

SYLLABUS

ST886 — Ecclesiology (3 credits)

Beauty and Edification of the Church:
An Introduction of the Practical Ecclesiology

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“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church
and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her
by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church
to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27

“The Church is the mirror, that reflects
the whole effulgence of the Divine character.
It is the grand scene, in which the perfections
of Jehovah are displayed to the universe.”

Charles Bridges, *The Christian Ministry*

1. Instructor Information: Jonas Madureira. Martin Bucer Seminary (Brazil), email: jonasmadureira@gmail.com. Office hours: tbd. Location: Martin Bucer Seminary (Brazil); Time of class: tbd.
2. Purpose of course: This course aims to present a study of the doctrine of the church, with focus on the attributes and marks of the church, the nature and necessity of ecclesiastical offices, and the means of grace, including preaching and the sacraments. Considers scriptural principles of the New Testament for the planting and revitalization of churches, various systems of polity, and compares church governments.
3. Course Description: It's an introduction to practical ecclesiology, from a biblical and reformed perspective. From this, two things can be deduced: ecclesiology will be considered, on the one hand, from a practical perspective, on the other, from biblical principles of the New Testament and the Reformed doctrine of the church. To guide studies in practical ecclesiology, three texts will be essentials:

- (a) Edmund P. Clowney, “The Biblical Theology of the Church”, in: D. A. Carson (ed.), *The Church in the Bible and the World* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1987), pp. 13-87. Available (with permission): <http://beginningwithmoses.org/oldsite/articles/btchurch1.htm>
- (b) Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics: Holy Spirit, Church, and New Creation* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008), vol. 4 [em português: *Dogmática reformada: Espírito Santo, igreja e nova criação* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2012), vol. 4].
- (c) Mark Dever and Paul Alexander, *The Deliberate Church: Building Your Ministry on the Gospel* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2005) [em português: *Igreja intencional: edificando seu ministério sobre o evangelho* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2015)].

4. Course objectives

- I. The biblical theology of the church
 - a. The church as the people of God
 - b. The church as the disciples of Christ
 - c. The church as the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- II. The reformed church doctrine
 - a. The church’s spiritual essence
 - b. The church’s spiritual government
 - c. The church’s spiritual power
 - d. The Spirit’s means of grace
 - i. Proclamation
 - ii. The Sacraments
 - iii. Baptism
 - iv. The Lord’s Supper
- III. The ecclesiological practice
 - a. The concept of the “local church”
 - b. The concept of “membership”
 - c. The church covenant
 - d. Church discipline: formative and corrective
 - e. The regulative principle
 - f. The biblical preaching
 - g. Evangelism and discipleship
 - h. The role of the pastor, elders and deacons

5. Readings

Selected readings include:

A. Completed before first day of the course:

1. Edmund P. Clowney, *The Biblical Theology of the Church*. Available with permission: <http://beginningwithmoses.org/oldsite/articles/btchurch1.htm>
2. Herman Bavinck, *Dogmática reformada: Espírito Santo, igreja e nova criação* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2012), vol. 4, p. 275-592.
3. Mark Dever e Paul Alexander, *Igreja intencional: edificando seu ministério sobre o evangelho* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2015).

B. Some handouts of suggested readings during classes as listed under “7. Course calendar and handouts” — They will be available in each class.

6. Course outline

Seminar 1 “An introduction to the biblical theology of the church”

- o The church as the people of God
- o The church as the dwelling of God
- o The cosmic symbolism of the temple
- o The church as a people
- o The church of the new covenant
- o The fellowship of the covenant (covenant ecclesiology)
- o The church as “the body of Christ”: totus Christus
- o The church as the disciples of Christ
- o The church as the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- o On Eden and the temple for the church in the twenty-first century

Seminar 2 “The attributes and marks of the church”

- o The biblical preaching
- o Correct administration of the sacraments
- o Communion sanctorum: the church as the “communion of saints”
- o Catholicity, holiness and apostolicity
- o The reformed marks of the church
- o The attributes of the church

Seminar 3 “Political church”

- o The spiritual government of the church
- o The Apostolic office: Peter
- o After the Apostles: elders, bishops, deacons (church offices)
- o Types of church governments

