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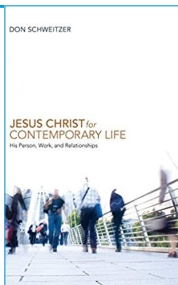
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--Heather Eaton. Full professor/professeure titulaire, Saint Paul University. Author of Introducing Ecofeminist Theologies (2005)

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Life, Don Schweitzer explores the significance of the person, work, and relationships of Jesus Christ for contemporary life. He moves from the historical Jesus to the present in three parts. In the first part Schweitzer develops an understanding of Jesus as the Word of God, who became incarnate to give the goodness and beauty of God further expression in time and space. Second, he explores how various atonement theories articulate ways in which Jesus empowers people to further express this beauty and goodness in their own lives. And finally, Schweitzer explores how Jesus relates to people in the church, to the events and movements in history, to other religions, and to Christians in their dialogue with God in prayer.



"Professor Schweitzer offers here a fresh approach to Christology, deeply rooted in the Trinitarian tradition of Jesus Christ as the incarnation of the Word of God. Writing intentionally out of a Canadian/North Atlantic context, he draws upon contemporary studies of the historical Jesus, faces critical challenges to doctrines of atonement, and explores the significance of Jesus for movements of resistance to domination. A nuanced, non-reductive treatment of religious plurality, and of prayer, adds to the richness of this volume - an excellent educational tool for theological students and scholars."

--Harold G. Wells, Emeritus professor of systematic theology, University of Toronto. Author of The Christic Center: Life-Giving and Liberating (2004)

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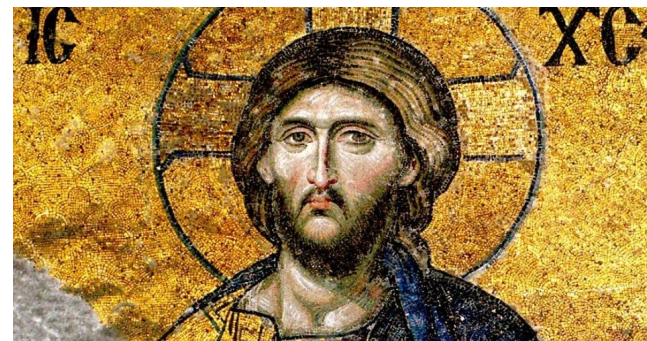
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February 21: The Way of Jesus

This session looks at the ethical teaching, examples, and practices of Jesus. It moves back and forth between the gospels and the present, looking at ways in which people have tried to follow Jesus then, now, and in between.

February 28: The Moral Influence Theory of Atonement

This session begins by looking at what atonement means, and then examines the moral influence theory of atonement and its strengths and weaknesses. It looks at the type of sin or evil that the moral influence theory of atonement addresses, where it locates this, how it addresses it.

March 6: Jesus as a Source of Ultimate Hope

This session examines the Christus Victor theory of atonement. It looks at its origins, the images used to express it, the kind of sin or evil it addresses, and who tends to use it. It examines the danger of dualism as a weakness of this theory, and the hope it inspires as one of its strengths.

March 13: Substitutionary Atonement

Substitutionary atonement is what many people think of when they hear the word 'atonement.' This understanding of Jesus' saving significance has been widely criticized in recent decades. This session will examine its origins, its understanding of how Jesus saves, and how theologians have tried to re-think this theory of atonement in spatial terms.

March 20: Jesus as the Centre of History

This session looks at how Jesus gives people orientation in life. It examines how this orientation is developed, why people might need this. It will also examine the Franciscan innovation in Christology, the idea that creation is oriented to the coming of Jesus, and some implications of this.

Please source your own copy of the book Jesus Christ for Contemporary Life: His Person, Works and Relationships, Don Schweitzer, 2012. For this series, please read chapters **5, 6, 7, 8** and **10**.

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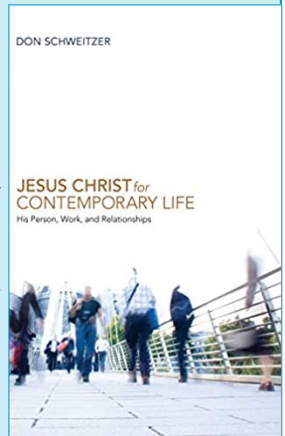
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