

CT 3050P/CT3059P Readings in Christian Doctrine

Semester 2: Intensive

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Description

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4. Assess the contribution of the selected texts to the contemporary discussion of the doctrine;
5. Critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of one of the selected texts;

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Weekly participation online (600 words)	10%

Lecturer

Geoff Thompson

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Recommended reading

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Rotation 1: Scripture and Revelation

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Work, Telford *Living and Active: Scripture in the Economy of Salvation*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.

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Rotation 2: Eschatology and Universal Salvation

Origen *De Principiis Books 1 and 2*, *Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol 4*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans; 1993.

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Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Creation and Fall: A Theological Exposition of Genesis 1-3*. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works*, Vol 3. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004

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6. Integrate the discussion of the particular doctrine within the overall enterprise of systematic/doctrinal theology.

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