- o Christ is king of the church
- o The spiritual power of the church
- o Religious and civil power in Israel
- o Church power and political power
- o Confusion of powers
- o Church discipline
- o The local assembly as embassy of Christ's rule

Seminar 4 "The means of grace"

- o *Creatura Verbi*: the sacramental Word (word and sacrament)
- o The need for biblical preaching
- o Signs and seals: baptism and Lord's Supper
- o Eucharistic theology
- o The centrality of the liturgy

Seminar 5 "The deliberate church"

- o Where is "local church" in the Bible?
- o The new member's class
- o The church covenant
- o The membership interview
- o Church discipline: formative and corrective
- o Applying the regulative principle
- o Applying the biblical theology in preaching
- o Evangelism and discipleship
- o The role of the pastor, elders and deacons
- o The role of the sacraments
- o Congregational singing
- o What is the mission of the church?

7. Course calendar and handout

May 21 Seminar 1 — "An introduction to the biblical theology of the church"
 Base text: Edmund P. Clowney, *The Biblical Theology of the Church*.

Handout 001

- o G. K. Beale, *The Temple and the Church's Mission: A Biblical Theology of the Dwelling Place of God* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004).
- o Gerald Bray, *The Church* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2016) [em português: *Igreja: um relato histórico e teológico* (São Paulo: Shedd Publicações, 2017)].
- o Michael S. Horton, *People and Place: A Covenant Ecclesiology* (Louisville, London: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008).

- o Vicent P. Branick, *The House Church in the Writings of Paul* (Wilmington, DE: Michael Glazier, 1989) [em português: *A igreja doméstica nos escritos de Paulo* (São Paulo: Paulus, 1994)]
- o Wayne A. Meeks, *The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul* (New Haven, Londres: Yale University Press, 1983) [em português: *Os primeiros cristãos urbanos: o mundo social do apóstolo Paulo* (São Paulo: Paulinas, 1992)].
- o Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity: A Sociologist Reconsiders History* (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1996) [em português: *O crescimento do cristianismo: um sociólogo reconsidera a história* (São Paulo: Paulinas, 2006)].

May 22 Seminar 2 — “The attributes and marks of the church”
Base text: Herman Bavinck (DR, 4, 275-329).

Handout 002

- o Edmund P. Clowney, *The Church: Contours of Christian Theology* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995) [em português: *A igreja* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2007).
- o James Bannerman, *The Church of Christ* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010) [em português: *A igreja de Cristo* (Recife, PE: Os Puritanos, 2014), vols. 1 e 2].
- o Mark Dever, *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013, Third Edition) [em português: *Nove marcas de uma igreja saudável* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2012).
- o Hans Küng, *The Church* (London: Search Press, 1968).

May 23 Seminar 3 — “Political church”
Base text: Herman Bavinck (DR, 4, 330-446).

Handout 003

- o Abraham Kuyper, *Lectures on Calvinism* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2008) [em português: *Calvinismo* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2003)].
- o Enoch C. Wines, *The Hebrew Republic: Organic Law of the Hebrew State* (New York: Geo P. Putnan & Co., 1885) [em português: *A república hebraica: lei orgânica do Estado hebreu* (São Paulo: Inez A. Borges Consultoria Educacional, 2018)].
- o Franklin Ferreira, *Contra a idolatria do Estado* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2016).
- o Jay Adams, *Handbook of Church Discipline* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1974).
- o Jonathan Leeman, *The Church and the Surprising Offense of God’s Love* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010) [em português: *A igreja e a surpreendente ofensa do amor de Deus* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2013)].
- o _____, *Political Church: The Local Assembly as Embassy of Christ’s Rule* (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, 2016).
- o Solano Portela, Valdeci Santos, Augustus Nicodemus e George Knight, *Disciplina na igreja* (Recife, PE: Os Puritanos, 2001).

