

ST514: RECONCILIATION AND THE HEALING OF PERSONS (4-units).
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DESCRIPTION:

In this course we will consider the doctrine of the Incarnation, the person of Jesus Christ as the basis for reconciliation of persons to God, the doctrines of Justification and Sanctification, as well as the doctrine of the Atonement. A unit on healing and the atonement will look closely at the issues of forgiveness of sin, physical healing, and the relationship of healing to God's ministry of reconciliation through the church.

RELEVANCE FOR MINISTRY: The course objectives are:

- To enable students to develop a core paradigm for divine reconciliation centered on the person and work of Christ;
- To prepare students for a more effective ministry of reconciliation in and through the church through a praxis of ministry which releases Christ's transforming power as an integrative and wholistic movement of faith. The course includes an emphasis on a ministry of healing for those preparing to be clinical therapists and/or Christian counselors. Pastoral strategies as well as missiological implications of a ministry of reconciliation are considered.

COURSE FORMAT:

The class will be conducted on the Internet using a 10-week lesson program aligned with Fuller's academic calendar. Each week, students and the instructor will interact with the material and each other through journaling, threaded discussions, and live Internet "chats," and web-based research. Lectures for each lesson will be available online.

REQUIRED READING: Students will read a minimum 1,500 pages, including:

- Anderson, Ray S. *Judas and Jesus: Amazing Grace for the Wounded Soul*, Cascade Books, 2005
- Blue, Ken *Authority to Heal*. IVP, 1987
- Kraus, C. Norman *Jesus Christ Our Lord*, revised ed, Herald Press, 1990
- Torrance, Thomas F. *The Mediation of Christ*, Helmers & Howard Publishing, 1992
- Wilson, Jonathan R. *God So Loved the World: A Christology for Disciples*, Baker, 2001
- Students will be expected to read the ST514 Expanded Lecture Syllabus which will be available in the online class.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Weekly threaded discussions (25%) and journaling, (10%)
2. There are no quizzes or set exams. Students will be given a set of four take-home exam questions early in the quarter which will require essay type answers to case situations. Answers will be evaluated on the basis of depth of theological insight, appropriateness to the practice and goals of Christian ministry, and evidence of critical reflection upon the assigned readings and course content. (65%)

PREREQUISITES: None

RELATION TO CURRICULUM: Fulfills M. Div core area STB; MAT core ST/CH; MACL core ST; Ministry Focus Elective in MA in Global Leadership program

FINAL EXAMINATION: Take-home style exam.

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