

MAY 19 (FRIDAY EVENING)

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Plenary Session # 1

Dr. Sinclair Ferguson,

William Perkins—A Plain Preacher

MAY 20 (SATURDAY MORNING)

9:00 – 10:15 am

Plenary Session # 2

Dr. Joel Beeke

William Perkins's Largest Case of Conscience

10:30 – 11:45 am

Plenary Session # 3

Dr. Geoff Thomas

*The Pursuit of Godliness in the
Ministry of William Perkins*

12:00 – 6:45 pm

Free Time

MAY 20 (SATURDAY EVENING)

7:00 – 8:15 pm

Plenary Session # 4

Dr. Stephen Yuille

*Contending for the Faith: Faith and Love in Perkins's
Defense of the Protestant Religion*

8:30 – 9:45 pm

Plenary Session # 5

Dr. Greg Salazar

*Conviction, Conformity, and Conscience:
William Perkins's Dual Allegiance and the
Dilemma of the Moderate Puritan Tradition
in Elizabethan Cambridge*



WILLIAM PERKINS (1558–1602) earned a bachelor's degree in 1581 and a master's degree in 1584 from Christ's College in Cambridge. During those student years he joined up with Laurence Chaderton, who became his personal tutor and lifelong friend. Perkins and Chaderton met with Richard Greenham,

Richard Rogers, and others in a spiritual brotherhood at Cambridge that espoused Puritan convictions.

From 1584 until his death, Perkins served as lecturer, or preacher, at Great St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, a most influential pulpit across the street from Christ's College. He also served as a teaching fellow at Christ's College, catechized students at Corpus Christi College on Thursday afternoons, and worked as a spiritual counselor on Sunday afternoons. In these roles Perkins influenced a generation of young students, including Richard Sibbes, John Cotton, John Preston, and William Ames. Thomas Goodwin wrote that when he entered Cambridge, six of his instructors who had sat under Perkins were still passing on his teaching. Ten years after Perkins's death, Cambridge was still "filled with the discourse of the power of Mr. William Perkins' ministry," Goodwin said.

Perkins's influence as a theologian continued unabated after his death. This was due in large part to the widespread popularity of his writings. His writings were translated into several European languages and greatly influenced British and American Reformed theology, the Dutch Further Reformation, and European Pietism.

WILLIAM PERKINS CONFERENCE IN THE ROUND CHURCH



MAY 19-20, 2017

The Round Church
Bridge Street
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Dear friend,

I want to welcome you to the William Perkins Conference—the culminating event of a twelve day tour throughout England and Scotland, sponsored by the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. This conference is open to the public and is being offered free of charge.

William Perkins (1558-1602), has often been called “the father of Puritanism.” He was a powerful preacher and teacher of Reformed, experiential theology and left an indelible mark upon the English Puritan movement. Surprisingly, Perkins’s theological and practical works have not been in print since the early seventeenth century. Reformation Heritage Books is publishing Perkins’s *Works* in a newly typeset format that will include ten volumes: four volumes of biblical exposition, three volumes of doctrinal and polemical treatises, and three volumes of ethical and practical writings.

Please join me, together with Drs. Sinclair Ferguson, Geoff Thomas, and other godly scholars for a two day conference, May 19-20, 2017, at the historic Round Church, Cambridge, England, where William Perkins preached for a season. We would love to have you share this special occasion with us in this great historical venue. If you are looking for overnight accommodations that Friday evening, we would suggest The Varsity Hotel (+44 1223 306030) which is the closest, or the Hilton Cambridge City Centre (+44-1223-46449).

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Warmly,

Joel Beeke

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SPEAKERS

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GREG SALAZAR (PhD candidate, University of Cambridge) is Assistant Professor of Historical Theology for the PhD program at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. He is originally from Asheville, North Caro-

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GEOFFREY THOMAS has been the pastor of Alfred Place Baptist Church in Aberystwyth, Wales, since 1965. He has served as the Chairman of the Grace Churches of England and Wales, and of the Association of Evangelical Churches of Wales. He has written numerous articles and several books including *Ernest Reisinger: A Biography*, *Philip and the Revival in Samaria*, and *Preaching: The Man, The Message and the Method*, and *The Holy Spirit*. He has spoken at conferences throughout the United Kingdom and abroad. He is also a visiting lecturer at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary.

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Originally from Toronto, Canada, Dr. Stephen Yuille resides in Glen Rose, Texas, where he serves as Preaching Pastor at Grace Community Church. Dr. Yuille is also Associate Professor of Biblical Spirituality at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He is the author of several books and articles.