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**Christology TH600/700  
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**1. PURPOSE:** The centre of Christian theology is Jesus Christ. Therefore, this course will focus on thinking through the scriptural and ecclesiastical traditions concerning the person and work of Christ. This will provide the basis for a discussion about the implication of Christology for the present and future Church. Thus, the course will seek to engage the ideas represented by the councils, creeds of past theologians, and then move to examine the theological praxis that resulted in a colonial and post-colonial context. All this in hopes of the learner developing a shared praxis based upon a renewed Christology.

**1.1 PREREQUISITES:** TH500 Introduction to Constructive Theology

**2. COMPETENCE OBJECTIVES:**

2.1. Students will become self-aware of their own cultural affirmations of Christology. For example, the place of ritual, song, metaphor and story in the learners' own Christological position.

2.2. Identify and articulate the student's understanding of the Christology of their larger communities.

2.3. Describe, understand and put into one's own terms the basic formulations of the Christian tradition (the creeds) concerning Christological understanding and how these have been operative in the Christian experiences in a variety of cultural contexts.

2.4. Identify and describe the historical Christological understandings that have been operative in and through the Church.

2.4.1 Identify some ways in which Christological formulations influenced modernity and colonization.

2.4.2 Identify some ways Christological affirmations enabled communities to resist the dark side of modernity.

2.5. Understand, identify and articulate the intersection between the Christological affirmations of the historical church and the varieties of Christological affirmations that are operative in the student's own community of faith, both locally and denominationally.

2.6. Identify, describe and discuss the resources for local cultures that could contribute to a contextual appropriation of the heritage of Christological formulations.

**3. FORMAT AND CONTENT:**

This course is offered weekly on Tuesday nights for 3 hours during the Spring semester. There will be required readings, lectures, and written assignments to aid the learner to fulfill the course competencies. My hope is that each learner would write something that could have the potential to help a community deepen their Christology.

**4. TEXTS:** Available at UBC bookstore, however *The Humanity of God* might not be but is available on Amazon.

Barth, Karl, *The humanity of God*. (John Knox Press) 1960.

Karkainen, Veli-Matti, *Christology: A Global Introduction* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic) 2003.  
Available on Amazon.ca

Tanner, Kathryn. *Christ the Key*. (United Kingdom: Cambridge) 2010. Available on Amazon.

Assorted Essays which will be posted on Canvas.

**5. RESERVES:** Text will be available on 2 hour reserve. Articles will be available on Canvas.