

New Testament Survey II - "Pauline Epistles" – NT-502

January 9 – April 10, 2017
Monday Evenings, 6-7:55 pm
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Description: The specific objectives focus on a working knowledge of Paul's letters both in their historical setting and in the ministry of the Word of God today.

I. Historical Setting

- Understand and know the world of Paul
- To see the unity of Paul with Jesus and to refute those who would assert that Paul is the originator of Christianity rather than Jesus
- Know the outline of Paul's thought in each of his letters
- Know how the early church developed and grew; what issues confronted them; and how those issues were resolved.
- Understand both the faith of the early Jewish believers and the reaction of unbelief of the first century synagogue.

II. Skills

- How to apply the message of the Apostle Paul to the church today
- How to address the "New Perspectives" on Paul and their abuse in the church today
- To accurately interpret Paul in the light of the Biblical theological structure of his thought
- Develop inductive skills in studying the Pauline letters

III. Procedure

- Study and outline each of the Pauline letters
- Organize the whole of Paul's thought into a coherent system of truth
- Apply this truth to the church today

Papers assigned are:

20%	Research paper
30%	Quizzes
20%	Outlines
30%	Final exam

Read:

- *An Introduction to the New Testament*, D. A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo, pp 354-595 (141 pp)
- *Pauline Eschatology*, Geerhardus Vos, pp 1-93; 136-171; 206-316 (228 pp)
- *Paul: An Outline of His Theology*, Herman Ridderbos, pp 44-204 (160 pp)

Schedule:

Jan 9	NT Historical background – Acts 13:1-15, 35; Galatians
Jan 16	The Second Missionary Journey – Acts 15:36-18:22; 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Jan 23	The Third Missionary Journey – Acts 18:23-21:17; 1 Corinthians
Jan 30	1 & 2 Corinthians
Feb 6	Romans
Feb 13	Ephesians
Mar 6	Colossians, Philippians, Philemon
Mar 13	Pastoral Letters
Mar 20	Paul as Theologian: Structure of Pauline Thought
Mar 27	New Perspectives – Justification in Christ
Apr 3	Centrality of the Holy Spirit and the Resurrection
Apr 10	The Man of Sin and the Future