



NT 606 *Romans and Galatians* (3 credit hours)
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Course Description

In this intermediate course in New Testament, we build on *New Testament Foundations* (NT 501), by exploring the life, ministry, and theology of Paul, based on an exposition of Paul's letters to the Romans and Galatians in their literary, argumentative, and historical contexts.

Particular attention is given to Paul's theology of God, the cross, the law-free Gospel, and ethics. We also explore practical and hermeneutical concerns that arise in applying Romans and Galatians today.

My expectation is that you will put 120 hours of research and writing into the course, and meet with me three-four times over the course of the semester.

Prerequisite: NT 501 New Testament Foundations (or equivalent)

Course Objectives

At the successful completion of this course, each student is expected to have achieved competence in the following areas:

- 1 ability to exegete passages from Romans and Galatians according to a clearly articulated hermeneutic
- 2 understanding of:
 - Paul's Gospel as it comes to expression in Romans and Galatians
 - the major theological ideas found in Romans and Galatians
 - the argumentative structure of each book
 - the historical background of Romans and Galatians

- 3 capacity to reflect theologically upon the message of Romans and Galatians and critique theological systems (e.g., Calvinism, Armenianism) used to interpret them
- 4 employ principles of Pauline Theology in the solving of problems faced in the Christian life and world today

Required text

Booth, Wayne C., Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams. *The Craft of Research*. Second edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003.

McKnight, Scot. *Galatians*. The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Stott, John R. W. *The Message of Romans*. The Bible Speaks Today. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1994.

Course Requirements

Written work (100%)

The student should submit a maximum of fifteen (25) pages (double-spaced) of written work for the course. You may write one large paper or two or three smaller papers. You are free to prepare exegetical papers and/or thematic papers.

Possible topics:

Paul's Gospel in Romans or Galatians
 Paul's Gospel and the gospel of the Judaizers
 Homosexuality in the context of Romans 1.18-32
 Role of the Law in Christian moral practice according to Romans or Galatians
 The Christian and the State with reference to Romans 13.1-7
 Christian social relations with reference to Romans 14.1-15.6
 The place of Gal 3.28 in the argument of Galatians

DUE DATES:	One paper	Friday December 15
	Two papers	Friday October 21 Friday December 15
	Three papers	Friday September 29 Friday November 3 Friday December 15

Course Grade

Written work 100%

Select Bibliography

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Boyarín, Daniel. *A Radical Jew: Paul and the Politics of Identity*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994.

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Important notes

- *Policy on extensions*. Requests for a course extension must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by December 15. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."
- *Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty Policy*. The seminary maintains a zero tolerance policy on plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty can result in a failing grade for an assignment, for the course, or immediate dismissal from the seminary. Even unintentional plagiarism is to be avoided at all costs. Students are expected to be familiar with the policy statements in the current academic calendar and the student handbook that deal with plagiarism, academic dishonesty (cheating), and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean