



Nazarene Theological Seminary

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BIB760 – Theology of Paul, Block Spring 2011

Essential Information

Please refer to the following resources for information essential for the successful completion of courses and degree programs at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Links to these resources are available at http://support.nts.edu/index.php/Essential_Information. Additional technical support information can be found at <http://support.nts.edu>.

- NTS Mission Statement & Purpose and Master of Divinity Objectives
- Tips for online learning success
- NTS library services
- NTS textbook information
- Online technical requirements and Moodle support information
- NTS Student Handbook including statements on quality of work, plagiarism, and academic probation
- *A Handbook for Inclusive Language*

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Catalog Description

An introduction to Paul's theological method and a full exploration of the fundamental theological insights into his Epistles.

Course Narrative & Rationale

The Theology of Paul is a Biblical Theology elective course. It may fulfill 3 hours of New Testament or 3 hours of Biblical Area Electives in the MDiv. It may also fulfill 3 hours of the Bible Domain requirements for the MACE degree. It may fulfill the New Testament Theology requirement in the MATS, Biblical Studies Research Track, or 3 hours of any New Testament elective in any of the MATS tracks. It may also serve as a free elective in any of the Masters level degree programs. The recommended prior coursework includes BIB550, Biblical Hermeneutics, and 6 hours of exegetical courses. Students who have not had at least one course in exegesis should consult with the instructor before enrolling.

As a course in Biblical Theology, Theology of Paul assumes exegetical and hermeneutical skills and experiences. In the NTS Bible curriculum courses in Biblical Languages, Biblical Hermeneutics, and Exegesis develop analytical skill in the study of the Bible. The courses in Biblical Theology are synthetic in nature, built on the assumption of the analytical work as foundational.

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course the student should:

1. Show familiarity with the broad shape of Paul's life and ministry and its influence on his thought. (Assignments 1, 3)
2. Show understanding of the various methods of organizing Pauline Theology. (Assignments 1, 3, 6)
3. Show knowledge of the main loci of Pauline Theology and the principal passages in Paul dealing with the same. (Assignments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
4. Show awareness of current issues in Pauline Theology and their implications for the understanding of his thought. (Assignments 1, 2, 4, 5)
5. Show reflection on how to preach the Pauline gospel to a contemporary congregation. (Assignments 3, 4, 5)

Church of the Nazarene COSAC Competencies

The following COSAC Competencies are addressed in this course:

CN 11 Ability to identify the significant elements of the message of Jesus and Paul (Assignments 1, 3)

CN 14 Ability to identify and describe the major theological concepts of the New Testament (Assignments 1, 3, 4,6)

Required Texts & Course Materials

F.F. Bruce: Paul, Apostle of the Heart Set Free (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1977).

Ben Witherington III: Paul's Narrative Thought World (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1994).

James D.G. Dunn: The Theology of Paul the Apostle (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998).

Anthony C. Thiselton: The Living Paul: An introduction to the Apostle's Life and Thought (Downers Grove: IVP, 2009)

The way in which these will be used is indicated below under Course Requirements.

Recommended Texts & Course Materials

In addition to the required texts students are further required to read 300 pages drawn from the bibliography below or other recommendations made in class. See Course Requirement 1.

Course Outline

- I. INTRODUCTION (The Presuppositions of Pauline Theology)
- II. HUMANITY OUTSIDE OF CHRIST (Paul's Understanding of Sin)
- III. CHRIST THE NEW HUMANITY (Christology)
- IV. CHRIST FOR HUMANITY (The Atonement)
- V. HUMANITY IN CHRIST (Justification)
- VI. CHRIST IN HUMANITY (Life in the Spirit)
- VI. ALL IN CHRIST (Eschatology)

Course Assignments & Requirements

1. Reading. F.F. Bruce: Paul, Apostle of the Heart Set Free should be read in its entirety as soon as possible. Specified chapters of Dunn: The Theology of Paul should be read as directed, concurrently with the class lectures. Students are further required to read 300 pages drawn from the bibliography below or other recommendations made in class. A

list of books and/or articles read must be submitted by Tuesday, April 26. This will account for 10% of the total grade. (Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, CN 11, CN 14)