- o Russell P. Shedd, *Disciplina na igreja* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2013).
- Thomas Witherow, *The Apostolic Church* (1858; repr. Glasgow, Scotland: Free Presbyterian Publications, 2001) [em português: *A igreja apostólica: que significa isto?* (Recife, PE: Os Puritanos, 2005)].
- o Hans Küng, *The Catholic Church: A Short History* (New York, London: Modern Library, 2001) [em português: *Igreja católica* (Rio de Janeiro: Objetiva, 2002)].
- o Luiz Felipe Pondé, *Para entender o catolicismo hoje* (São Paulo: Benvirá, 2011).
- o Gregg R. Allison, *Roman Catholic Theology and Practice: An Evangelical Assessment* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014) [em português: *Teologia e prática da Igreja Católica Romana: uma avaliação evangélica* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2018)].
- o Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, *An Introduction to Ecclesiology: Ecumenical, Historical and Global Perspectives* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2002).
- o Charles Colson and Richard John Neuhaus (eds.), *Evangelicals and Catholics Together: Toward a Common Mission* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995).
- o Michael S. Horton, *Evangelicals, Catholics, and Unity* (Escondido, CA: White Horse Inn, 1999) [em português: *Evangélicos, católicos e os obstáculos à unidade* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2017)].

May 24 Seminar 4 — “The means of grace”

Base text: Herman Bavinck (DR, 4, 447-592).

Handout 004

- o David Peterson, *Engaging with God: A Biblical Theology of Worship* (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, 1992).
- o Michael Horton, *God of Promise* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2006) [em português: *O Deus da promessa* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2010)].
- o _____. *A Better Way* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2002) [em português: *Um caminho melhor* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 207)].
- o Richard C. Barcellos (ed.), *Recovering a Covenantal Heritage: Essays in Baptist Covenant Theology* (Palmdale, CA: RBAP, 2014).
- o Thomas R. Schreiner and Shawn D. Wright (ed.), *Believer’s Baptism* (Nashville, TE: B&H Academic, 2006).
- o T. H. L. Packer, *The Oracles of God: An Introduction to the Preaching of John Calvin* (London: Lutterworth Press, 1947) [em português: *Os oráculos de Deus: uma introdução à pregação de João Calvino* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2016)].
- o *Catechism of Catholic Church* (New Yoork: Doubleday, 1995) [em português: *Catecismo da Igreja Católica* (São Paulo: Loyola, 1999)].

May 25 Seminar 5 — “The deliberate church”

Base text: Mark Dever e Paul Alexander, *Igreja intencional*.

Handout 005

- o Alexander Strauch, *Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership* (Littleton, CO: Lewis & Roth Publishers, 1995).

- o Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert, *What Is the Mission of the Church?* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2011) [em português: *Qual a missão da igreja?* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2012)].
- o Mark Dever and Jamie Dunlop, *The Compelling Community* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2011) [em português: *A comunidade cativante* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2012)].
- o Miroslav Volf, *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998).
- o Phil A. Newton, *Elders in Congregational Life: Rediscovering the Biblical Model for Church Leadership* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications (2005) [em português: *Pastoreando a igreja de Deus: redescobrimdo o modelo bíblico* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2007)].
- o Timothy Keller, *Center Church* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2012) [em português: *Igreja centrada* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2014)].

8. Course requirements

- A. Reading assignments (see 5 above).
- B. Book Report and Course paper (see 9 below)
- C. Seminar room request: Switch-off cell phone, blackberry, etc. during seminar time.

9. Policies

Academic Policies: students are expected to adhere to the Academic Policies of PRTS, as found at:

https://prts.edu/academics/academic-catalog-2/#Academic_Policies.

10. Course Assessment and Grading procedure

- A. On time class attendance, and class participation: 10%
- B. Reading assignments 10%: Reading assignments and due date at class time are listed in “6 Readings” A doctoral student will lead one session a sign-up sheet will be provided before class.
- C. Book Report and Major Paper: 20% (book report) and 60% (major paper)

MDiv and MA students:

- a. Book report of ca. 500 words: A critical review of two of the following books (a book of Clowney and another of Küng or Pondé):

- i. Edmund P. Clowney, *A igreja* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2007), or
- ii. Edmund P. Clowney, “The Biblical Theology of the Church”, in: D. A. Carson (ed.), *The Church in the Bible and the World* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1987), pp. 13-87.

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<http://beginningwithmoses.org/oldsite/articles/btchurch1.htm>

- iii. Hans Küng, *The Catholic Church: A Short History* (New York, London: Modern Library, 2001) [em português: *Igreja católica* (Rio de Janeiro: Objetiva, 2002)], or
- iv. Luiz Felipe Pondé, *Para entender o catolicismo hoje* (São Paulo: Benvirá, 2011).

