyodor Dostoevski, Reinhold Niebuhr, Jacques Maritain, Jean-Paul Sartre, Emil Brunner, Edmond Cahn*. Read selections on Niebuhrs and Brunner.

Webster, J[ohn] B. *Barth’s Ethics of Reconciliation*.

———. *Barth's Moral Theology: Human Action in Barth's Thought*.

West, Charles C. *Communism and The Theologians: Study of an Encounter*. From Cold War era; see chapters on Barth, Brunner, Reinhold Niebuhr.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Book of Catechisms. “Study Catechism: Full Version” (especially Q89–119)

The Book of Confessions. “Heidelberg Catechism” (especially Q92–115); “Westminster Larger Catechism” (Q91–151); “Westminster Shorter Catechism” (Q42–82); “Barmen Declaration”; “Confession of 1967”.

Text: <http://oga.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/pdf/boc.pdf>

Presbyterian Social Witness Policy Compilation, 1946–1999. Read especially “Theological Basis for Social Action,” pp. 1–10; “Church and Society,” pp. 11–30; “Ethics in Government,” pp. 368–371; and “Methods of Social Change,” pp. 365–368.