CT9033W  Lives of Faith: Biography as Theology

Offered:  2016: Semester 1

This unit will examine the character of Christian faith as evident in the life stories of a number of theologians and other significant persons. It will draw specifically upon the methodology of James McClendon to identify how the life-experience of these theologians has influenced their distinctive approach to theology and Christian faith. It will also provide opportunity for each student to explore the theological significance of their own life story.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:
1. Explain McClendon’s methodology for using biography as theology;
2. Apply that methodology in the study of several biographies;
3. Discuss critically the character of faith as seen in the life and work of one major theologian;
4. Identify possible implications for their own lives, as a source for theological reflection;
5. Critically discuss the relation between lived experience and the formulation of theological ideas and systems, with specific attention to one writer or doctrine.

Prerequisites:  45 points in Foundational Studies

Class Time:  4 x weekends (Friday evening and Saturday morning)

Assessment:  
- One 1,500 word book review (20%)
- One 1,000 word seminar paper (20%)
- One 3,500 word essay (60%)

Faculty:  Frank Rees

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase


