

## **BI714D Biblical Theology of the Christian “Old” Testament**

Professor: Moessner Spring 2010 2 credits; letter grade only  
(Meets M.Div. requirement for a ‘required OT/Biblical Theology’ Elective)  
Prerequisites: BI511D OT Introduction; BI550D NT Introduction; BI657D NT Exegesis I; BI658 NT Exegesis II (should at least be taken concurrently). Use of Greek required.

### **Description:**

Is the “Old Testament” a Christian book or the “Hebrew Bible” of Jewish communities? This course investigates the ways the church has understood the relation between Old and New Testaments and the differences this conception of one Bible in two parts makes to the church’s ministry and priorities for preaching. The identities of “God,” “the Lord, Christ,” and “the people of God” within this one Book of two testaments form the major issues of the course.

### **Objectives:**

1) To study the ways the church's Jewish Scriptures developed into the Christian Bible and to reflect upon the significances and implications of the Bible as one Christian “book” of Old and New Testaments; 2) To investigate and formulate the ways the church has understood the relation between Old and New Testaments and the church’s self-understanding in light of its one book in two parts; 3) To come to a firmer grasp of the continuities and discontinuities between the people of Israel of the Old Testament and the church of the New Testament and the implications of these for the church’s mission and for contemporary Jewish—Christian dialogue.

### **Curricular Objectives**

#### **M.Div. curricular goals fulfilled by this course (emphasis added):**

1. *Be formed by, live in, and minister out of Scripture* and the historical and theological tradition of the Church.
2. Interpret the Christian Scriptures *through faithful exegesis* and *in the light of the Christian tradition*.
3. Preach the Word of God *with faithfulness and clarity*.
4. Evangelize the world with faithfulness and *contextual sensitivity*.

### **Requirements and Evaluation:**

1. Weekly readings secondary sources
2. Translation of short NT text
3. Discussions, translations, and deliberations in the Seminar (11% of total grade)
4. Oral presentations (ca. 10-15 min.) by every participant (each report 22% of total)
5. One final term paper due at the end of the semester (67%)

### **Bibliography:** (required for purchase)

*Novum Testamentum* (Nestle-Aland 27<sup>th</sup> ed.)

R. G. Bratcher, *Old Testament Quotations in the New Testament*

L. C. L. Brenton, *The Septuagint with Apocrypha*, Greek—English, Hendrickson, 1986.

Brevard Childs, *Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*

J. L. Kugel and R. A. Greer, *Early Biblical Interpretation*