

CTD03 THE CROSS OF CHRIST

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Qualifications to teach	AQF Level 6 or above
Status	Elective
Co/pre-requisites	None

WORKLOAD	TOTAL
Credit points	6
Duration	1 semester
Weekly Lecture Content	26
Essay Development Activities	20
Essay Preparation and Writing	40
Recommended Reading	22
Primary Document Discussion Forums	27
Foundational Knowledge Quizzes	7
Further reading and reflection	8
Total commitment hours	150

GENERAL AIM:

The unit contributes to the DBT course by deepening the student's understanding of the work of Christ at the cross for salvation. It focuses on providing the students with the resources to articulate the penal and substitutionary nature of Christ's atoning work according to the teaching of Scripture.

The purpose of this unit is to give students confidence in articulating the Biblical testimony to Christ's gracious sacrifice for sin and to equip them to answer various contemporary critical attitudes towards the theological significance of Christ's saving work.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this unit, students should be able to:		Graduate Attributes
1.	Identify the Biblical reasons for placing the cross of Christ at the heart of the Christian faith.	GA 3, 7
2.	Articulate the penal and substitutionary nature of Christ's atoning work	GA 3, 7
3.	Understand the theological and historical issues surrounding the death of Jesus Christ for sin.	GA 5, 6

CONTENT

1.	The centrality of the cross
2.	Grounding the cross in the character of the triune God
3.	The background to the cross in the pervasive reality of human sin
4.	The Old Testament preparation for God's great act of salvation
5.	The Person of the Saviour
6.	The Importance of Jesus' life and teaching for our salvation
7.	The historical particularities of the crucifixion
8.	The many biblical images to help us understand the cross
9.	Penal substitution as the critical centre
10.	The only saviour of all humankind and the Redeemer of his people
11.	The triumph of the cross
12.	The unbreakable link between the cross and the resurrection
13.	The cross at the end and in the interim

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Weekly Lecture content
Discussion forums
Recommended Readings
Essay Development activities
Foundational knowledge quizzes
Peer assessments

ASSESSMENT METHODS**Foundational knowledge quizzes**

100 Multiple Choice Questions. The quizzes help you consolidate your learning of the unit content. You must complete all quizzes and achieve an overall score above 90% to pass the unit. You are allowed unlimited attempts but must complete the quizzes satisfactorily before the end of the final assessment week. These quizzes do not contribute marks towards your final grade in the unit.

LO 1, 2

Primary Document Forum

Each student reads the set documents and, 1) produces a brief summary of the argument of each document (200 words each), 2) presents the class with a discussion question for each document, and 3) offers an answer to each question presented (100 words each).

Weighting: 15%

LO 1,2

Thematic Assignment

Development Activity 1 - Workshop - 500 words (7.5%); Development Activity 2 workshop - 500 words (7.5%); Essay - 2,000 words (70%).

Weighting: 85%

LO 1,2, 3

Note for students: Please refer to the [DBT Handbook](#) for College requirements on assessments, including presentation, correct referencing of sources, word limits, and late submission.

PROGRESSION**Successful completion of this unit requires:**

1.	An overall result of 50% or better
2.	50% or better in the final essay submission
3.	Completing the Foundational Knowledge Quizzes with an overall score above 90%

RECOMMENDED READING

Reading that will assist the student to achieve the unit learning outcomes

Author(s)	Title and Publisher	Pages	# of Pages
Stott, John R. W.	The Cross of Christ, London: IVP, 2006.	All	334 pp
Total recommended reading			334 pp

REFERENCE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Describes the scope of the unit, not required reading

Author(s)	Title and Publisher
Alexander, T.D. & Rosner, B.S. (eds.)	<i>New Dictionary of Biblical Theology</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 2000).
Bolt, Peter G.	<i>The Cross from a Distance</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 2004).
Demarest, Bruce	<i>The Cross and Salvation</i> (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 1997).
Cole, Graham	<i>God the Peacemaker</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 2009).
Letham, Robert	<i>The Work of Christ</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 1993)
Peterson, David (ed.)	<i>Where Wrath and Mercy Meet: Proclaiming the Atonement Today</i> (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2001).
Peterson, Robert A.	<i>Salvation Accomplished by the Son</i> (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2012).