

Salisbury Reformed Seminary – Recommended Reading

Biblical Studies

Survey of the Bible by William Hendriksen (EP).

The Bible Handbook by Joseph Angus (*may be out of print*).

The Moral Law a booklet published by The Christian Institute (*helpful to show the different types of law*).

An Exposition of the Shorter Catechism by Thomas Vincent (Banner of Truth).

Principles of Biblical Interpretation by Louis Berkhoff (Baker).

The Parables by R. C. Trench.

Glory Veiled and Unveiled by Gerald Bilkes (Reformation Heritage Books).

The Miracles by R.C. Trench (Baker)

Mercy Revealed by G. Bilkes (Reformation Heritage Books) (*also on the miracles*)

The Reformation Heritage Bible by Reformation Heritage Books (*helpful for reference + book analysis*)

The Suffering Saviour by F.W. Krummacher.

The Life and Times of Jesus The Messiah by Alfred Edersheim.

For reference:

Commentaries on the whole Bible –

Matthew Henry, Matthew Poole, John Gill, John Calvin, Thomas Scott, John Trapp, Robert Hawker Albert Barnes.

For OT reference –

Keil and Delitzsch (*a little technical*).

Most of these can be downloaded, some for free. Some from Kindle.

Church History

General Background:

Patterns in History, David Bebbington (Inter Varsity Press 1979)

A History of Christianity, Kenneth Scott Latourette (one volume edition, originally published by Eyre and Spottiswoode, London)

Historical Theology, William Cunningham (Banner of Truth)

The Early Period:

The Story of the Church, A.M. Renwick

Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People (Penguin Books and others)

50 World Changing Events in Christian History, Earl M. Blackburn (Christian Focus 2016)

The Middle Ages:

A History of the Church, Williston Walker T. and T. Clark.

John Wycliffe, David Fountain (Mayflower Books)

John Wycliffe a Study of the English Mediaeval Church, Herbert B. Workman (Oxford 1926)

The Reformation:

Five English Reformers J.C. Ryle (Banner of Truth Trust)

History of the Reformation T.M. Lindsay T.T. Clark.

D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation. Various publishers.

The Reformers and their Stepchildren, Leonard Verduin (Eerdmans 1964)

Foxe's Acts and Monuments, commonly known as Foxe's Book of Martyrs. (Various editions)

The History and Character of Calvinism, John T. McNeil (Oxford University Press 1967)

The Seventeenth Century:

In the Beginning, the Story of the King James Bible, Alistair McGrath (Hodder and Stoughton 2001)

The Puritans their Origins and Successors, D. M. Lloyd Jones (Banner of Truth 1987)

Meet the Puritans, Joel Beeke and Randall J. Pedersen (Reformation Heritage Books 2007)

Oliver Cromwell, D'Aubigne.

The Eighteenth Century:

The English Free Churches, Horton Davies (Oxford 1963)

The Church in the Age of Reason 1648 – 1789 G.R. Cragg, Pelican History of the Church 1970.

George Whitfield Arnold Dallimore (Banner of Truth)

William Carey S. Pearce Carey (Hodder and Stoughton 1923)

The Nineteenth Century:

Thomas Chalmers W. M. Mackay (Knox Press, Edinburgh 1980)

The Victorian Church, Owen Chadwick

C.H. Spurgeon and the Downgrade Controversy

The Twentieth Century:

Evangelicalism in England, E. J. Poole-Connor (Henry E. Walter Ltd. 1966)

Contending for the Faith, David G. Fountain (The Wakeman Trust, London 2004)

The Life of David M. Lloyd Jones, Ian Murray (Banner of Truth)

Great Christians who Changed the World, Geoffrey Hanks (Christian Focus Publications 1996)

NOTE:

It is not intended that students necessarily read all these books, but they are suggestions of useful books (some long, some short) to have at hand when preparing or simply to become familiar with the various periods of Church History.

[One out of each section would be a good beginning.]

Reading about Revival

Handbook of Revivals by Henry Fish

Revivals and Revivalism by Iain Murray (Banner)

Revival Sermons by W.C. Burns (Banner)

The Cambuslang Revival by A. Fawcett

The Great Awakening by Joseph Tracey (Banner)

Glory Filled the Land ed. Richard Owen Roberts (Int. Awakening Press)

Scotland Saw His Glory ed. Richard Owen Roberts (Int. Awakening Press)

When He is Come by Eifion Evans (Evangelical Press)

Restoration of the Church (Ambassador)

George Whitefield by Arnold Dallimore (Banner)

Lectures on Revivals by W.B. Sprague

The Puritan Hope by Iain Murray (Banner)

Turn of the Tide by W. Vernon Higham (Roberts)
Some of the Great Preachers of Wales by Owen Jones (Tentmaker)
Revival comes to Wales by Eifion Evans (Evangelical Press of Wales)
The Welsh Revival of 1904 by Eifion Evans (Bryntirion Press)
Fire in the Thatch by Eifion Evans (Evangelical Press of Wales)
Life of Howell Harris by Hugh Hughes (Tentmaker)
Daniel Rowland by Eifion Evans (Banner of Truth)
The Welsh Revival by Thomas Philips (Banner of Truth)
Revival by Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Crossway)
Jonathan Edwards on Revival by Jonathan Edwards (Banner of Truth)

Systematic Theology

General:

Systematic Theology, by Louis Berkhof (Banner of Truth)
Outlines of Theology, by Archibald Alexander Hodge (Banner of Truth)
Complete Body of Doctrinal and Practical Divinity, by John Gill
A Compendious View of Natural and Revealed Religion (republished as *Systematic Theology*), by John Brown (Reformation Heritage Books)
Abstract of Systematic Theology, by James Petigru Boyce (Adonsonia Publishing)
Lectures in Systematic Theology, by Robert Dabney (Banner of Truth)
Manual of Theology, by J. L. Dagg (Gano Books)
The Christian's Reasonable Service (Four volumes), by Wilhelmus a Brakel (Soli Deo Gloria Publications)

