

March 5: Introduction to Systematic Theology and Biblical Interpretation

Why do we need theology? Why can't we just read the Bible? This lecture gives an introduction to the relationship between biblical and systematic theology as well as an introduction to the formation of the Bible and standard procedures for biblical interpretation.

Lecturer: Rev. Kin Yip Louie *Professor Rev. Kin Yip Louie is assistant professor in theological studies at China Graduate School of Hong Kong. After receiving a M.A. from Princeton University he entered Westminster Theological Seminary (USA) and in 2006 completed his doctoral studies in theology (Edinburgh). He lives in Hong Kong with his wife Janet and three daughters.*

March 26: Character of God

It has been said that there is a "bewildering and awesome mixture of love and anger in God." How do we reconcile the seeming wrathful God of the Old Testament with the God of peace in the New Testament? What are central characteristics and attributes of God and how does our perception of God's character affect our Christian life?

Lecturer: Professor William Wilson *Professor Wilson has a PhD from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (USA) and is currently visiting professor of Christian Studies at Fudan University in Shanghai.*

April 2: Creation

How are we supposed to look at the world and make sense of it? This lecture will explore the creation accounts in Genesis 1-2, their key themes and review four common approaches to understanding creation within the modern Church. Prof. McGrath will also give a response to questions raised by Richard Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*.

Lecturer: Prof. Alister McGrath (DVD)
 Co-lecturer: Stephen Zuber *Alister McGrath is a respected Christian theologian and apologist who holds both a DPhil (in molecular biophysics) and an earned Doctor of Divinity from Oxford. He is noted for his work in historical, systematic and scientific theology. McGrath was until recently Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Oxford, but now occupies the chair of Theology, Religion and Culture at King's College, London.*

Stephen has a Masters of Divinity with a concentration in Theology from Asbury Theological Seminary. He lives with his wife and two small children in Shanghai, and is currently a full time high school teacher.

April 16: Sin, Fall and Evil

Why is there chaos in God's world? What has gone wrong? Did God create suffering? This lecture will give an overview of the four common approaches to the problem of evil with a unique concluding hypothesis. Dr. Lloyd will also explore the doctrine of the Fall and the difference between the fall and fallenness.

Lecturer: Dr. Michael Lloyd (DVD).
 Discussion Leader: Stephen Zuber *Mike Lloyd completed his doctoral thesis at Oxford University, *The Cosmic Fall and The Free Will Defence*, which explored the problem with natural evil. He then moved to London to become director of training at St. James the Less church in Pimlico, before returning to Oxford to teach doctrine at St. Stephen's House. He is the author of the ever popular *CaFe: Theology*.*

May 14: The Historical Jesus (pre-Easter) 9:00am-12:00pm

Who was Jesus? Everybody has an opinion about Jesus, but can we know who he really was? If so, how? This lecture will explore these questions using the basic methods of an historian. By using proper historical methods, a clear picture of the real Jesus who lived in history emerges. We will also address the

following questions: What are the sources for the historical Jesus and which ones are the best ones? What do secular sources say about Jesus? Are the Christian sources biased, and if so, can we use them? Based on the evidence, what did Jesus think and teach about himself and who did he say that he was?

Lecturer: Brian Thomas *An ardent reader of philosophy, theology, history and politics, Brian Thomas graduated from Talbot School of Theology in May 2005 with an MA in New Testament Language and Literature. In May 2007 he graduated with his second MA in Christian Apologetics from Biola University. He is currently pursuing a D.Th degree at Trinity Theological College in Singapore. Brian is an associate of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (Asia Pacific) and lives in Singapore with his wife I'Ching and their son Craig.*

May 14: Jesus, Resurrection and Ascension 1:30pm-4:30pm

So what really happened at the end of Jesus' earthly life and ministry? Is Jesus' death by crucifixion merely something that Christians can affirm by faith or does the evidence establish it as fact? This lecture will teach us how to use the historical method to uncover the facts about Jesus' death and resurrection--exploring the implications of the resurrection: What does the resurrection say about the person of Jesus? What is its significance for us today?

