

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE AND ITS HISTORY: GRACE, CHRIST AND  
THE SPIRIT

(IPS 531-001)

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Water Tower Campus

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This is a course on Christian theology from historical and systematic perspectives. It begins with a consideration of theology, its variations through history, and its sources. Theologians such as Origen, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Yves Congar, and Karl Rahner are treated; Thomas Aquinas and Karl Rahner are considered in some detail. Three common themes are pursued in the various theologians: revelation, grace, and the human person.

There are two textbooks: Hans Küng, *Great Christian Thinkers* (New York: Continuum, 2006); Thomas O'Meara, *God in the World. A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2007) – both are paperbacks.

Class attendance is very important; there are not many outside readings. There is a small research project, one exams, and a small paper.