2. Tests. Two tests will be given. The first, on Bruce, op.cit., chapters 9-12 will take place on Tuesday February 8. The second, on Bruce, chapters 13-17, will take place on, Tuesday March 8. Each will account for 10% of the total grade. (Outcomes 3, 4)
3. Class presentations. Each student will be required to lead a discussion of a specified chapter or section of Witherington: Paul's Narrative Thought World. All students are required to read the appointed chapters in preparation. Presentations should highlight significant points for discussion: comparisons and contrasts (e.g. with positions taken in the lectures), questions, etc. Discussions should last from 30-40 minutes. A schedule indicating times, chapters and leaders will be distributed in due course. (Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 5, CN 11, CN 14)
4. Term Paper. Guidance regarding specifications and subjects will be given in the Term Paper Guidesheet. Term papers are due not later than Tuesday, April 26 and will account for 30% of the total grade. (Outcomes 3, 4, 5, CN 14)
5. Final Examination. This will take place on Tuesday May 3rd 1:30 to 3:20 p.m., and will account for 40% of the total grade. (Outcomes 3, 4, 5)
6. Attendance. Absences should be accounted for, ahead of time if possible. Note that a day is the equivalent of a week in a regular semester course. (Outcomes 2, 3, CN 14)

Distribution of Student Learning Hours

	hours
Face-to-face Class Sessions	39
Online Participation in forums, groups, etc.	0
Reading	62
Writing	32
Other Assignments and Learning Activities	5
Exams & Quizzes	12
TOTAL	150

Method for Submitting Assignments

Written assignments should be submitted in paper format on the due date.

Form and Style Expectations

The term paper should be 3,000-4,000 words of text; double-spaced; with foot- and/or end-notes and bibliography. (format as in Kate L. Turabian: A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Seventh edition, Chicago, 2007).

Inclusive Language

NTS is committed to the equality of women and men. Recognizing that people have often used the English language in ways that imply the exclusion or inferiority of women, NTS urges students, faculty, and staff to avoid sexist language in public discourse, in classroom discussions, and in their writings. All written work presented to meet course requirements must use gender inclusive language.

Policy Regarding Late Work & Missed Exams

Work late without permission will be penalized 10% per day.

Additional Costs

There are no additional costs beyond tuition and books for this course.

Course Grading

For the relative weight of grading the assignments see the Course Requirements section.

In accordance with the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, NTS is committed to providing students with disabilities the opportunity to participate and benefit from its programs and activities. Accordingly NTS will make reasonable modifications to its programs and activities to accommodate otherwise qualified students with disabilities, unless such modifications would impose an undue burden on the operation of the particular program or activity or would fundamentally alter the nature or purpose of the program or activity. Students needing accommodations should contact the Office of the Registrar. They also should contact the instructor no later than the end of the first class session to discuss learning needs and adaptive strategies which have been beneficial for the student in the past.

Course Calendar

See Course Assignments and Requirements. A calendar specifying dates of class contributions will be arranged on the first day of class.

Bibliography

For reasons of space the following bibliography lists only works dealing with the broader aspects of Paul's thought. More specific recommendations will be made as the individual sections of the course are reached.

SECTION A. THE LIFE OF PAUL

(a) Articles

- J.A. Fitzmyer: "A Life of Paul" in The Jerome Biblical Commentary (rev.ed.).
F.V. Filson: A New Testament History (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1964), Part IV
R.N. Longenecker: "Paul the Apostle" in ZPEB (= The Ministry and Message of Paul, Grand Rapids; Zondervan, 1971).
F.F. Bruce: "Paul in Acts and Letters" in Hawthorne, Martin, Reid (edd): Dictionary of Paul and His Letters (Downers Grove: IVP, 1993), 679-92
Hans Dieter Betz: "Paul" in ABD (New York: Doubleday, 1992), 5, 187-92

