

THEO 204: Introduction to Christian Ethics
Mid-term Exam Preparation Guide
Winter 2016
Exam weight: 20% (of total grade)

Multiple Choice (5 points):

There will be between 5 and 10 multiple choice questions. Study the main ideas and key arguments from the readings and key points highlighted in the lectures to prepare for the multiple choice questions in the exam. Your lecture notes and the ppt slides provided on Moodle should help you focus on what is important in each reading. When answering the multiple choice questions, always choose *the best* answer (in some cases there might seem to be a couple of possible answers, but one should be recognized as better than all others).

Short Answer (5 points):

In the short answer section of the exam you will find four (4) of the topics listed directly below from which you will select two (2) on which to write brief answers. In other words, you will not get to select from all seven options you see below – only four will appear on the exam. In your answer, you must identify the scholar associated with the concept and explain what is meant in that scholar's employment of it.

Please note: a "short" answer, in this case, requires roughly 3-5 sentences (depending on writing style). Make sure you provide a full answer (your explanation should focus on what is most important to the answer). Also, studying for all seven of these topics is not in vain as the effort you put in here will serve you in the Multiple Choice and Essay sections.

1. Two kingdom theology.
2. Three parts of "Old Law".
3. Double-predestination.
4. In the battle and above the fray.
5. Resurrection as basis for Christian ethics.
6. The place of social anthropology in Christian ethics.
7. The church *is* a social ethic.

Essay question (10 points):

Select one of the following three (3) options on which to write a brief essay (roughly 750-1000 words) during the exam. NOTE: *Yes! I am giving you the essay question ahead of time – this is not a trick!* Your answer should have a thesis (a main claim) that is then supported with

argumentation that references at least three (3) relevant sources from the course outline (i.e., reference at least three relevant readings from the course pack). The best essays will stick close to course material throughout (i.e., wrestle with course sources as you articulate your answer).

1. Critically assess Servais Pinckaer's definition of Christian ethics (definition #5 – see slide 8 of the Lecture PPT slides from "The Gospel and Christian Ethics"). How helpful is this definition? What would you add to it or take away from it to make it better serve moral theology today?
2. Discuss the "state of Christian ethics" today. Should Christian ethics focus more on "hard cases" or the art of living well?
3. Drawing on course material, explain what you find to be Augustine's most significant contribution to the field of Christian ethics.