The book report is due no later than June 28, 2019 at 12 noon, uploaded to Gennera. The book report will be graded in accordance to PRTS grading scale. Failure to meet the due date and time of the course paper will result in a “F” grade.

- b. Major paper: A major paper on Practical Ecclesiology. The course paper is due no later than June 28, 2019 at 12 noon, uploaded to Gennera. Course paper will be graded in accordance to PRTS grading scale. Failure to meet the due date and time of the course paper will result in a “F” grade.

Length: A 10 page, double space, font 12 Times New Roman. The paper should be properly footnoted, in accordance to Turabian Style most recent edition, include a bibliography. Define a clear thesis statement, reason and ground for conclusion, demonstrate coherence etc.

ThM students:

- a. Book report of ca. 1,700 words: A critical review of comparing and contrasting the following readings:
 - i. Herman Bavinck, *Dogmática reformada: Espírito Santo, igreja e nova criação* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2012), vol. 4, p. 275-592,
 - ii. Mark Dever and Paul Alexander, *Igreja intencional: edificando seu ministério sobre o evangelho* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2015),

- iii. Hans Küng, *The Catholic Church: A Short History* (New York, London: Modern Library, 2001) [em português: *Igreja católica* (Rio de Janeiro: Objetiva, 2002)], and
- iv. Gregg R. Allison, *Roman Catholic Theology and Practice: An Evangelical Assessment* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014) [em português: *Teologia e prática da Igreja Católica Romana: uma avaliação evangélica* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2018)].

The book report is due no later than June 28, 2019 at 12 noon, uploaded to Gennera. The book report will be graded in accordance to PRTS grading scale. Failure to meet the due date and time of the course paper will result in a “F” grade.

- b. Major paper: A major paper on Practical Ecclesiology. The course paper is due no later than June 28, 2019 at 12 noon, per email to jonasmadureira@gmail.com and upload in Populi. Course paper will be graded in accordance to PRTS grading scale. Failure to meet the due date and time of the course paper will result in a “F” grade.

Length: A 10 page, double space, font 12 Times New Roman. The paper should be properly footnoted, in accordance to Turabian Style most recent edition, include a bibliography. Define a clear thesis statement, reason and ground for conclusion, demonstrate coherence etc.

PhD students:

- a. Book report of ca. 2,500 words: A critical review of comparing and contrasting the following readings:
 - i. Herman Bavinck, *Dogmática reformada: Espírito Santo, igreja e nova criação* (São Paulo: Cultura Cristã, 2012), vol. 4, p. 275-592,
 - ii. Mark Dever and Paul Alexander, *Igreja intencional: edificando seu ministério sobre o evangelho* (São José dos Campos, SP: Fiel, 2015),
 - iii. Timothy Keller, *Igreja centrada* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2014),
 - iv. Hans Küng, *The Catholic Church: A Short History* (New York, London: Modern Library, 2001) [em português: *Igreja católica* (Rio de Janeiro: Objetiva, 2002)], and
 - v. Gregg R. Allison, *Roman Catholic Theology and Practice: An Evangelical Assessment* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014) [em português: *Teologia e prática da Igreja Católica Romana: uma avaliação evangélica* (São Paulo: Vida Nova, 2018)].

The book report is due no later than June 28, 2019 at 12 noon, uploaded to Gennera. The book report will be graded in accordance to PRTS grading scale. Failure to meet the due date and time of the course paper will result in a “F” grade.

- b. Major paper: A major paper on Practical Ecclesiology. The course paper is due no later than June 28, 2019 at 12 noon, uploaded to Gennera. Course paper will be graded in accordance to PRTS grading scale. Failure to meet the due date and time of the course paper will result in a “F” grade.

Length: A 30-35 page, double space, font 12 Times New Roman. The paper should be properly footnoted, in accordance to Turabian Style most recent edition, include a bibliography. Define a clear thesis statement, reason and ground for conclusion, demonstrate coherence etc. Make an appointment with the lecturer to discuss the paper topic.

Optional: Make an appointment with the lecturer to discuss the paper topic.