CT9023W  Theology of Hope

This unit will explore the theme of Christian hope through a study of Jürgen Moltmann’s classic work *Theology of Hope*. Specific attention will be given to the biblical foundations of hope in ‘a history of promise’, and to the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for human history, for Christian discipleship, and for the mission of the Church.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Explain the concept of hope as used within Christian theology;
2. Outline the foundations and main themes of Moltmann’s theology of hope;
3. Discuss critically the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in relation to human history and Christian discipleship;
4. Analyse the implications of hope in relation to suffering and death;
5. Critically evaluate the proposal that theology of hope means an ‘ethics’ of hope, with specific reference to Moltmann’s later theological work.

**Prerequisites:** 45 points of Foundational Studies, including 15 points in Systematic Theology (CT)

**Class Time:** Three hours per week

**Assessment:**
- Journal of critical reflections upon readings: 3 entries of not less than 500 words (30%)
- One tutorial paper (1,000 words) (20%)
- One essay (3,500 words) (50%)

**Faculty:** Frank Rees

**Offered:** 2016: Semester 2

**Recommended Reading:**
* = set texts recommended for purchase


Moltmann, Jürgen. *In the End, the Beginning*. London: SCM, 2011.


