

#331 Theology 5: Apologetics & Ethics  
Western Reformed Seminary  
Pastoral Mentorship Program  
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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### ***Welcome!***

Welcome to the study of Apologetics and Evidences in the Pastoral Mentorship Program. You have undertaken an interesting very rewarding field of study, and we trust that the Lord will enable you and bless you as you pursue this program. Be sure to keep in contact with me as you work through the material (battle@wrs.edu), and feel free to use our toll-free phone line to the office when you have any question (#1-877-WRS-CALL). Of course, your pastoral mentor will be available and anxious to help you as well. Your goal should be to work through all the material, do all the reading and written assignments, and take both tests at home, so that our time spent together in the concentrated classes will be of maximum benefit.

### ***Course goals***

This course is designed to enable the student to be familiar with the primary schools of thought regarding apologetics and ethics and with the biblical support offered for each scheme, to be especially familiar with the reformed teachings in these areas, to have formulated his own approach to these areas, and to be able to defend scripturally his approach. This goal will be achieved through systematic study of the course syllabus, readings, and class discussions.

### ***Reading assignments***

#### Assignment #1

- Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 1, Part I, Theology, Ch. 1-4
- A. A. Hodge, *Confession of Faith*, Ch. 19-24
- PLUS, 15 hours elective reading in apologetics

#### Assignment #2

- John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book 2, Ch. 7-8; Book 3, Ch. 6-10 [also known as *The Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life*], Ch. 19; and Book 4, Ch. 20
- *Westminster Larger Catechism*, #91-151
- Charles Hodge, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 3, Part 3, Ch. 19, “The Law”
- PLUS, 15 hours elective reading in ethics

### **Grading**

Reading Assignment #1	15%
Reading Assignment #2	15%
Midterm Examination (Apologetics section)	25%
Final Examination (Ethics section)	25%
Class attendance and participation	20%