**The Epistles of Paul**

New Testament Survey Bi-106

Syllabus

Course Description:

 This course is entitled *New Testament Survey* and is divided into Two Segments of study: (1) Bi-105 covers the Gospels and General Epistles, (2) Bi-106 mainly covers the Epistles of Paul. These studies will focus on the historical and cultural background of both the intertestamental period and the first century, but the primary emphasis will be on the message of each book. This is a lecture class led by DeWayne Bolin and is designed to reinforce the student’s confidence in the Bible as the Word of God and also to appreciate its literary beauty and spiritual power.

Course Objectives:

 Our goal is to gain a knowledge of the historical background necessary for a proper understanding of these wonderful letters. The Apostle Paul played a vital part in the establishment of the Church and its theology and his writings make up almost one-fourth of the New Testament. While this class is not a verse-by-verse exposition of his epistles it will aid the student’s efforts in understanding the meaning of this portion of the New Testament. It covers the usual points of introduction, such as the author, the recipients of the letter, the occasion, the place, the purpose, etc., which are presented in a non-technical manner. We will approach the book from a conservative viewpoint and not attempt to deal exhaustively with the critical problems and avoid novel theories as best we can.

Course Textbooks:

 (a) *BIBLE*: The student should have a copy of a good study-Bible, (i.e., NASV, ESV or NKJV). (b) *WHILE NO TEXTBOOK IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS*, you can benefit just by attending the class sessions and taking notes. The teacher will be following his out of print: Introduction to the New Testament by D.A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, and Leon Morris, 1992. We *Recommend* that the student purchase a copy of this text or they may utilize another New Testament Survey and just read its corresponding assignments. Some good authors to consider are: Robert H. Gundry; Merrill C. Tenney; Everett F. Harrison; D. Edmond Hiebert; Robert G. Gromacki; Walter A. Elwell; W. J. Conybeare and J. S. Howson; some of these are classics and may be out of print but you can usually find them on amazon.com.

Course Costs:

 All classes are FREE, but if you would like to work toward a Ministry Enrichment Certificate, you must turn in a completed Registration Form to receive credit for the class. You may do so up through the second week of regular classes. Certification applies to regular classes and special designated seminar courses.

Course Date and Time:

 This class will meet thirteen weeks beginning January 4, 2017 and ending March 29, 2017. Class sessions are one hour from 7:00-8:00PM. We are hoping to provide a nursery for those with small children.

Course Requirements:

Each student is expected to read the Bible portions assigned in the syllabus for each class period (about 9 chapters a week). It is recommended that each book be read at one setting. You are also encouraged (not required) to read a New Testament Survey of your choosing and come to class prepared to interact in discussing the material.

Course Grading:

 Completing reading assignments on time, attendance, note taking and class participation will all be factored into you *pass/fail* grade.

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Class Schedule: Wednesdays - 7:00-8:00PM

SESSION ONE – January 4, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Preliminary Introduction.”* No Reading assignments for this first session.

SESSION TWO – January 11, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“General Overview of the Apostle Paul”*; Reading assignments - *Bible*: Romans 1-8; Textbook *by Carson, Moo & Morris*: pp. 215-237.

SESSION THREE – January 18, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Letter to the Romans”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Romans 9-16; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 239-257.

SESSION FOUR – January 25, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“First Corinthians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: 1Corinthians 1-16; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 259-287.

SESSION FIVE – February 1, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Second Corinthians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: 2Corinthians 1-13; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 259-287.

SESSION SIX – February 8, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Galatians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Galatians 1-6; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 289-303.

SESSION SEVEN – February 15, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Ephesians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Ephesians 1-6; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 305-316.

SESSION EIGHT – February 22, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Philippians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Philippians 1-4; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 317-329.

SESSION NINE – March 1, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Colossians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Colossians 1-4; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 331-342.

SESSION TEN – March 8, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“1 & 2 Thessalonians”*; Reading assignments - Bible: 1Thess. 1-5 & 2 Thess. 1-3; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 343-358.

SESSION ELEVEN – March 15, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“1 & 2 Timothy”*; Reading assignments - Bible: 1Tim. 1-6 & 2 Tim. 1-4; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 359-385.

SESSION TWELVE – March 22, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Titus & Philemon”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Titus 1-3 & Philemon; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 387-390.

SESSION THIRTEEN – March 29, 2017

 Class lecture material: *“Hebrews”*; Reading assignments - Bible: Hebrews 1-13; Textbook by Carson, Moo & Morris: pp. 391-407.