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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the books of the New Testament from Romans to Revelation. It is to cause them to know and understand the content of each book, its overall message, and its relationship to the rest of Scripture. The student should know how to outline each book, to declare the themes of each book, to show the major divisions of each book, and to know where to find key subject matters in each book.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- The student will be able to identify the overall purpose of each N.T. book .
- The student will be able to declare the themes of each book N.T. book.
- The student will be able to define and explain the theological concepts of each N.T. book.
- The student will be able to articulate an overview of major New Testament doctrines.
- The student will be able to distinguish between the genres of the Gospels and Acts, the Epistles, and the Revelation.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. InterVarsity Press Academic, 2009

ISBN – 10: 0830814027

ISBN – 13: 9780830814022

The New Testament in one of the following modern translations: 1. NASB; 2. NKJV; 3. ESV

Wilkinson, Bruce; Boa, Kenneth. Talk Thru the Bible: A Quick Guide to Help You Get More Out of the Bible. Thomas Nelson Publishers. ISBN-10: 0840752865 / ISBN-13: 978-0840752864. <http://www.amazon.com/Talk-Thru-Bible-Quick-Guide/dp/0840752865> .

Collateral Texts

Bruce F. F. *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 1977. Reprinted 1999.

ISBN: 0802847781

Traina, Robert A. *Methodical Bible Study*. Zondervan. 2002.

ISBN: 0310246024

COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING

1. Class attendance and participation, including quizzes [10%]. More than two unexcused absences drops final grade by one letter grade. Completion of reading assignment on time is mandatory.

2. Eight Short (2-5 page) papers: [10% each total of 80%]

These papers are short. Be concise and precise. This assignment is about content, but also about written communication (a necessary skill for ministry today).

- In Romans 7:14-25, is the Apostle Paul describing himself as a saved person or an unsaved person? Use the context and theology to explain your answer.
- Study I Corinthians 13: 8-13. Has prophecy been done away? Has tongues ceased? Has knowledge been done away? If yes, why? If no, when will it happen? Please be thoughtful and detailed in your explanation.
- Write a paper on race relations in the church as a practical outworking of Galatians 2: 11-21 and Ephesians 2:11-22.
- Outline the qualifications for Elders and Deacons in 1 Timothy and Titus and explain each quality.
- Explain the message/teaching of Hebrews 6: 1-8.
- Explain “the prescription/solution” to each of the ailments/problems mentioned in James 5:13-18
- Why does Jude write his letter? Please explain.
- Outline the Book of Revelation under three major headings. Include subpoints.

3. Final Exam: [10%]

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: 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 one letter grade.

All course materials must be submitted by 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) weeks 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.

COURSE OUTLINE

- 1/26 Introduction/ Romans
2/2 1 and 2 Corinthians
2/9 Galations/ Philippians
2/16 Ephesians/ Colossions
2/23 1 and 2 Thessalonians
3/1 1 and 2 Timothy/ Titus
3/8 Philemon/ Jude
3/15 **SPRING BREAK**
3/22 Hebrews
3/29 James
4/5 1 and 2 Peter
4/12 1, 2, and 3 John
4/19 The Revelation
4/26 Final Exam

Please read each book before it is scheduled to be discussed in class.

Required Reading and Collateral Reading assignments will be given in class.

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Luke Timothy Johnson, Reading Romans: A Literary and Theological Commentary, Reading the New Testament Series (New York: Crossroad, 1997) paperback, \$25. A remarkable commentary. This offers a valuable overview, without being unduly technical.

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\$28.

Victor Paul Furnish, 2 Corinthians, Anchor Bible 32A (New York: Doubleday, 1984) hardcover, \$42.

David H. Hay, ed., Pauline Theology, Vol. II: 1 & 2 Corinthians (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993) hardcover, \$40.

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