COMMUNICATION I
Fall Term 2013; Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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Course Overview

This course examines the biblical qualifications of those entrusted with the high calling to “preach the Word”. Further, we will explore the principles required to effectively preach the Word, with an emphasis on crafting expository sermons and the delivery of the same.

Required Reading

4. Gary Millar, Phil Campbell, *Saving Eutychus* (Kingsford, Australia, Matthias Media, 2013)

Assignments

1. Read each of the books on the “Required Reading” list and submit a one or two page report on each, noting what you found particularly helpful or defining for your future preaching ministry. *(Due October 19, 2013)*

2. In lieu of a final exam please prepare one expository sermon in manuscript form (passage to be assigned). The sermon will include:
   a. A statement of the audience being addressed
   b. A Title
   c. The Text
   d. The Propositional Statement
   e. Introduction
   f. Transitional Statements (in *italics*)
   g. Main points and sub-points (in *bold* type)
   h. Scriptural support (from the text) for each point (underlined)
   i. Illustrations
   j. Applications
   k. Conclusion

3. In class a brief oral presentation will be made (date to be assigned) to offer students an opportunity to speak before an audience
a. It should be no longer than **five minutes**.
b. One or two of the following topics may be combined:
   i. My conversion to Christ
   ii. My call to ministry
   iii. My church experience
   iv. My journey into the Reformed faith
   v. My life verse or some particularly meaningful Scripture
   vi. A significant event or experience which changed my life or
      broadened my understanding about God.

4. Memorize the following Benedictions in the ESV. Periodic **quizzes** will be given on this material.
   - 2 Corinthians 13:14
   - I Thessalonians 5:23,28
   - Numbers 6:24-26
   - Philippians 4:7, 23 (**May** the peace of God, which surpasses all
     understanding, **guard** your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The
     grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.)
   - Hebrews 13:20-21
   - 2 Thessalonians 3:16
   - Romans 15:33
   - Jude 24,25
   - 2 John 3
   - Revelation 22:21
   - I Timothy 1:17
   - Ephesians 6:23-24

**Grading**

1. Written Sermon – 40%
2. Required Reading-- 30%
3. Oral Presentation—15%
4. Memory Work—15%

**Note:** RTS affirms that local churches, denominational structures, parachurch organizations, educational institutions, and missions agencies present many strategic ministry and leadership opportunities where preparation through the M.Div degree program can either (a) take elective courses in the place of the two preaching labs, or (b) take a directed study in general communications, which may involve women or other non-ministerial students attending a section of the preaching lab with similar but alternative assignments.