

CHET 60013 Introduction to Theological Ethics
3 semester hours, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, Spring 2022
Tuesday, 1:00-3:30

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Prerequisites: none.

Description of Content: This course will address major methodological questions of theological ethics, its thematic subdivisions, and some of the key authors who have shaped the discussion of ethical questions within the theological world. Topics addressed will include: the Bible and ethics, violence and war, gender and sexuality, social justice, cultural polarization, and racism.

Class procedures:

1. Lectures.
2. In-class discussions.
3. Student presentations.

Requirements and grading:

1. Class participation and reading notes (10%).
2. Five short papers, 4-5 pages [double-spaced, include page numbers, no separate title page needed] (50%).
3. Final paper, 8-10 pages (40%).

Texts:

Alison, James. *Faith Beyond Resentment: Fragments Catholic and Gay*. New York: Crossroad, 2001. ISBN: 9780824519223, \$30

Bellinger, Charles. *The Trinitarian Self: The Key to the Puzzle of Violence*. Eugene: Pickwick, 2008. ISBN: 9781556352324, \$19

Brooks, Arthur. *Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt*. New York: Broadside Books, 2019. ISBN: 978-0062883759, \$12

Hart, David Bentley. *That All Shall Be Saved: Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-0300258486, \$16

Wallis, Jim. *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2017. ISBN: 978-1587434006, \$12

There will be additional readings assigned by the instructor during the semester. Students *must* have the ability to check their TCU email account *and do so regularly*, because I will communicate with you in that way regarding reading assignments and other course matters.