BIBL 560: PAULINE THEOLOGY Douglas Moo

May 24 – June 4; 8:30 – 11:30 am 3 graduate credit hours; or 2 audit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The contribution of the Apostle Paul to the understanding and practice of the Christian faith cannot be overestimated. His thirteen letters provide some of the most important material for Christians, which they have wrestled with over the years as they have sought to formulate an appropriate view of what it means to be "Christian." How to read Paul rightly is as strongly contested now as it has ever been. This course will provide students with an overview of the contemporary issues in the interpretation of Paul, a survey of the theological teaching of his letters, and a provisional synthesis of his main lines of teaching.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should have a clearer understanding of:

- 1. To be able to locate the letters of Paul in the context of his life and ministry and to appreciate how that context informs the theology of each letter.
- 2. To get a general idea of the particular theological contribution of each Pauline letter.
- 3. To learn the main foci of Pauline theology and understand how the various letters contribute to our understanding of these foci.
- 4. To appreciate the essential unity of Paul's teaching by seeing how the diverse witness of his letters on key issues combines in an overall unity.
- 5. To appreciate how Pauline theology, in whole and in its parts, interfaces with the larger enterprise of NT theology and with biblical theology.
- 6. To stimulate serious personal reflection on Paul's teaching, reflection that will result in deeper obedience to our Lord and more effective proclamation of the gospel.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 May 24 Introductory Issues Days 2-5 May 25-28 The Theology of Paul's Letters Days 6-10 May 31-June 4 The Theology of Paul

REQUIRED TEXTS

(Asterisked essays will be available on course Moodle page; essays marked with a + are available at djmoo.com) Gorman, Michael. *Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul and His Letters*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017. ISBN: 9780802874283, 67.99.

*Moo, Douglas. "The Covenants and the Mosaic Law." Unpublished Paper.

_____. "Creation and New Creation." *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 20 (2010):

39–60.

- *_____. "The New Perspective on Judaism and the New Perspective on Paul." Section from revised *Romans* (NICNT).
 - _____. "Perspectives on the Atonement in Paul." Unpublished paper.
- *_____. "Sin in Paul." In *Fallen: A Theology of Sin*. Ed. Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson, 107-130. Wheaton, II: Crossway, 2013.

Wright, N. T. What Saint Paul Really Said, 77-133. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997. ISBN: 9780802871787. \$25.99

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