

## OPTION XXXIII: REFORMED ETHICS

### Main Texts

Calvin, John. [On the Commandments and On the Christian Life]. In *Calvin: Institutes of the Christian Religion*, translated from the 1559 Latin ed. by Ford Lewis Battles, Book 2, Chapters 4-8, and Book 3, Chapters 6-10 (vol. 1, pp. 309-423, 684-725). In *Library of Christian Classics*, ed. John T. McNeill. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960.

Edwards, Jonathan. *Charity and its Fruits : Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life*.

Barth, Karl. *The Epistle to the Romans*. Read section on Romans 12-13.

Barth, Karl. *Church Dogmatics*. II/2, pp. 509-764; “The Command of God”; III/4, “The Command of God the Creator”.

Brunner, Emil. *The Divine Imperative: A Study in Christian Ethics*.

Niebuhr, Reinhold. *The Nature and Destiny of Man: A Christian Interpretation*. Vol. 2, Chapters 5-9.

Niebuhr, Reinhold. *An interpretation of Christian Ethics*.

Niebuhr, H[elmut] Richard. *The Responsible Self: An Essay in Christian Moral Philosophy*.

### Background Reading

Graham, W. Fred. *The Constructive Revolutionary: John Calvin & His Socio-Economic Impact*.

Lovin, Robin W. *Christian Faith and Public Choices: The Social Ethics of Barth, Brunner, and Bonhoeffer*. Read selections on Barth and Brunner.

Ramsey, Paul. *Nine Modern Moralists : Paul Tillich, Karl Marx, H. Richard Niebuhr, Fyodor Dostoevski, Reinhold Niebuhr, Jacques Maritain, Jean-Paul Sartre, Emil Brunner, Edmond Cahn*. Read selections on Niebuhrs and Brunner.

Webster, J[ohn] B[ainbridge]. *Barth's Ethics of Reconciliation*.

Webster, J[ohn] B[ainbridge]. *Barth's Moral Theology : Human Action in Barth's Thought*.

West, Charles C. *Communism and The Theologians: Study of an Encounter*. From Cold War era; see chapters on Barth, Brunner, Reinhold Niebuhr.

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

*Book of Catechisms.* “Study Catechism: Full Version” (especially Q89-119)

*The Book of Confessions.* “Heidelberg Catechism” (especially Q92-115); “Westminster Larger Catechism” (Q91-151); “Westminster Shorter Catechism” (Q42-82); “Barmen Declaration”; “Confession of 1967”.

*Presbyterian Social Witness Policy Compilation, 1946-1999.* Read especially “Theological Basis for Social Action,” pp. 1-10; “Church and Society,” pp. 11-30; “Ethics in Government,” pp. 368-371; and “Methods of Social Change,” pp. 365-368.