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NT 632 Exegesis of Philippians

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Course: NT632 O1 (SP 2009)
Title: Exegesis of Philippians
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Prerequisites: NT500 and NT520

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Meetings: During 02/09/2009 to 05/22/2009 on Thursday from 9:00a to 11:40a in EXLEXL.

Maximum Registration: 30
Catalog Description: An exegetical study of the letter to the Philippians which focuses upon the application of basic exegetical principles of the Greek text and understanding the text within the literary, linguistic, historical, and cultural contexts in which it was originally circulated. (May be taken by students in M.A. programs not requiring Greek by special arrangement with the professor.)

Objectives:

I will publish the syllabus on the first day of class. For now, here are the required texts. Note that the recommended texts are not required. Note also that I am working on obtaining permission to copy the articles listed below.

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Required Texts

1. For those with Comprehensive Greek, either the UBS 4 or NA 27 Greek New Testament For those with Concise Greek, a Greek/English interlinear using one of the recommended English translations cited below and a Greek version cited above.

2. A modern translation of the New Testament (NRSV, RSV, TNIV recommended; not acceptable KJV, NKJV or paraphrases such as the NLB or the Message)

   We will read only portions of Fowl. You should have this book to use as a reference work for future preaching/teaching from Philippians.
   We will begin reading from Hays' book right away.

   OR

   We will begin reading this book after our first session together.

   I recommend buying the volume, though a copy is available in the reference section of the Information Commons on campus.

I will also assign several articles and chapters from books. I am currently working on getting permission for us to photocopy needed material. These will include:


**Recommended (only):**

Advanced Commentaries:

   This is the best single commentary on the Greek text of Philippians.

   For those who do not have the ability with Greek to take advantage of OÕBrien, this is the next best choice. Issues related to the Greek text are found in the footnotes.

   Sensitive handling of the argument of the letter, with attention to the Greek text (though not dependent on Greek).

Other works:

   A detailed but challenging theology of discipleship in Paul.

   The best short introduction to Paul and his gospel.

   This is a detailed book highlighting common errors made in the process of exegesis.