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SHG1000 Foundations of Theology

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Part One: Old Testament

Write an essay on **one** of the following:

1. Distinguish between God's *berit* with Abraham, with Israel at Sinai and with David.
2. The Exodus is a story of liberation that reaches its climax in the covenant. Discuss.
3. Give a general introduction to the prophetic books of the Old Testament.

Part Two: New Testament

TO CHOOSE ONE QUESTION:

1. Jesus parables were the teaching method he has chosen to explain the Kingdom of God and to show the character of God and the expectations God has for his people. Comment.
2. Comment on the theological themes of one of the four canonical Gospels.
3. Show how the reality which we so readily identify as the New Testament is the result of a complex historical process.

Part Three: Ancient Christian Writings

TO CHOOSE ONE QUESTION:

1. In his Confessions Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430CE) himself speaks to us about more than one conversion. Discuss briefly the main conversions throughout his life.
2. The Greek term *gnosis* is knowledge; it is a secret form of knowledge which assures the holder of such knowledge of salvation. Gnosticism is a very difficult term to define as it is made up of a wide range of other so-called syncretistic and ancient pagan philosophical currents. Discuss.