

*The John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Main campus*

## **What is Salvation?**

IS 5125

**Time:** Spring 2009, Thursdays 6.15PM-7.50PM

**Credit:** 2 credit hours

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**Prerequisites:** Introduction to Theological Studies, Global Church History, and Historical Theologies 1-3

### **A Description and the Goal of the Course:**

One of the most disturbing realities is that every Christian denomination offers a somewhat different answer to a question, “What must I do to be saved?” Therefore, the purpose of this course is to study the biblical foundations of soteriology, the historical unfolding of the implications of biblical soteriology, and the contemporary developments in soteriology. We will study Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Calvinist/Arminian, Baptist, ecumenical, liberationist, feminist, and “non-violent” approaches to the salvation-question.

### **Required Texts:**

Dunn, J. D. G. *The Theology of Paul the Apostle*. Grand Rapids: W. B. Eerdmans, 1998. ISBN0-8028-3844-8

Green, J. B. and Baker, M. D. *Recovering the Scandal of Cross: Atonement in New Testament & Contemporary Contexts*. Intervarsity Press, 2000. ISBN 0-8308-1571-6

*Joint Declaration of the Doctrine of Justification*. Grand Rapids: W. B. Eerdmans, 2000. ISBN 0-8028-4774-9

*St. Athanasius: On the Incarnation*. Crestwood: St. Vladimir Seminary Press, 1993. ISBN 0-912836-40-0

In addition, there will be a **file** of several articles and primary texts, which are available in the Library, on RESERVE.

### **Course Requirements:**

- Students are required to write a Theological Diary (3 short papers, á 5 pages, double space), which enable them to integrate the learned material into their model of salvation.
- No exams.