



BIB356 The Pauline Epistles I: Romans

Syllabus Highlights

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction.

—Romans 15:4

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Course Description

A detailed examination of the Apostle Paul's most influential epistle: the epistle to the Romans.

Learning Outcomes

As a result of participating in this course, students will be able to:

1. Recall the key ideas of every chapter in Romans.
2. Know the major themes of the letter.
3. Employ proper methods of biblical interpretation.
4. Understand the argumentative flow and structure of the letter.
5. Understand the historical and cultural contexts of the letter.
6. Better understand the reformed view of justification in light of the new perspectives on Paul.
7. Understand the vital connection between Paul's theology and ethics.
8. Appreciate how an in-depth study of Romans benefits one's teaching ministry in the church and life as a Christian.

Textbooks

1. John Murray, *The Epistle to the Romans* (Westminster Seminary Press, 2022).
2. Guy Prentiss Waters, *The Life and Theology of Paul* (Reformation Trust/Ligonier Ministries, 2017).
3. Stephen Westerholm, *Justification Reconsidered* (Eerdmans, 2013).
4. Cornelis Venema, *The Gospel of Free Acceptance in Christ* (Banner of Truth, 2006).

Course Requirements

1. Attend class.
2. Submit reading reports.
3. Exegetical Observations assignments.
4. Praying the Text project.
5. Complete midterm and final exams.

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