



## **STH203 The Doctrine of Humanity Syllabus Highlights**

*So God created man in his own  
image, in the image of God he  
created him; male and female he  
created them*

—Genesis 1:27

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### **Course Description**

A study of mankind in the state of innocence, sin and grace, including his creation, the material and immaterial aspects of his being, and his fall.

### **Learning Outcomes**

The primary outcome is to understand the doctrine of humanity in its exegetical, confessional, historical, and cultural contexts. At the end of this course, successful students will be able to:

1. Interpret relevant biblical texts for developing a biblical doctrine of humanity.
2. Relate the doctrine of humanity to other topics in systematic theology.
3. Articulate the development of human nature in its fourfold state.
4. Appreciate the significance of covenant theology for a biblical anthropology.
5. Defend biblical definitions of gender, marriage, family, and sexuality.

### **Textbooks**

1. Beeke, Joel R. and Paul M. Smalley. *Reformed Systematic Theology*, Vol. 2, *Man and Christ*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2020. ISBN: 978-1-4335-5987-7.
2. Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, trans. Henry Beveridge. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008. ISBN: 978-159856-168-5.
3. Helm, Paul. *Human Nature From Calvin to Edwards*. Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2018. ISBN: 978-1-60178-610-4.
4. Muller, Richard A., *Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017. ISBN: 978-0-8010-9886-4.
5. Pearcey, Nancy R. *Love Thy Body*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018. ISBN: 978-0-8010-7572-8.
6. Trueman, Carl R. *Strange New World*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2022. ISBN: 978-1-4335-7930-1.

### **Course Requirements**

1. Attend and participate in class.
2. Complete all weekly reading assignments and worksheets.
3. Complete written project on a theme in Pearcey's *Love Thy Body* or Trueman's *Strange New World*.
4. Complete final exam.

\*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A complete syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.

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