NT 722 Exegetical Study of Romans

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Course Description:
A detailed exegetical and theological study of Pauline thought in this most important Pauline epistles.

Prerequisite: NT (IBS) 510 or 511; NT 520; and NT 501/502 [NT 401/402] or equivalent.

Course Objectives:
1. To study exegetically the content of Chapters 1-8 of the Epistle to the Romans.

2. To encourage further development of skills in exegesis, specially to encourage integration of the method used in IBR courses and that used in exegesis of the text in the original languages.

3. To study the major theological themes in this section of the Epistle to the Romans.

Having successfully completed this course, students should be able:
- to employ a range of exegetical approaches relevant to the interpretation of Romans, and to apply those approaches to other NT books of similar genre;
- to understand Romans within its socio-historical, literary, and canonical contexts;
- to identify central issues in the critical study of Romans;
- to articulate the importance of one's own presuppositions in the task of interpretation;
- to articulate primary theological and ethical concerns of Romans;
- to demonstrate awareness of how the theological and ethical concerns Romans contribute to those of the canon and of constructive theology and ethics;
- to differentiate between critical and homiletical/devotional commentaries and studies of Romans and other NT books;
- to evaluate critically the usefulness of secondary literature in the study of NT books.
- to do syntactical analysis;
- to translate with minimal lexical assistance any passage(s) from Romans 1-8; and
- to perform rudimentary exercises in text criticism.

Course Requirements:
1. Reading of Romans Chapters 1-8 in Greek. Be prepared to orally translate the Greek text into English in the class session when called to do so.

2. A research paper, exegetically treating a passage/pasages of this section of Romans or issues raised in/by this section of Romans.

2a. The student may choose to do two shorter papers instead of a longer paper specified under 2. In that case the first paper will be due on Wednesday, October 16, 2002

   Due Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2002

3. Participation in class discussion. Students should exegetically study this portion of Romans by consulting critical commentaries and other secondary sources. They are expected to bring up various positions/issues they encounter in their study in the class for class discussion.

Course Grade:

The course grade will be based on how the student performs in fulfilling all the requirements.