

A Summary of Dissertation

This study focuses mainly on Calvin's thoughts on church, particularly as elucidated in his lectures and sermons on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations. Examining his work within its historical and religious context, especially during the later years of his life, the study seeks to address the main question: "*What is Calvin's ecclesiology in his biblical interpretations on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations, and what are its characteristics? How do these characteristics differ from the ecclesiology presented in the commentaries on Jeremiah by his contemporaries?*"

Part I provides essential context of Calvin's biblical interpretations (Chapters 1-4), and *Part II* analyzes Calvin's exegesis of the book of Jeremiah. The chapters in *Part II* elucidate *the motif of populus meus* (Chapters 5-6) and explains four stages of the Reformed church Calvin taught in his exegesis (Chapters 7-14). In addition, *Part III* examines the similarities and differences between Calvin and three contemporaries – Oecolampadius (Chapter 15), Bullinger (Chapter 16), and Maldonado (Chapter 17) – concerning their ecclesiology as seen in their interpretations of Jeremiah based on the analysis of *Part II*.

This study contributes to the understanding of John Calvin's ecclesiology as presented in his exegesis of Jeremiah and Lamentations, shedding light on its characteristics. It is the thesis of this study that Calvin elucidates his views on the church by comparing the historical and religious context of Israel to that of the church of his own time in his interpretations of Jeremiah and Lamentations. Thus, his ecclesiology can be appropriately understood within its historical-ecclesiological context. Also, he equates the church of the Old Testament with his own church in their covenantal relationship. Calvin's ecclesiology, as revealed in his interpretations of Jeremiah and Lamentations, centers around the audience, the covenant, and Christ, distinguishing it from the views of his contemporaries. In essence, Calvin's ecclesiology, as seen in his interpretations of Jeremiah and Lamentations, is shaped by his context and reflects the characteristics of the church as manifested in the covenantal relationship between God and His people.

Curriculum Vitae

In 2017 Bong-il Park began his Ph.D. research at the *Theologische Universiteit Apeldoorn* under the supervision of his advisor (*Promotor*), Prof. Dr. Herman J. Selderhuis and second advisor (*tweede Promotor*), Prof. Dr. Wilhelmus H. Th. Moehn (*PThU*). The title of his Ph.D. dissertation is "Calvin's Ecclesiology in his biblical exegesis of the book of Jeremiah: The Motif of *Populus Meus*." In 2016, he graduated *cum laude* from *TUA* with a Master degree of Theology (Th.M.). The title of his Th.M. thesis was "Calvijns visie over 'vluchteling en vervolging' in zijn *praelectiones* van het bijbelboek Daniël," which was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Herman J. Selderhuis. Between 2007 and 2010, he studied Theology at the *Presbyterian General Assembly (Chongshin) Theological Seminary* in Korea, graduating with a Master of Divinity (M.Div.). He studied Mechanical Engineering at *Chungang University* in Seoul (1995-2001) and History Education at *Chongshin University* in Seoul (2005-2007). Bong-il was born in Incheon, South Korea on the 21st of February 1976, and in 2011, he was ordained as a pastor of the *Presbyterian Churches in Korea (GAPCA)*. He served at *Incheon Joongang Church* (2008-2011), *Korean Church in the Netherlands in Amsterdam* (2013-2015) and *Dongsan Church* in Incheon (2019-2022). Currently, he serves as an assistant pastor of *Rodemnamu Church* in Seoul. He has been married to Bumha Kang since 2014, who oversees the English Ministry at the same Church (*Rodemnamu Church*) in Seoul.