

Survey of The Epistles of Paul

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7:00 – 9:00P.M.

Detroit Bible Institute

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Class Dates: Mondays – April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18.

Textbook: The New Scofield Reference Bible, C.I. Scofield, D.D.; Outline and Handout Notes,

Instructor: Rev Keith Nelson – [REDACTED] (cell) or email at secondolivet@gmail.com

Asst. Instructors:

Office Hours: Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. in classroom.

Course Description: This course is designed to give the student a broad exposure of the Epistles of Paul with emphasis on the basic facts and themes of each of his letters. Various aspects of the historical background of each book will be examined briefly along with key events, political aspects, geography, and important chronological data.

Course Objective(s):

- 1) That the student will be able to relate each letter of Paul's epistles to its historical situation.
- 2) That each student will be able to trace the history of the First Century Church through Paul's letters and to delineate the key events in the life of Paul and the Church.
- 3) That the student will be able to develop the thematic presentation of the life of Paul and his main doctrines in the New Testament.

Assignments:

Final Exam – 100 Points.

18th) Reading – 100 Points (A reading log will be submitted by November
Homework – 100 Points (Six assignments, one every other class)
Class Participation – 100 Points (Vocal exuberance is appreciated
and expected)

Make-up Assignments: There is no make-up for the “Final Exam.” If you know that you will be absent on that date, you can take the exam early. Late Homework assignment will not be taken. Emailed homework papers are permissible but will not be received after midnight of the evening of class.

Attendance Policy: In accordance with the Detroit Bible Institute policy, all students must attend a minimum of 10 classes in order to receive credit for the course. Excused absences are at the full discretion of the instructor and will not count against the student. In the event that a student does have an excused absence, the instructor reserves the right to assign extra homework and reading assignments to make up for lecture time missed by the student.

Grading Policy: Students must complete a minimum of 75% (300 points) of all coursework in order to pass the class.

Behavioral Policy: Students will fail the course and may be dismissed from the class if they are found cheating, being dishonest about work done in course, harassing other students or demonstrating destructive behavior.

Course Schedule:

April 2 – Introduction to Epistles of Paul as a book. Focus on the overall history of the Church and how God dealt with Paul during the three periods of his life. – Read: **Paul’s letter to the Church in Galatia.**

April 9 – The Epistle to the Church at Galatia. Focus on the events that lead to Paul’s first letter and the doctrine found within – Read: **First and Second Thessalonians.**

April 16 – The Epistle to the Church at Thessalonica. Focus on the teaching of Paul and his view of Christ second coming – Read: **First and Second Corinthians**

April 23 – The Epistle to the Church at Corinth – Review the doctrinal errors of the Church in Corinth and Paul's words of encouragement. – Read: **Paul's letter to the Church at Rome**

April 30 – The Epistles to the Church at Rome. Review the theological teachings of Paul from Sinner to Saint – Read: **Paul's letter to Philemon.**

May 7 – The Epistle to Philemon. Review the applicable teachings of Paul between servant and master – Read: **Paul's letter to the Church at Colosse.**

May 14 – The Epistle to the Church at Colosse. Review Paul's words of encouragement while in Prison – Read: **Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus.**

May 21 – The Epistle to the Church at Ephesus. Review of the Epistle to the Ephesians and Paul's correction of faith – Read: **Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi**

May 28 – No Class – Memorial Day

June 4 – The Epistle to the Church at Philippi. Review the reason why this is called Paul's epistle of joy. – Read: **Paul's first letter to Timothy and Titus.**

June 11 – The First Epistle to Timothy and Titus. Review the teaching and words of encouragement from Paul to his sons in the ministry. – Read: **Paul's Second letter to Timothy.**

June 18 – The Second Epistle to Timothy. Review the final words of Paul to his son in the ministry. – **Reading log due**

June 25 – Final Exam.

Suggested reading for further development: Survey of The New Testament, Paul N. Benware

Note: The instructor reserves the right to amend course assignments and scheduling as necessary.