

Summary

The aim of the present thesis is to offer an expository account of the themes and problems in contemporary Christian soteriology based on the introduction and evaluation of three contemporary soteriological concepts of the Irish Anglican theologian David Ford, the American orthodox theologian David Bentley Hart and the Sri Lankan catholic theologian Aloysius Pieris.

In the Introduction the reasons for the choice of the topic, structure and method of this study are presented. Part I offers a brief overview of the key soteriological images and a discussion on the relationship of Christology and soteriology.

Part II explores the theology of salvation of the three aforementioned contemporary theologians based on David Tracy's distinction of different but mutually interrelated notions of truth in practical, fundamental and systematic theology. Part III offers a discussion of the main soteriological themes and problems that were discovered. In the Conclusion Tracy's multifaceted hermeneutical concept of truth is argued to allow soteriology to affirm plurality of theology and, at the same time, to avoid the danger of falling into relativism unconcerned with criteria of truthfulness.

Keywords

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