

The Cruelty of Heresy

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Texts: Required:

Gonzalez, Justo L. and Gonzalez, Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez: *Heretics for Armchair Theologians*
Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2008 **ISBN:** 978-0-664-23205-4

Supplemental (You are **NOT** expected to purchase these for this class! But if you can borrow them, you may find them of interest. Prior editions should be fine.)

Documents of the Christian Church, Bettenson & Maunder, eds
Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1999 **ISBN** 0-19-288071-3

Eusebius, The Church History, Paul Maier, tr.
Grand Rapids, MI, Kregel, 2007 **ISBN** 978-0-8254-3307-8

Course Outline:

Session I Dogma & Doctrine: What they are and why they matter.
Session II Trinitarian Heresies
Session III Christological Heresies
Session IV Soteriological and Ecclesiological Heresies, Conclusion

Assignment

Hard Copy due by 1:30pm, November 14, 2011

Please use 1" margins on all sides, 12 point Times New Roman font. A Powerpoint outline is acceptable with sufficient detail or an accompanying narrative to demonstrate your knowledge. If you want your graded paper returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You have 30+ days – extensions will be granted only under critical circumstances.

1. Prepare a **50 minute** adult education class on **one** of the major heresies. Your presentation should include:
 - a. A brief explanation of the doctrine the heresy distorts
 - b. The nature of the heresy, including the truth it overstates (if any), the truth it denies or critically diminishes, its proponents, where, when and how the Church answered it.
 - c. The ways it is present today in Christian denominations and/or quasi-Christian churches and why it is cruel.