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THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

PURPOSE OF THE COURSE: To trace the argument of the epistle so as to uncover its theological teaching.

PREREQUISITES: All students must have completed courses BIB510 and BIB550, or received the personal permission of the professor.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Class attendance.
2. Reading. The commentaries by Douglas J. Moo: *The Epistle to the Romans* (The New International Commentary on the New Testament, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996), and Leander E. Keck: *Romans* (Abingdon New Testament Commentaries, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005) should be read concurrently with the lectures. In addition, students should read a further 500 pages drawn from the course bibliography. An itemized statement should be submitted by Monday, April 28. This will account for 10% of the total grade.
3. Test. A test on the Introductions to the epistle in Moo (pp 1-32), and Keck (pp 19-38), will take place on Monday, February 18th. This will account for 20% of the total grade.
4. Term Paper. Details of specifications and subject will be announced separately. This paper will account for 30% of the total grade.
5. Final Examination. This will consist of essay-style questions arising from class lectures, and will account for 40% of the total grade. The examination will take place on Monday, May 5.
6. Audit. Those taking the course for audit must attend class sessions (absences must be explained), and must fulfill the reading requirements. A signed statement that these requirements have been fulfilled must be submitted by Monday, April 28th.

COURSE CONTENT: Following a consideration of the problems in the interpretation of Romans and the establishment of the hermeneutical guidelines, class time will be occupied with exegesis of the text. Opportunity will be given for discussion of the application of the message of the epistle to the world of today.

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

This bibliography does not pretend to be exhaustive. The commentary section is designed to draw attention to a representative selection of commentaries; the monograph and articles sections to works that deal with the thought of the epistle as a whole; or aspects of it which have a wide bearing; or with significant problems of the epistle. Further bibliographical suggestions dealing with individual exegetical issues will be made at appropriate points in the course.

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