BS9009W  Salvation

Offered:  Semester 1, 2016

This unit surveys various models of salvation in the Bible: exodus narratives, return from exile, social and ecological dimensions of eschatological prophecy, messianism, reconciliation, atonement and resurrection. Key biblical texts will be examined in relation to their cultural and historical contexts, with attention also being given to the hermeneutical relationships between selected biblical models and systematic theology.

Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:
1. Describe a range of models of salvation in the Bible
2. Rigorously exegete a biblical text related to this theme
3. Demonstrate awareness of cultural and historical influences in the formation of salvation theologies
4. Reflect critically on the relevance of these biblical models and theologies for contemporary faith
5. Demonstrate an ability to engage in interdisciplinary research.

Pre-requisites:  45 points of Foundational Studies including BA8001W and BN8001W

Assessment:
- One exegetical essay 2,000 words (40%)
- One 2,500 word essay (40%)
- Critical reflections on set readings (1,500 words) (20%)

Faculty:  M Brett, K Dyer

Select Bibliography:
Ford, D F Self and salvation. Cambridge: CUP, 1999
Wright, N T Jesus and the victory of God. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1996