

5. REFORMED PIETY

Seminar Readings

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

Your seminar may choose to read this from Elsie Ann McKee’s translation of the 1541 French edition of the *Institutes*, listed in the Supplementary Readings below.

“Having Seen What the Scriptures Principally Teach Us to Believe Concerning God, It Follows to Consider What They Require as the Duty of Man.” In “The [Westminster] Larger Catechism,” QQ. 91–196. In *Book of Confessions*. Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly, 2016. 7.201–306 (pp. 238–260).

Text: http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/boc2016.pdf

Barth, Karl. “The Christian Life (Fragment): Baptism as the Foundation of the Christian Life.” In *Church Dogmatics*, edited by G. W. Bromiley and T. F. Torrance, Vol. IV, *The Doctrine of Reconciliation*, Part 4, pp. v–xii and 1–213. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1969.

Note: This final part volume of Barth’s *Dogmatics*, on baptism, constitutes the second of five sections in the later and larger though still fragmentary publication of Barth’s other lectures on the Christian life listed immediately below. See note there for a suggested order of reading.

———. *The Christian Life: Church Dogmatics IV,4: Lecture Fragments*. Translated by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1981. xv + 310 pp.

Note: This later publication of fragments of Barth’s lectures on the Christian life surrounds the earlier publication of one section of his work on baptism listed immediately above. You may wish to read from these lectures first, pp. i–xv and 1–46, then the part volume on baptism, pp. v–xii and 1–213, and finally from these lectures, pp. 49–292.

Old, Hughes Oliphant. “What Is Reformed Spirituality? Played Over Again Lightly.” In *Calvin Studies VII: Papers Presented at the Colloquium on Calvin Studies, 1994*, pp. 61–68. Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, NC, and Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 1994.

This is available on the Foundation website at the following link:

[http://foundationrt.org/bw/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Old Reformed Spirituality.pdf](http://foundationrt.org/bw/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Old_Reformed_Spirituality.pdf)

Bloesch, Donald G. *Spirituality Old & New: Recovering Authentic Spiritual Life*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2007. 196 pp.

Supplementary Readings

Battles, Ford Lewis, translator and editor. *The Piety of John Calvin: An Anthology Illustrative of the Spirituality of the Reformer*, music arranged by Stanley E. Tagg. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1978. 180 pp. Reissued as *The Piety of John Calvin: A Collection of His Spiritual Prose, Poems, and Hymns*, with foreword by David W. Hall and with Daughter's Preface by Nancy Howitt-Battles. Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P&R Publishing, 2009. 221 pp.

Dedication: "To *John Leith*, instrument of God's gracious providence but for whose timely pastoral intervention both this book and the life of its author would not be."

Baxter, Richard. *The Reformed Pastor*. 1656. Edited by William Brown, 1829. Reprint, Edinburgh, Scotland and Carlisle, Pennsylvania: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1974. 256 pp.

Outline:

http://foundationrt.org/bw/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Baxter_The_Reformed_Pastor.pdf

Calvin, John. "The Christian Life." *Institutes of the Christian Religion: 1541 French Edition*. Translated by Elsie Anne McKee, Chapter 17, pp. 681–712. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009.

———. *John Calvin: Writings on Pastoral Piety*, edited and with translations by Elsie Anne McKee, New York: Paulist Press, 2001. xxi + 360 pp.

See especially Part Five: "Piety in the Christian Live, Ethics, and Pastoral Care," pp. 247–332 (and, within that, especially pp. 291 ff.).

"The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life." In *Reformed Reader: A Sourcebook in Christian Theology*, Vol. 1, *Classical Beginnings, 1519–1799*, edited by William Stacy Johnson and John H. Leith, chapter 5, pp. 239–291. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1993.

Leith, John H. "The Ethos of the Reformed Tradition." In *An Introduction to the Reformed Tradition: A Way of Being the Christian Community*, revised edition, Chapter 3, pp. 70–88. Atlanta: John Knox, 1981.

Music of the Genevan Psalter. Grand Rapids, MI: Calvin College, 1999.

This is a CD of Psalms.

Peterson, Eugene H. *Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1992. 251 pp.

———. *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2010. 213 pp.

———. *The Pastor: A Memoir*. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2012. 336 pp.

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