

HIST/THEO 650 Readings in John and Charles Wesley
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Purpose

This class will be an exercise in historical theology and expose the student to a variety of literary genres from the works of John and Charles Wesley, around the loci of knowing, being, and doing, while focusing on themes such as theological epistemology and doctrine, Christian discipleship and ministry, and social ethics.

Student learning outcomes

Through reading and exploring the variety of literary genres in the works of John and Charles Wesley, students will:

1. identify the primary theological themes in these writings such as discipleship, doctrine, philosophy, social reform, evangelism, and the Sacraments;
2. track and analyze at least one theological theme through the various genres of the Wesleys' written works the variety of literary genres such sermons, hymns, treatises, tracts, and other monographs;
3. examine, in some detail, a particular theological or historical question that arises from these readings and develop an argument in conversation with these source materials.

Required Reading

Most of the primary documents will found in the digital collections of the library and on Moodle.

Chilcote, Paul. *John and Charles Wesley: John & Charles Wesley: Selections from Their Writings and Hymns—Annotated & Explained*. Woodstock, VT: Skylight Paths, 2011. ASIN: B01HT6C4BK, Kindle, \$12.99.

Kimbrough, S T, *The Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley, Expanded Edition: A Reader*. Cascade Books, 2021. ASIN- B08X7KNZJY, Kindle, \$9.99.

Supplemental Reading

Baker, Frank, Albert Outler, et al. *The Works of John Wesley*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1984-.

Wesley, John. *The Journal of the Rev. John Wesley; Enlarged from Original Mss., with Notes from Unpublished Diaries, Annotations, Maps, and Illustrations*. Edited by Nehemiah Curnock, Assisted by Experts, 1916.

Wesley, John. *The Works of John Wesley*. 3rd (1872) ed. Jackson, Thomas, ed. 14 vols. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1979.

Telford, John, ed. *The Letters of the Rev. John Wesley, A.M.* London: The Epworth Press, 1931.

Wesley, Charles. *The Journal of Charles Wesley*. 2 vols. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1980.

Wesley, Charles, Frank Baker, Richard P. Heitzenrater, and Randy L. Maddox. *The Journal Letters and Related Biographical Items of the Reverend Charles Wesley, M.A.* Nashville, Tennessee: Kingswood Books, 2018.

Wesley, John. *Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament*. 2 vols. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1981.

Wesley, John. *Explanatory Notes upon the Old Testament*. 3 vols. Salem, Ohio: Schmul Publishers, 1975.