Confession:

An Exposition of the Westminster Confession of Faith, by Robert Shaw (Christian Heritage)
The Confession of Faith, by A.A. Hodge (Banner of Truth)
A Modern Exposition of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, by Samuel E. Waldron (Evangelical Press)

Catechism:

A Scriptural Exposition of the Baptist Catechism, by Benjamin Beddome (Solid Ground Christian Books)
The Assembly's Shorter Catechism Explained, by Ebenezer Erskine and James Fisher
An Essay Towards an Explication of the Assembly's Shorter Catechism (republished as *Questions & Answers on the Shorter Catechism*) by John Brown
The System of Theology Contained in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, by A.A. Hodge and J. Aspinwall Hodge (Wipf & Stock Publishers)
Body of Divinity (3 volumes, including *The Ten Commandments* and *The Lord's Prayer*), by Thomas Watson (Banner of Truth)

Covenants of Works & Grace:

Backdrop for a Glorious Gospel, by Thomas Parr (Reformation Heritage Books)
The Marrow of Modern Divinity, by Edward Fisher (Christian Heritage Publications)
The Covenant of Grace, by John Colquhoun (Northampton Press)

Various Doctrines:

Divine Inspiration of the Bible, by L. Gaussen (Kregal)
Inerrancy, edited by Norman L. Geisler (Zondervan)
Gleanings in the Godhead, by Arthur Pink (Moody Press)
Jesus is both God and Man, by Stuart Olyott (Evangelical Press)
Redemption Accomplished and Applied, by John Murray (Eerdmans)
From Heaven He Came and Sought Her, David Gibson and Jonathan Gibson (Crossway)
The Holy Spirit, by A.W. Pink (Baker)
Satisfied by the Promise of the Spirit, by Thomas R. Edgar (Kregal)
The Sovereignty of God, by A. W. Pink (Baker)
Gleanings from the Scriptures, by A.W. Pink (Moody)
Justification, by James Buchanan (Banner of Truth)
Justification Vindicated, by Robert Traill (Banner of Truth)
Union and Communion, by Maurice Roberts (Reformation Heritage Books)
Holiness, by J.C. Ryle (Banner of Truth)
The Great Transformation, by Maurice Roberts (Banner of Truth)
The Puritan Hope, by Iain Murray (Banner of Truth)
Restoration of Israel, by Erroll Hulse (Walter)
The Keys of the Kingdom, by Poh Boon Sing (Good News Enterprise)
Infant Baptism & the Covenant of Grace, by Paul K. Jewett (Eerdmans)
A Sacramental Catechism, by John Willison (Soli Deo Gloria)
The Promise of the Future, by Cornelis P. Venema (Banner of Truth)
The Bible and the Future, by Anthony Hoekema (Eerdmans)

Preaching

An All-Round Ministry - C H Spurgeon
Counsel to Gospel Ministers – John Brown of Haddington
Lectures to my Students – C H Spurgeon
Preaching and Preachers – D M Lloyd-Jones
Reformed Preaching – Joel Beeke
The Art of Man Fishing – Thomas Boston
The Art of Prophesying – William Perkins
The Christian Ministry – Charles Bridge
The Soul Winner - C H Spurgeon
Thoughts on Preaching – J W Alexander

Pastoral Ministry

The Reformed Pastor - R. Baxter (Banner of Truth)
10 Commandments - Thomas Watson (Banner of Truth)
Tackling Mental Illness Together – A. Thomas (IVP)
Growing Leaders in the Church – G. Crossley (Evangelical Press)
Competent to Counsel - J Adams (Baker)
The Christian Counsellors Manual - J Adams (Zondervan)

The Church in God's Program - RL Saucy (Moody press)
Confident Pastoral leadership - Sugden and Wiersbe (Moody Press)
Today's Gospel, Authentic or Synthetic - W Chantry (Banner of Truth)
Sovereignty of God - AW Pink (Banner of Truth)
Evangelical Ethics - JJ Davis (Presbyterian and Reformed)
Living for God's Glory - J Beeke (Reformation Heritage Trust)

Biblical Languages

(Optional subject at the Seminary)

This booklist is additional to the SRS readings lists and only applicable to those taking up the study of languages.

General Reading:

The Minister and his Greek New Testament by A.T. Robertson (*particularly chapters 1, 7-9, 11 and the Afterword*)

Commenting & Commentaries by C.H. Spurgeon (*particularly chapters 1 and 2*)

Greek Reference:

A Primer of Biblical Greek by N. Clayton Croy

A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature (3rd Ed.), revised and edited by Frederick William Danker (*commonly referred to as 'BDAG'*)

Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics by Daniel B. Wallace

A Graded Reader of Biblical Greek by William D. Mounce

The Greek New Testament published by the Trinitarian Bible Society

Hebrew Reference:

Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar by Gary D. Pratico and Miles V. Van Pelt

Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook by Gary D. Pratico and Miles V. Van Pelt

A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament by William L. Holladay

Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament by Francis Brown, S.R. Driver, and C.A. Briggs (*popularly known as BDB*)

Hebrew Grammar by Wilhelm Gesenius

Williams' Hebrew Syntax (3rd Ed.) by Ronald J. Williams

A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax by Bill T. Arnold and John H. Choi

A Reader's Hebrew Bible by A. Philip Brown II and Bryan W. Smith

English Reference:

Essential English Grammar by Philip Gucker