

CH9004W Baptist Identity (CH9704W – Online)

Offered: 2018: Semester 1 (Also available online in Semester 1 – as CH9704W)
[Unit offered alternatively as CT9004W/CT9704W]

This unit introduces students to the main features of Baptist history and belief. Students will examine Baptist origins and developments within their historical contexts and give attention to the implications of the Baptist heritage for contemporary faith and practice.

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

1. identify the main political, social, and cultural factors that gave rise to the Baptist movement;
2. outline key features of the Baptist heritage and trace their historical development throughout the world;
3. critique some of the reasons for diversity among Baptists in Britain, North America, Australia, and other selected parts of the world;
4. critically evaluate factors leading to controversies among modern Baptists and assess their impact upon selected Baptist communities;
5. analyse the influence of Baptist history and belief upon personal and professional life; and
6. respond critically and constructively to historical and theological themes identified in the unit.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment: Seven online forum posts (1,500 words total) (25%)
One tutorial paper (1,500 words) (25%)
One essay (3,000 words) (50%)

Faculty: Marita Munro

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

* Beasley-Murray, Paul. *Radical Believers: the Baptist way of being the church*. Didcot: Baptist Union of Great Britain, 1992.

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