BS2/3009W  Salvation

Offered:  2016: Semester 1

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.

Pre-requisites:  BH1001W and BN1001W

Class Time:  Three hours per week

Assessment:

Level 2:  
One exegetical paper of 1,500 words (40%)
One 2,000 word essay (40%)
Critical reflections on readings (1,500 words) (20%)

Level 3:  
One exegetical paper of 2,000 words (40%)
One 2,500 word essay (40%)
Critical reflections on readings (1,500 words) (20%)

Faculty:  Mark Brett, Keith Dyer

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Ford, David F. Self and salvation. Cambridge: CUP, 1999
Green, Joel B. Salvation. St Louis: Chalice, 2003
Wright, Nicholas T. Jesus and the victory of God. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1996