(b) Monographs

- W.M. Ramsay: St. Paul the Traveller and Roman Citizen (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1902)
Adolf Deissmann: Paul: A Study in Social and Religious History (1927, New York: Harper Torchbook, 1957)
T.R. Glover: Paul of Tarsus (London: SCM, 1925)
A.D. Nock: Paul (New York: Harper, 1938)
M. Dibelius and W.G. Kummel: Paul (New York, 1953)
W.C. van Unnik: Tarsus or Jerusalem: The City of Paul's Youth (London: Epworth, 1962)
Martin Hengel: The Pre-Christian Paul (Philadelphia: Trinity Press, 1991)
Rainer Riesner: Paul's Early Period (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998)

SECTION B. HISTORY OF INTERPRETATION

- Albert Schweitzer: Paul and His Interpreters (ET London: A. and C. Black, 1912)
A.M. Hunter: The New Testament 1900-1950 (London: SCM Press, 1951), Ch. VI.
E. E. Ellis: Paul and His Recent Interpreters (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1961)
R.H. Fuller: The NT in Current Study (Scribners, 1963), Ch. IV.
B. Rigaux: The Letters of Paul: Modern Studies (ET London, 1968)
Victor Paul Furnish: "Pauline Studies" in E.J. Epp and G.W. MacRae (edd): The New Testament and Its Modern Interpreters (Philadelphia, 1989), Ch. 12.
S.J. Hafemann: "Paul and His Interpreters", in Hawthorne, Martin, Reid (edd): Dictionary of Paul and His Letters (Downers Grove: IVP, 1994), 666-79.
John Riches: A Century of New Testament Study (Valley Forge: Trinity Press, 1993), Ch. 7.

SECTION C. PAULINE THEOLOGY AS A WHOLE

(a) Articles

- E. E. Ellis: "Paul" (NBD)
A. C. Purdy: "Paul the Apostle" (IDB)
G. B. Caird: "Paul the Apostle" (HDB, Rev. ed., 1963)
J. A. Fitzmyer: "Pauline Theology" in The Jerome Biblical Commentary (rev.ed.).
R. N. Longenecker: "Pauline Theology" (Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopaedia of the Bible)
R. W. Yarborough: "Paul the Apostle" in Walter A. Elwell (ed.): Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996)
Hans Dieter Betz: "Paul", in ABD 5, 192-9.

(b) The Standard New Testament Theologies

- Rudolph Bultmann: Theology of the NT (ET London: SCM Press, 1952), Vol. I, Part II.
Hans Conzelmann: An Outline of the Theology of the NT (ET London: SCM Press, 1969), Part III.
George Eldon Ladd: A Theology of the NT (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, rev.ed. 1993), Part IV
W. G. Kuemmel: The Theology of the New Testament (ET Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1973), Ch. III
Donald Guthrie: New Testament Theology (Downers Grove: Inter-varsity Press, 1981), *passim*.
L. Goppelt: Theology of the New Testament (ET Grand Rapids, 1982), Vol. 2, Part 3
L. Morris: New Testament Theology (Grand Rapids, 1986), Part One.
I. Howard Marshall: NT Theology, Many Witnesses, One Gospel (Downers Grove, IVP, 2004)

(c) Monographs

- G. B. Stevens: The Pauline Theology (London: Dickenson, 1892)
H. A. A. Kennedy: The Theology of the Epistles (London: Duckworth, 1919)
J. G. Machen: The Origin of Paul's Religion (1925, Eerdmans's reprint, 1965)
C. A. Anderson Scott: Christianity According to St. Paul (Cambridge, 1927).
Albert Schweitzer: The Mysticism of Paul the Apostle (ET London; Black, 1931)
J. S. Stewart: A Man in Christ (London, 1935)
W. D. Davies: Paul and Rabbinic Judaism (London: SPCK, 1948, 4th ed. 1980)
W. Barclay: The Mind of St. Paul (London: Collins, 1958)
Johannes Munck: Paul and the Salvation of Mankind (ET London: SCM, ~1959)
A. M. Hunter: Paul and His Predecessors (London: SCM, 1940, rev. ed., 1961)
R. N. Longenecker: Paul: Apostle of Liberty (Eerdmans, 1964)
Robin Scroggs: The Last Adam: A Study in Pauline Anthropology (Philadelphia, 1966)
H. J. Schoeps: Paul: The Theology of the Apostle in the Light of Jewish Religious History (ET Philadelphia: Westminster, 1961)

