

**Birmingham Theological Seminary  
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**Fall 2019, Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The Life, Ministry, and Theology of Paul  
Conj. NT 2023 (New Testament II)  
Professor: Dr. Harry Reeder/Guest Professors  
Class Hours: 2**

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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. The student will grow 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 (for books covered in class/video content)**

1. The student will be able to identify the overall purpose of each N.T. book.
2. The student will be able to declare the themes of each N.T. book.
3. The student will be able to define and explain the theological concepts of each N.T. book.
4. The student will be able to articulate an overview of major N.T. doctrines
5. The student will be able to describe the covenantal approach to understanding the N.T.

### **COURSE TEXTS**

#### **Required Texts:**

Walker, Peter. *In the Steps of St. Paul*. Augsburg Books. Minneapolis, MN. 2019 ISBN-10: 1506457894 (credit students only)

Longenecker, Richard. *The Ministry and Message of Paul*. Zondervan. Grand Rapids, MI. 1971 ISBN-10: 0310283418 (audit and credit students)

Carson, D. A. & J. Douglas Moo. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Second Edition. Zondervan. ISBN-10: 0-31023859-5 (recommended for all NT students)

Any translation of the Holy Scriptures (professors will use ESV)

Video Content: Students will be given link to Third Millennium's video series on Revelation to watch for class credit.

#### **Collateral Texts**

Conybeare, W.J. & J.S. Howson. *The Life and Epistles of St. Paul*. Titus Books. ISBN-10: 1375645129

## ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance and participation: Credit seeking students should miss no more than two classes. The class will be recorded; requests for the recording may be made to the BTS office ([btsadmin@briarwood.org](mailto:btsadmin@briarwood.org)) if class is missed.

## ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

### Degree-seeking students:

- **Two books reviews:** one on Walker text and one on Lognecker text. Both are due on **Nov 6**. See handout on book reviews for detailed specifications of content.
- **Two NT book reviews** (can be turned in at any time during the semester, **due no later than Dec 27**, no specified length):
  - One can be any book from Romans-Jude
  - One must be on Revelation

Content of each paper

- State the theme of the book
- To whom is the book written
- Write a brief synopsis of each book
- A one-page (max) outline of each book
- List and briefly describe four major doctrines covered in each book (see list below under research paper)

### **One Research paper** (10-12 pages) Due Dec 11 (after class)

Contents of paper:

- 10-12 pages
- 6 Sources (3 book/3 journal: NO BLOGS)
- Turabian Format
- Chart the progression of one of the following doctrines throughout Paul's letters:
  - Justification
  - Sanctification
  - Glorification
  - Grace and the Law
  - Regeneration
  - Election
  - Christology

OR

- Contrast James and Paul's use of the word "Justification" with significant exegetical analysis

**Certificate/Reduced Assessment students:** Research paper (6-8 pages), One book review, One NT Book Review

## GRADING

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| Completion of reading and ability to participate in discussion (signed doc at end of class semester) | 10% |
| Book Reviews   | 20% |
| NT Book Analysis Papers 20%  |     |
| Final Paper  | 50% |

## BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

BTS uses the Turabian style of formatting as a standard for papers. However, students should regard individual professor preference if they communicate any variance in outlining their requirements for papers. Professors retain discretion in determining how “formal” a paper must be. In this technological age, information is readily available; make sure that you understand about giving reference sources the proper recognition. See Research Paper Sample on the Resources Tab on the [www.bts.education](http://www.bts.education).

## COURSE OUTLINE

| Date    | Topic  | Professor                 | Reading   |
|---------|--|---------------------------|---|
| Sept 4  | Introduction/Syllabi/NT Scope                          | Pres. Reeder              | Review Texts  |
| Sept 11 | Hebrews and the New Covenant                           | Guest Prof                | Moo “Hebrews”   |
| Sept 18 | James  | Guest Prof                | Moo “James”   |
| Sept 25 | 1/2 Peter  | Guest Prof                | Moo “Peter” chapters                                    |
| Oct 2   | Meeting Paul   | Dr. Reeder                | <i>In the Steps of Paul</i>                             |
| Oct 9   | Prison Epistles  | Guest Prof                | Moo<br>“(Gal)/Eph/Phil/Col/Philemon”                    |
| Oct 16  | <b>Fall Break/BTS Fall Forum</b>                       | <b>Christ and Culture</b> | <b>(Dr. David Filson)</b>                               |
| Oct 23  | 1/2 Corinthians  | Guest Prof                | Moo “Corinthians”/ <i>Ministry and Message</i> (Part 1) |
| Oct 30  | Paul’s Missionary Journeys (1/2 Timothy/Titus)         | Dr. Reeder                | <i>Ministry and Message</i> (Part 2)                    |
| Nov 6   | 1/2/3 John and Jude                                    | Guest Prof                | Moo “John” “Jude”                                       |
| Nov 13  | Paul’s Theology/Romans                                 | Dr. Reeder                | Moo “Romans”  |
| Nov 20  | Paul’s Theology/Romans Pt. 2                           | Dr. Reeder                | Moo “Romans”  |
| Nov 27  | <b>NO CLASS:<br/>Thanksgiving Break</b>                |                           |   |
| Dec 4   | New Perspectives on Paul/Contemporary Issues/Q&A Panel | Panel Discussion          |   |

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

### Epistles of Paul

Jouette Bassler, *Pauline Theology*, Vol. I: Thessalonians, Philippians, Galatians, Philemon (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994) paperback

Hendrikus Boers, *The Justification of the Gentiles: Paul's Letters to the Galatians And Romans* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1994)

Christopher Bryan, *A Preface to Romans Noes on the Epistle in its Literary And Cultural setting* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)

Raymond F. Collins, *The Birth of the New Testament: The Origin and Development of the First Christian Generation* (New York: Crossroad, 1993)

Karl P. Donfried, *The Theology of the Shorter Pauline Letters, New Testament Theology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993)

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

Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, *St Paul's Corinth: Texts and Archeology, Good News Studies* (Wilmington: Michael Glazier, 1983)

### The General Epistles

Paul J. Achtemeier, *1 Peter: A Commentary, Hermeneia* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996)

Richard J. Bauckham, *James, New Testament Readings* (New York: Routledge, 1999)

Alan Culpepper, *The Gospels and Letters of John, Interpreting Biblical Texts* (Nashville: Abingdon: 1998)

Victor Pfitzner, *Hebrews, Abingdon New Testament Commentary* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1997)

Gerald Sloyan, *Walkers in the Truth: Perseverers and Deserters: The First, Second, and Third Letters of John* (Valley Forge: Trinity Press International, 1995)

### The Book of Revelation

M. Eugene Boring, *Revelation, Interpretation Series* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1989)

Bruce Metzger, *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1994)

John J. Pilch, *What are they saying about the Book of Revelation?*  
(New York: Paulist Press, 1978)