Course Unit Outline

Unit Code

T7231

Unit Name

The Person and Work of Christ

Unit Weighting

9 cr pts

Type of Unit

Intermediate

Prerequisites

T7101 Introduction to Theology or T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines

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Curriculum Objectives

This course unit is designed to provide students with an understanding of the person and saving work of Jesus Christ. It seeks to explore this understanding in the light of contemporary Christian thought and life.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1. demonstrate an understanding of the person and saving work of Christ in the New Testament;
- 2. demonstrate a critical awareness of the evolution of Christological and soteriological doctrine.
- 3. analyze source documents and theological literature relevant to Christology and Soteriology;
- 4. critically explore issues in Christology and Soteriology in the context of contemporary culture and religion; and,
- 5. apply Christological and Soteriological insights to the Christian spiritual life and discipleship.

Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit

Content

- 1. Methodological issues and/or foundational concepts in Christology and Soteriology
- 2. Christological and Soteriological themes in the New Testament
- 3. The evolution of Christological and Soteriological doctrine
- 4. The development of the theological understanding of the person and saving work of Jesus Christ
- 5. Contemporary issues in Christology and Soteriology
- 6. Implications for Ecclesiology and the Christian Life

Learning Activities

Lectures, Tutorials

Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment

Nil

Assessment Profile

Assessments tasks are designed both to help students attain the unit outcomes and to enable teachers to assess student attainment. In this unit, the required assessment tasks will enable students to demonstrate how successfully they can:

- 1) Demonstrate a familiarity with current issues in the Christology and Soteriology (e.g., book review, class presentation, or essay). (Outcomes 1, 3, 4)
- 2) Identify the foundational concepts/methodological issues that underpin the study of Jesus Christ and Salvation (e.g., short essay or paper). (Outcomes 1, 2, 3)
- 3) Integrate their understanding of the Person and Saving Work of Jesus Christ into a coherent theological perspective (e.g., long essay). (Outcomes 1, 4, 5)

Representative References

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