- C.K. Barrett: From First Adam to Last (New York: Scribner's, 1962)
- D.E. H. Whiteley: The Theology of Paul (Oxford: Blackwell, 1964; rev. ed., 1974)
- A.M. Hunter The Gospel According to Paul (London: SCM, 1966)
- Gunther Bornkamm: Paul (ET New York: Harper and Row, 1971)
- E. Kasemann: Perspectives on Paul (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1971)
- F.F. Bruce: Paul and Jesus (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1975)
- J. W. Drane: Paul: Libertine or Legalist? A Study in the Theology of Major Pauline Epistles (London: SPCK, 1975)
- Krister Stendahl: Paul Among Jews and Gentiles (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1976)
- E. P. Sanders: Paul and Palestinian Judaism (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1977)
- Robin Scroggs: Paul for a New Day (Philadelphia, 1977)
- L.E. Keck: Paul and His Letters (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1979)
- M. D. Hooker: Pauline Pieces (London, 1979)
- Ralph P. Martin: Reconciliation: A Study of Paul's Theology (Atlanta: John Knox, 1980).
- J. Christiaan Beker: Paul's Apocalyptic Gospel (Philadelphia, 1982)
- Seyoon Kim: The Origin of Paul's Gospel (Grand Rapids, 1982)
- Wayne A. Meeks: The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul (New Haven, 1983)
- J. Christiaan Beker: Paul the Apostle (Philadelphia, paperback edition; 1984)
- Leander E. Keck and Victor Paul Furnish: The Pauline Letters (Nashville, 1984)
- Daniel Patte: Paul's Faith and the Power of the Gospel (Philadelphia, 1983)
- Norman Petersen: Rediscovering Paul: Philemon and the Sociology of Paul's Narrative World (Philadelphia, 1985)
- J. A. Ziesler: Pauline Christianity (Oxford, revised edition 1990)
- Juergen Becker: Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles (E.T., Louisville, 1993)
- James W. Aageson: Written Also For Our Sake, Paul and the Art of Biblical Interpretation (Louisville, 1993)
- C. K. Barrett: Paul An Introduction to His Thought (London: Chapman, 1994)
- David Wenham: Paul, Follower of Jesus or Founder of Christianity? (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995)
- Tom Wright: What Saint Paul Really Said (Oxford: Lion Publishing, 1997)
- Terence L. Donaldson: Paul and the Gentiles (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1997)
- James D. G. Dunn: The Theology of Paul the Apostle (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998)
- Herman Ridderbos: Paul, An Outline of His Theology (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975, rep. 1998)
- Jouette M. Bassler (ed.): Pauline Theology, Volume I (Minneapolis, 1991)
- David M. Hay (ed.): Pauline Theology, Volume II (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1993)
- David M. Hay and E.Elizabeth Johnson (edd.): Pauline Theology, Volume III (Minneapolis, 1995)
- E. Elizabeth Johnson and David M. Hay (edd.): Pauline Theology, Volume IV (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1997)
- Richard N. Longenecker (ed.): The Road From Damascus, The Impact of Paul's Conversion On His Life, Thought And Ministry (Grand Rapids:Eerdmans. 1997)
- Thomas R. Schreiner: Paul, Apostle of God's Glory In Christ (Downers Grove:IVP 2001)
- Michael J. Gorman: Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul and His Letters (Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2004)
- Udo Schnelle: Apostle Paul: His Life And Theology (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005)
- N.T. Wright: Paul In Fresh Perspective (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005)