

**Biblical Theology of Missions
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Biblical Theology of Missions, MS6631

Class Hours: 2

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COURSE GOAL

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to a study of God's purpose and activity in the Scriptures concerning the redemption of His people. The role and responsibility of God's people proclaiming this message of redemption will also be studied.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To derive a working, Biblical definition of missions in order to understand its importance, its nature and dispel some of the common myths associated with mission
2. To show God's missionary intent in setting aside Israel as His special witness to the nations
3. To present Jesus' teachings on missions of His church and the actions dictated by those Teachings
4. To challenge students to consider their personal role in missions for their lives/ministry

COURSE TEXTS

Peters, George W. 1984, *A Biblical Theology of Missions*, Moody Press
ISBN: 0-8024-0706-4

Kostenberger, Andreas J., O'Brien Peter T. 2001. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission*, Intersity Press, ISBN: 0-8308-2611-4

Piper, John. 1993, *Let the Nations be Glad*, Baker Book House, ISBN: 0-8010-7124-0

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. We will study passages pertaining to the Church's mission to advance the Kingdom of God
2. All reading assignments will be completed
3. Write a 15-20 page paper, which expresses the development of your understanding of The Theology of Missions. Bibliography should have a minimum of 5 works cited including the text books

Provide the following:

An overview for the biblical basis for missions

An analysis of the purpose and goals of missions

The relationship between the theology presented and your calling to ministry

Interaction with contemporary issues and theologies of missions as they relate to your personal role in missions

4. A mid-term and final exam will be given
5. All course materials must be submitted to the respective professors at the end of the Semester, the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six(6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) week grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six(6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped on letter grade

COURSE GRADING

1. Required reading 20%
2. Mid-term 30%
3. Final exam 30%
4. Paper 20%

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Introduction: Defining Missions Biblically
- II. Part I Biblical Foundation of Missions
 - A. Missionary Theology and Jesus Christ
 - B. Missionary Theology an the Nature of God
 - C. Missionary Theology and the Old Testament
 - D. Missionary Theology and the New Testament
- III. Part II Biblical Delineation of Missions
 - A. The Missionary Task
 - B. The Church and Missions
- IV. Part III Biblical Instruments and Dynamics of Missions
 - A. The Instruments of Missions
 - B. The Dynamics of Missions

CLASS SCHEDULE

- A. Spring Break, October 18th
- B. Mid-Term, November 1st
- C. Final Exam, December 13th

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