NT 724 Exegesis of the Corinthian Correspondence

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Title: Exegesis of the Corinthian Correspondence
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Prerequisites:
- NT500
- or -
  - NT(IBS)510 and NT501 and NT502
- or -
  - NT(IBS)511

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Meetings:
During 02/09/2009 to 05/22/2009 on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30p to 3:45p in BC223.

Maximum Registration: 15
Catalog Description: A close reading of the Corinthian Correspondence with special attention given to literary, sociohistorical, and theological understandings of the epistles. May include readings from either one or both of the Corinthian letters during any given semester.

Objectives:

NT 740 Exegesis of General Epistles

NT 724 Exegesis of the Corinthian Correspondence

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Prerequisites: NT 501/502; NT 520; and, NT(IBS) 510 or 511.

Objectives: By the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Employ a range of exegetical approaches relevant to the interpretation of the Corinthian Correspondence and apply those approaches to other NT books of similar genre;
- Understand the Corinthian Correspondence within its socio-historical, literary, and canonical contexts;
- Identify central issues in the critical study of the Corinthian Correspondence;
- Articulate the importance of one's own presuppositions in the task of interpretation;
- Articulate primary theological and ethical concerns of the Corinthian Correspondence;
- Demonstrate awareness of how the theological and ethical concerns of the Corinthian Correspondence contribute to those of the canon and of constructive theology and ethics;
- Differentiate between critical, homiletic, and devotional commentaries; and
- Evaluate critically the usefulness of secondary literature in the study of the NT.

Since all students are required to complete comprehensive Greek prior to this class; it is expected that by the end of the class, students should be able to:
Translate with minimal lexical assistance any passage from the Corinthian Correspondence assigned for the course;
perform rudimentary exercises in text criticism.

Course Requirements and Reading:

- Class preparation, attendance, and participation (5%): Each student should prepare for each class by (1) translating the assigned texts, (2) making their own notes on the text, and (3) comparing their observations with those made in one of the required commentaries below. The attendance policy is that any more than 6 absences will result in a failing grade.

- Translation (25%): Once during the semester the student will lead the class in a discussion of the translation of the text. This discussion should note the following aspects of translation: 1) significant text critical issues; 2) the location of the assigned section in relationship to what comes before it; 3) significant translation issues (i.e., multiple word meanings, multiple grammatical possibilities, etc.) 4) significant theological issues generated by the translation with particular attention to the theological tradition (e.g., Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Wesley et al.).

- Book Review (20%): The student will write one book review. Reviews should be 1,250-1,500 words in length (5-6 pages), typed, and double-spaced. For more information on book review expectations and grading criteria, see the file on the virtual campus. You may review either one of the required books or do a comparative review of two commentaries.

- Final Paper or Project (35%): A research paper or project on a topic of your choosing related to 1 or 2 Corinthians. The paper may address a theological or exegetical topic or some combination of the two. If you would like to turn in a project in some other form besides that of a paper, please talk to me about what you would like to do and how we can go about doing that.

- Final Translation Exam (15%): Be prepared to provide a translation of any passage from the Corinthian Correspondence which we have covered in class. The translation should contain appropriate notes related to the translation. A list of hapaxlegomenoi and other rarely used words will be provided for use during the exam. The exam will be given during finals week.

Required Reading:


2 Corinthians (choose two)


Recommended Reading


Select Bibliography for Further Reading

- Bray, Gerald. 1 and 2 Corinthians. The Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove: IVP.
- Calvin, John. 1 and 2 Corinthians. (www.ccel.org/c/calvin/comment3/comm_index.htm)

Grading Criteria

Asbury Seminary defines grades using the following criteria (catalog, p. 24):

- A= Exceptional work: outstanding or surpassing achievement of course objectives
- B= Good work: substantial achievement of course objectives
- C= Acceptable work: essential achievement of course objectives
- D= Marginal work: minimal or inadequate achievement of course objectives
- F= Unacceptable work: failure of course work

A plus (+) or minus (−) indicates positions between categories (for example, B+ = very good; C− = slightly below acceptable, etc.).

Course Schedule

Week 1 Introduction to Exegesis and the Corinthian Correspondence
Sign Up for Presentations; Sign Up for Commentary
Thurs Text Criticism and Review of 1 Corinthians
Required: Read 1 Corinthians in at least one English Translation
Week 2 Exegetical Approaches to 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 1
Thurs Exegetical Approaches to 2 Corinthians
Week 3 Historical and Theological Topics
Thurs Exegesis of 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 2: 1-13
Week 4 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 2: 14-3:6
Thurs Translation Text: 2 Cor 3:7-18
Week 5 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 4:1-14
Thurs Translation Text: 2 Cor 4:15-5:5
Week 6 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 5:6-13
Thurs Translation Text: 2 Cor 5:14-21
Week 7 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 6:1-13
Thurs Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 6:14-7:4
READING WEEK
Week 8 Theological Topics
Reading: Brondos and Cousar
Due: Book report on either Brondos or Cousar
Thurs Theological Topics
Week 9 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 7:5-16
Thurs Translation Text: 2 Cor 8:1-15
Week 10 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 8:16-9:5
Thurs Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 9:6-15
Week 11 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 10 (verses to be determined)
Thurs Translation Text: 2 Cor 11:1-15
Week 12 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 11:16-33
Thurs Translation Text: 2 Cor 12
Week 13 Exegesis of Select Passages in 2 Corinthians
Translation Text: 2 Cor 13
Thurs Directions for Further Study
Final Translation Exam