



BIB101 Biblical Hermeneutics

Syllabus Highlights

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

—Matthew 4:4

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Course Description

An introduction to the science and art of biblical interpretation, with an emphasis on the historical-grammatical method.

Learning Outcomes

1. To recognize what Scripture is and how one ought to approach it.
2. To develop the skills to read, understand, and apply Scripture in its various contexts and literary genres.
3. To appreciate how the New Testament authors use the Old Testament.
4. To understand the basic relationship between hermeneutics, biblical theology, systematic theology, and historical theology.
5. To identify the basic steps involved in writing an exegetical paper.
6. To nurture a love and reverent esteem for Holy Scripture.

Textbooks

1. The Holy Bible in any translation.
2. Louis Berkhof, *Principles of Biblical Interpretation* (Baker Books, 1994).
3. R.C. Sproul, *Knowing Scripture*, revised edition (IVP, 2009).
4. Henry A. Virkler and Karelynn Gerber Ayayo, *Hermeneutics: Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation*, 3rd edition (Baker Academic, 2023).
5. Campegius Vitringa, *The Spiritual Life*, trans. Charles K. Telfer (Reformation Heritage Books, 2019).

Course Requirements

1. Attendance and Participation.
2. Reading.
3. Short Exegesis Paper.
4. Discourse Analysis.
5. Midterm.
6. Final Exam.

*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A full syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.