

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER : **SELECT THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT**

COURSE CODE : **T3P6/IDE-T3P6**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

“The earliest Christians did not consider themselves followers of a new religion”. Discuss the meaning of the statement and explain any problems that this understanding might have created.

QUESTION 2

Discuss Paul’s teaching on salvation and examine his influence on the sixteenth century reformers.

QUESTION 3

“The establishment of the Roman Empire was beneficial to the Christian movement”. Comment.

QUESTION 4

Briefly explain the major teaching of the Chalcedonian Definition on the person of Christ. How adequate is the Definition in explaining the divinity and humanity of Christ?

QUESTION 5

EITHER (a) Compare the Pelagian and Augustinian teaching on the original sin, infant baptism OR and grace (b) *Quid Imperatori cum Ecclesia* (Donatists). Show how the Donatist movement came to this position.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the factors that led to the Eastern Schism in 1054.

QUESTION 7

Briefly discuss the nature, motivation and achievements of the Christian Crusades.

QUESTION 8

“The medieval church was the sole dispenser of salvation”. To what extent does this explain the immediate causes of the Reformation?

QUESTION 9

Write NOTES on ONE of the following:

- (a) Bruno Gutmann
- (b) Reformation in England
- (c) The Geneva Theocracy
- (d) The Vatican I Council

QUESTION 10

Discuss the view that there should be a dialogue between Christianity and African Traditional Religions to make Christianity relevant to Africa.