Lecturer: Brian Thomas. See above

May 28: The Holy Spirit

Who is the Spirit? How does Paul conceive of the Spirit and of his relationship to God and Christ? Does the Spirit have a gender? Dr. Gordon Fee will explore Paul's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the concept of the power of the Spirit in our everyday life. Stephen Zuber will guide the discussion around life in

the Spirit and what this means for us today.

Lecturer: Dr. Gordon Fee (DVD)
 Co-lecturer: Stephen Zuber *Dr. Gordon Fee is a New Testament scholar who, after teaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, moved to Regent College in Vancouver, Canada where he is now Professor Emeritus. He also serves on the advisory board of the International Institute for Christian Studies. Fee is a member of the Committee on Bible Translation responsible for the New International Version (NIV) and its revision, the Today's New International Version (TNIV).*

June 10: History of Early Church & the Life and Impact of St. Augustine Friday, 7:00pm-10:00pm

Part I. A chronological overview of the history of the early Church from the end of the New Testament up to the time of St. Augustine (around AD 400). † This lecture will provide a specific focus on the significant influence on Christian doctrine of St. Augustine.

Lecturer: TBA

June 11: Cont. History of Church & Martin Luther, Protestant Reformation Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm

Part II. A chronological overview of the history of the early Church from AD 312 to the Protestant Reformation and the Church today. There will be a specific focus on the life of Martin Luther and his contribution to the Protestant Reformation.

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WHEN Saturday Mornings, 9:00am-12:00pm (twice per month unless otherwise stated)

WHERE Old York Art Space, No.248 Wuxing Rd. (Hengshan Lu, Metro Line 1)

COST 350 RMB (half price for cell group & alpha leaders)

SCTC FEE POLICY: *SCTC is committed to accessibility and desires that all have access to theological training despite diverse income levels. Fees are based on the ability to pay. We recommend to those who are unable to pay the full amount to prayerfully give what you are able, and to those who can afford more, to give generously. With our vision to equip leaders, all sessions are half price for cell group and alpha leaders. What do the fees pay for? Bringing in more fantastic speakers!*

SCTC's May EVENING Lectures
Mark Your Calendar's!

• Monday May 2- Tuesday May 3 •

Conversations that Connect: Conversational Evangelism in a Post-Modern World. Apologetics seminar with Dave Geisler.

• Saturday May 14 •

Traditional Chinese Religions and Apologetics. L'Ching Thomas from Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

• Monday May 16 •

What is a Christian Worldview? Brian Thomas, associate of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries.

More information and online registration will be available early April 2011

SATURDAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (SST)

SST is composed of three tracks: Bibletrack, Faithtrack and LifeTrack.

Bibletrack and Faithtrack consist of 9 sessions and are offered every other Saturday in the Fall and Spring. LifeTrack sessions are offered intermittently through-out the year. Each 3 hour session is taught by an academic expert in theology at a graduate level. Students are not required to have any previous knowledge of theology. All courses are taught in English.

BIBLETrack

This track will make you familiar with key themes, structure, authorship and tools for reading and interpreting the Bible wisely in today's world. We recommend this track for all believers. We suggest that those who have recently completed Alpha begin with Bibletrack before moving on to Faithtrack. Bibletrack covers such topics as:

- Introduction to Biblical Theology
- Pentateuch
- Historical Books
- Poetry and Wisdom Literature
- The Prophets
- Gospels and Acts
- Catholic Epistles (General Letters)
- Paul's Letters
- Revelation

FAITHTrack

This track explores the building blocks of the Christian faith. It looks at such questions as: how do we read the Creation Account in Genesis? Why does a good God allow for evil and suffering? What did Jesus' words mean to first century Jews? How did the Church develop its doctrines? Faithtrack covers the following topics:

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- Life of Jesus
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- Overview of Church History

LIFETrack

This track helps us connect our faith with life, culture and society. It builds on the other two courses, enabling those who have a strong basic understanding of theology to move on to explore in greater depth how faith impacts life and contemporary culture. It looks at such topics as:

- Eastern Religions and the New Age Movement
- Sex in a modern world
- The environment
- Marketplace
- Politics and Society
- Ethics
- The poor

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