



CHTH416

The Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Short Course Description

Lecturer: Professor Chris Holmes

Brief Introduction to the Paper

This course will involve a close reading and analysis of sections from Bonhoeffer's most important writings including *Christ the Center*, *Discipleship*, *Ethics*, and *Letters and Papers from Prison*. Study will be undertaken with a view to developing a nuanced understanding of his Christology and of the relationship between Christology and Christian ethics. Consideration will also be given to Bonhoeffer as a gifted reader of Holy Scripture.

Assessment

This paper is assessed by means of three essays worth 20%, 20%, and 60% of the final mark.

Teaching Schedule

The paper will be taught through 7 x 1 hr and 50min videoconferences.

Timetable details are available at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/> (See the hyperlinks under "Timetables", on the right hand side)

Learning Outcomes

Students who complete this paper will be able to:

- Describe the life, key texts, and central themes of the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer;

- Articulate the theological distinctives present in the work of Bonhoeffer against the backdrop of the challenges of his time and place;
- Learn to better read theological texts, and to express theological concepts both orally and in writing;
- Reflect upon the importance of Christian doctrine for the practical and ethical shape of life; and
- Bring a systematic understanding of Christian teaching to bear on contentious ethical issues.

For more information

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