

Nazarene Theological Seminary

THE620: INTEGRATIVE THEOLOGY II: SALVATION AND THE SPIRIT

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SYLLABUS

I OBJECTIVES

1. To explore critically Soteriology, the doctrine of salvation, and to understand the major views on the doctrine of the Atonement.
2. To learn to articulate an understanding of the Reconciliation (At-one-ment) which is ours in Christ in the light of Christology, the doctrine of the Person of Christ.
3. To explore critically Pneumatology, the Christian knowledge of God the Holy Spirit, and to articulate an understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in our salvation.
4. To explore critically the Christian understanding of humanity and its sinful condition in the light of the salvation which is ours in Christ.
5. To explore critically the Christian understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ and of its ministry and sacraments so beginning to articulate an ecclesiology.
6. By this study and reflection, to continue to lay a foundation for a deep understanding of Christian Dogmatics, the essential framework for the interpretation and exposition of the Scriptures, which is the heart of the preaching and pastoral ministry.

Course Outcomes

At the end of the course you should be able to understand more fully and articulate:

1. That since Christian faith is centred on 'Christ crucified', Christian theology must be a *theologia crucis*, centred on Christology/soteriology.
2. That the Christian gospel we are to proclaim must first be about what God has *done* in Christ before we can understand what we must do.
3. The major aspects of soteriology as presented in the historic (so-called) 'theories of the Atonement'.
4. How the doctrine of the Atonement (soteriology) must be understood not in terms of so-called 'theories' but in an integrated way.
5. How Soteriology (Atonement) and Christology (Incarnation) must be understood in their profound unity.
6. How God the Holy Spirit is mystery beyond our ability to conceptualize or tie down in doctrinal formulations or manipulate by our human plans.
7. That in the light of Christ, we see both what it is to be human (theological anthropology) and how deeply flawed and sinful we are (hamartiology).
8. That the Church into which we are baptized is holy mystery, the Body of Christ, not merely a human organization and shares in the Lord's Supper in the communion of the Holy Trinity (ecclesiology).
9. That the life and personal walk of each Christian, our justification and sanctification, is to be understood in this Christ-centred, Trinitarian, ecclesiological context.

II TEXTBOOKS

Class lectures will follow no 'textbook', but students should read the sections indicated of

Thomas C. Oden, *Systematic Theology: Volume Two, The Word of Life* and *Volume Three, Life in the Spirit*, San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1992

Read the following sections:

Volume Two: The Word of Life

Part III, Chapter 11 (pages 344-425)

Volume Three: Life in the Spirit

Introduction (pages 1-12)

Part I, Chapter 1 (pages 15-31)

Part III, Chapter 7 (pages 261-297)

Part II, Chapter 3-6 (79-257)

You should also compare the approaches of the following:

- H. Ray Dunning *Grace, Faith and Holiness*, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 1988
(Parts IV and V and Chapter 7)
- J. Kenneth Grider *A Wesleyan-Holiness Theology*, Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 1994
(Chapters 8-20)

III OUTLINE

Section A: Soteriology - *The Doctrine of Salvation*

1. Introductory: *theologia crucis*. The cross reveals: (a) the reality of evil
(b) the mystery of Christ
2. NT Soteriology and OT Models
3. Historical Review: the so-called 'theories':
 - (a) the Latin tradition: Anselm, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Denney
 - (b) The 'Moral Influence' view: Rashdall's use of Abelard
 - (c) The 'Classic' view: Aulén on the Greek Fathers and Luther
4. An Integrated Approach to Incarnation and Atonement
 - (a) Remarks on method
 - (b) The Three Offices of Christ
 - (c) At-one-ment *in* Christ

Section B: Pneumatology - *The Doctrine of the Spirit*

1. Introductory: peculiar difficulties of Pneumatology
2. The Spirit in OT and NT: a brief review
3. The Word and the Spirit: revelation and mission
4. The Flesh and the Spirit
 - (a) Anthropology: humanity in the light of Christ
 - (b) Hamartiology: the Fall, death and sin in the light of Christ
5. The Church and the Spirit
 - (a) The Body of Christ
 - (b) Pentecost
 - (c) The Sacraments
6. The Christian and the Spirit
 - (a) Born of the Spirit
 - (b) Filled with the Spirit
7. The Holy Trinity and the Spirit

IV REQUIREMENTS

1. A book review of R.S. Wallace, *The Atoning Death of Christ* (1,000 words for Friday, 13th February)
2. A book review of Thomas F. Torrance, *The Mediation of Christ* (1,000 words) for Friday, 27th February
3. An essay of 3,000 words for Friday, 20th March on: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INCARNATION AND THE ATONEMENT
4. A book review of Thomas Smail, *The Giving Gift* (1,000 words) for Friday, 3rd April
5. An essay of 3,000 words for Friday, 24th April on: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORK OF CHRIST *FOR US* IN THE ATONEMENT AND THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT *IN US*
6. Final examination

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