

507 JESUS AND PRECHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

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RATIONALE

This course is of vital importance since Jesus Christ is:

1. Author of our salvation and the focal point of our mission
2. Theology is Christology and Christology is theology
3. Christology precedes soteriology in that we are confronted by Jesus first and then we respond to him by faith.
4. "For a man believes with his heart and so he is justified, and confess with his lips and so he is saved." Roman 10:10

OBJECTIVE

1. To show that Christ who is in us as the hope of glory existed with the Father Before all things. There was no time when he was not.
2. We will discuss what Jesus said about himself.
3. We will ponder what the prophets and the Apostles wrote about Jesus.

STRATEGY

We will discuss Jesus as:

1. Live giving water
2. The bread of life
3. The light of the world
4. The Good shepherd
5. The door of the sheep
6. The way, the truth and life
7. The resurrection and the life
8. The true vine
9. The eternal word
10. The humiliated and exalted
11. The Lord of the Universe

EVALUATION

Write an essay in **one** of the following:

- 1." Christ is the author of our salvation and the focal point of our mission. Discuss this statement in the light of *Christ and Roots* and show how Christ is the focal point of your faith and mission.
2. Christology is theology and theology is Christology. Discuss.
3. Discuss one of the Chapters and show how the teaching in that chapter apply to you personally.
4. Dialogue is therapy and therapy is dialogue. Discuss this statement in the light of the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman.