

SAET Reading List for Ecclesial Theologians

APOSTOLIC FATHERS

Ad Diognetus

Didache

1 Clement

The Seven Epistles of Ignatius

(All from Michael Holmes 3rd ed.)

PATRISTIC

Creedal Material

The Apostles Creed

The Nicene Creed (325 AD)

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (381 AD)

Definition of the Council of Chalcedon (451)

The “Athanasian” Creed

Theologians

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies (Adversus Haereses)* Books 3-5

Athanasius, *On the Incarnation (De Incarnatione)*

Gregory of Nyssa, *Catechetical Oration*

Gregory Nazianzus, *Theological Orations* (esp. Second Oration)

Basil, *On the Spirit*

Augustine, *Confessions*

Augustine, *The City of God* (esp. books 11-22)

Augustine, *On the Trinity (De Trinitate)*

Augustine, *The Spirit and the Letter*

Augustine, *On the Grace of Christ and Original Sin*

MEDIEVAL

St. Benedict, *The Benedictine Rule* (ed. Timothy Frye)

Bernard of Clairvaux, *On Loving God* (Harper Collins, 2005)

Anselm, *Monologion*

Anselm, *Proslogion*

Anselm, *Why Did God Become Man? (Cur Deus Homo)*

Peter Lombard, *The Sentences* (esp. “On Predestination and Grace,” and “On Use vs. Enjoyment”)

Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* (esp. First Part, qq. 1-49, First Part of the Second Part, qq. 1-5, 90-114, Second Part of the Second Part, qq.1-46, and Third Part, qq. 1-59)

REFORMATION AND POST-REFORMATION

Confessions and Councils

Lutheran Book of Concord
39 Articles of the Church of England
Belgic Confession
Heidelberg Catechism
Second Helvetic Confession
Canons of Dort
The Westminster Confession
The Westminster Shorter Catechism
The Book of Common Prayer (1662 version)
Council of Trent (esp. sessions 5 and 6 on original sin and justification)

Theologians

Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian*
Martin Luther, *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*
Martin Luther, *The Bondage of the Will*
Martin Luther, *Galatians Commentary, 1519 and 1535 editions*
John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*
John Calvin, Selections from his *Biblical Commentaries*
Zacharius Ursinus, *Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism*

MODERN

Theologians

Jonathan Edwards, *On the Religious Affections*
Jonathan Edwards, *The End for Which God Created the World*
Friederich Schleiermacher, *The Christian Faith*
Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics* (4 vols.)
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*
Karl Barth, *Evangelical Theology*
Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*. (esp. vols. II.1, II.2, IV.1, IV.2)

Catechisms and Councils

The Catechism of the Catholic Church
Vatican II (esp. *Dei Verbum*, *Gaudium et Spes*, and *Lumen Gentium*)