

Neutestamentliche Theologie in Westeuropa zwischen Kirche und „Agora“

The analysis reflects on the challenges faced by theological education in general and biblical / New Testament studies in particular, in different European regions. Recent development includes a progressive decrease in traditional churches' membership and theology students number, the special evolution of the theological departments of state universities, the transition from classical theological departments to combined, i.e. theology-religious studies departments, the isolation of the church-subordinated theological institutions from scholarly environment, the expectations expressed by the society. In this context the paper proposes an overview of the major contemporary tendencies in New Testament studies, including a review of the most important books of New Testament theology, and formulates some theses regarding the tasks of theological / biblical research and education