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COURSE # 415 THE LETTERS OF PAUL (3 credits) Fall Day 2001/Main Campus
Instructor: D. Anderson (Humanities Department/ext.867) T-Th/2:00-3:20 PM/H202

Catalogue Description: Students will engage in a critical survey of the life, times and writings of St. Paul. The Greek philosophical world in which Paul presented his vision of Christian life and salvation will be explored, as students study the composition, structure and major themes of Paul's letters. Students will discuss the contemporary controversies arising from Paul's contributions to the Christian church, its theology and self-understanding.

Goal: to examine the life, times and writings of Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles. Through survey and overview of available materials, this in-depth course will explore Paul's Jewish background, conversion, missionary enterprise, theological motifs & controversies. Through analysis of the Pauline gospel and study of the churches associated with his name, attempt will be made to highlight the reality and spirit of first generation/century Christianity from a Pauline perspective.

Objectives:

- 1) to introduce the ancient world of Paul to the contemporary student for the sake of both knowledge and faith
- 2) to examine those New testament writings which supply the biographical and theological details of that person historically credited with expanding the Christian gospel beyond the bounds of Judaism
- 3) to contextualize the genesis of the church's expanding enterprise in both Jewish and Graeco-Roman worlds, considering some of the various philosophical and religious alternatives of that period
- 4) to probe the various thematics that constitute the substance of Paul's theology from his gospel in miniature (grace & peace) to the full constellation of his ideas on Christian life and community
- 5) to bring to light what contemporary biblical writers are saying about the Apostle Paul with regard to both the implications and applications of his letters & legacy

Requirements:

- 1) presence & participation in all scheduled classes for this course
- 2) completion of all assignments & projects as scheduled through the course
- 3) satisfactory completion of all examinations throughout the semester

Recommendations:

- 1) notebook for recording information during class presentations
- 2) research and reading of extra materials relevant to the course
- 3) attentive and participative class presence to foster learning attitude & aptitude

Important Notes:

- 1) course text: The Theology of Paul the Apostle by James D.G. Dunn
Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1998
- 2) grading method: 20% class presence & participation 30% mid-course exam
30% course paper or class presentation 20% final exam
- 2) class schedule of subject presentations may be amended as deemed necessary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Course Material</u>
8/28	T	1	Introduction
8/30	Th	2	The World of Jesus & Paul
9/4	T	3	The Preaching of Jesus (I) [handouts]
9/6	Th	4	The Preaching of Jesus (II)
9/11	T	5	Paul of Tarsus: Biography (I) [handouts]
9/13	Th	6	Paul of Tarsus: Biography (II)
9/18	T	7	Letters of Paul (I)
9/20	Th	8	Letters of Paul (II)
9/25	T	9	Video on Paul (I) [text: xv-xviii]
9/27	Th	10	Video on Paul (II) [text: 1-26]
10/2	T	11	God & Humankind [text: 27-78]
10/4	Th	12	Humankind under Indictment [text: 79-161]
10/9	T	13	The Gospel of Jesus Christ [text: 163-181]
10/11	Th	14	Review Class
10/16	T	15	Mid-Course Exam
10/18	Th	16	Jesus the Man [text: 182-206]
10/23	T	17	Christ Crucified [text: 2-7-233]
10/25	Th	18	The Risen Lord [text: 234-265]
10/30	T	19	The Pre-Existent One & Until He Comes [text: 266-293/294-315]
11/1	Th	20	The Beginning of Salvation [text: 317-333]
11/6	T	21	Justification by Faith [text: 334-389]
11/8	Th	22	Participation in Christ & Gift of the Spirit [text: 390-412/413-441]
11/13	T	23	Baptism & Eschatological Tension [text: 442-459/461-498]
11/15	Th	24	Israel & Church: The Body of Christ [text: 499-532/533-564]
11/20	T	25	Ministry & Authority [text: 565-598]
11/22	Th		No Class [Thanksgiving Recess]
11/27	T	26	The Lord's Supper [text: 599-623]
11/29	Th	27	How Should Believers Live [text: 625-669]
12/2	T	28	Ethics in Practice [text: 670-712]
12/6	Th	29	Conclusion: Overview/Summary/Evaluation [text: 713-737]

Important Notes:

- 1) **Teacher:** available during posted office hours & at other times by appointment
[Homephone: 947-8922 / Humanities Office: ext #867]
- 2) **Student Assignment:** select either written paper or class presentation for course project
--Course Paper: 5 page/typed/double-spaced paper on selected Pauline theme
[to be submitted at time of last class]
--Class Presentation: 10-minute class presentation on selected Pauline theme
[to be scheduled for an assigned time period]
- 3) **Make-up Exams:** to be administered orally only after submitting an official excuse for failure to be present at time of written exam
- 4) **Class Department:** students are asked to be in class at the start time with only appropriate course material at desktop / all cellphones are to be on silent mode / no getting up or walking about during classtime / no leaving class without permission
- 5) **Final Exam:** scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2001 from 12:45 – 2:45 PM

* Thank you for your cooperation on all of the above matters *