

**Point Loma Nazarene University**  
**School of Theology & Christian Ministry**  
**Fall Semester, 2014**

- Course:** Theology 350. Foundations of Christian Theology II. T-Th 1:30 – 2:45.
- Professor:** Dr. Michael Lodahl. Office – Smee Hall 206  
Office phone 849-2331, home phone (619) 297-0395, cell (858) 405-3184.
- Texts:** Barth, Karl. *The Epistle to the Romans*, translated by Edwyn C. Hoskyns.  
Oakes, Kenneth. *Reading Karl Barth:*  
*A Companion to Karl Barth's Epistle to the Romans*
- Objectives:** 1) To explore pressing concerns of classical and contemporary Christian theological reflection and ethical existence;
- 2) to learn Christian doctrine from Karl Barth (1886-1968), the single most important Christian theologian in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and grow in appreciation for his continuing contribution to Christian theological reflection;
- 3) to study and to appreciate critical doctrines of Christian faith – including especially the person and work of Jesus Christ; theories of the atonement; pneumatology; sanctification; ecclesiology; the sacraments; and eschatology – in their rich interrelations with one another, and in their importance for Christian faith, living, practice and ministry; and
- 4) to develop critical and careful theological skills in speech, reading, research and writing.

**Course Requirements:**

- 1) Faithful attendance to class and careful reading of assigned materials. You will be held responsible for the assigned reading each day you step into the classroom.
- 2) Four theological reflection papers, 4-6 pages long each (double-spaced, 12-point Times Roman font), that will demonstrate careful engagement with the assigned reading materials and class discussions of those texts. Your professor will provide writing 'prompts' as well as possible (or even required) questions to be addressed in these papers. ***Any paper turned in later than classtime on the due date will be docked five points. For every day beyond the due date, it will be ad additional seven point reduction.***
- 3) A final, comprehensive examination as scheduled by the university.

## **Course Grade:**

Grade will be calculated on the basis of attendance / participation, including quizzes, extra credit and other incidental assignments (24%); the four theological reflection papers (16% each); and the final exam (12%).

*All assignments will receive a grade based on the scale below:*

94-100, A;    90-93, A-;    87-89, B+;    83-86, B;    80-82, B-;    77-79, C+;  
73-76, C;    70-72, C-;    67-69, D+;    62-66, D;    58-61, D-;    below 57.5, F.

***I cannot emphasize enough that correct grammar, spelling, format and punctuation all play a highly critical role in my evaluation of your reflection papers***

**Additionally, the School of Theology and Christian Ministry at PLNU is committed to the equality of women and men, including in the exercise of the gifts and graces of ministry in local church congregations. Recognizing that people have often used language in ways that imply the exclusion or inferiority of women, the SOTCM urges students, faculty and staff to avoid sexist language in public discourse, in classroom discussions and especially in their writings.**

**All students are expected to meet the standards for this course as set by the instructor. However, students with learning disabilities who may need accommodations should discuss options with the Academic Support Center during the first two weeks of class. The ASC will contact professors with suggested classroom needs and accommodations. Approved documentation must be on file in the ASC prior to the start of the semester.**

**Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please consult the school catalog under the heading of Academic Honesty to learn the professor's intended policy regarding student dishonesty regarding academic work.**

### **Theology 250 tends to focus on:**

Authority of Scripture; theological methodology; doctrine of God; doctrine of creation; doctrine of humanity (theological anthropology); doctrine of sin (hamartiology)

### **Theology 350 tends to focus on:**

Christology; doctrine of salvation (soteriology); doctrine of the church (ecclesiology), including the sacraments; doctrine of the Holy Spirit (pneumatology); doctrine of the age to come (eschatology), including resurrection of the body, final judgment and destiny, and the new creation. ***We will place primary attention upon these doctrines (in their interrelationships) in this course.***

## Course Calendar:

### September

4 – Course introduction. **Romans 1** ‘*Writing Tips*’ assignment due by next Tuesday.

9 – Oakes, Preface (ix-x) and Chapters 1-2 (pages 3-23).

11 – Oakes 24-39 and Barth’s Prefaces to *Romans* (1-26).

16 – Oakes 43-50 and Barth 27-54: **Romans 1.**

18 – Oakes 51-55 and Barth 55-76: **Romans 2.**

23 – Oakes 56-59 and Barth 77-91: **Romans 3:1-20.**

25 – Oakes 59-63 and Barth 91-114: **Romans 3:21-30.**

30 – Oakes, Chapter 64-70 and Barth 115-148: **Romans 3:31-4:25.**

### [October]

2 – Oakes 71-73 and Barth 149-164: **Romans 5:1-11. Paper 1 due at beginning of classtime.**

7 – Oakes 73-79 and Barth 164-187: **Romans 5:12-21.**

9 – Oakes 80-83 and Barth 188-207: **Romans 6:1-11.**

### *Extra-credit opportunities:*

*October 13-15: Wiley Lecture Series with Thomas Thangaraj*

Monday 13 11-12 in Crill Auditorium; 3-4:30 Brewed Awakening

Tuesday 14 9:30-10:20, 1:30-2:20, both in Crill

14 – Our class session on this day will be attendance of Thangaraj’s 1:30 lecture.

Wednesday 15 Thangaraj 1:30-2:20, Crill

16 – Oakes 83-86 and Barth 207-228: **Romans 6:12-23.**

21 – Oakes 87-94 and Barth 229-253: **Romans 7:1-11.**

23 – Oakes 94-95 and Barth 253-270: **Romans 7:12-25. Paper 2 due; include Thangaraj in your reflection paper if at all possible.**

28 – Oakes 96-99 and Barth 271-295: **Romans 8:1-13.**

30 – Oakes 99-104 and Barth 295-329: **Romans 8:14-39.**

## November

4 – Oakes 105-112 and Barth 330-361: **Romans 9.** *All extra-credit writing from the Wiley Lectures is due by classtime on this day. Nothing later will be accepted.*

6 – Oakes 113-119 and Barth 362-390: **Romans 10.**

11 – Oakes 120-124 and Barth 391-412: **Romans 11:1-24.**

13 – Oakes 124-126 and Barth 412-423: **Romans 11:25-36.**

18 – Oakes 127-130 and Barth 424-438: **Romans 12:1-2.**

20 – Oakes 130-134 and Barth 438-460: **Romans 12:3-15.**

25 – **Paper 3 due.** No class; paper will be due via email no later than 4 p.m.

## December

2 – Oakes 134-136 and Barth 460-481: **Romans 12:16-21.**

4 – Oakes 137-143 and Barth 481-502: **Romans 13.**

9 – Oakes 143-146 and Barth 502-522: **Romans 14.**

11 – Oakes 147-159 and Barth 522-537: **Romans 15-16.**

15 – **Paper 4 due** via email no later than 4 p.m.

18 – Final exam, 1:30 – 4 p.m.