

# Instructions for evaluating the paper by Gomes, "Faustus Socinus and John Calvin on the Merits of Christ"

We will be meeting during the third hour on 5/14 to discuss the paper I will be presenting in Geneva. Here are the instructions:

1. Download the paper entitled "Socinus and Calvin on the Merits of Christ (SCSC).pdf." This file is in Adobe Acrobat format and is password protected. You may open it with the same password that opens all of the other protected documents for this class.
2. Your task is to read the document before class on 5/14 and be prepared to give me feedback on it. There is no written assignment connected with this, though I will pass around a sheet asking you to indicate whether you have in fact read the document.
3. You need not worry about reading the footnotes because these are in various stages of disrepair, and I'll not be reading them when I deliver the paper; I'll only be reading the body of the text. I plan to clean up and expand the footnotes later, when I revise the piece for publication. At this point the footnotes are there as "place holders" for me to get to later, and in some cases consist of notes to myself for later additions – again, with later publication in view.
4. As for your feedback: When we get together I'd like to get your suggestions for improvement. What did you like and not like about it? Are the arguments clear and convincing? Where are they unclear? Do you see ways in which I can improve the wording or otherwise sharpen the presentation? Have I made my case? Why or why not? In other words, I want to get your honest opinion on it, whether good, bad, or indifferent. I will still have a little bit of time to tinker with it before I leave, so I'd be very happy to incorporate any of your feedback that I can.

I'm looking forward to getting your observations on this paper!

Regards,

Dr. Gomes