



Syllabus

15800 Calvary Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64147

Course: BI334D&ND Romans

Credits: 3 semester hours

Semester: Spring 2024, Cycle 5 (March 13 – May 5)

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-2:20 p.m.

Place: CABRE 103

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I. Description

A systematic analysis of the book of Romans, highlighting the outworking of God's righteousness in His plan of salvation. Each student is required to master the argument of Romans as a solid foundation for Christian living and service. (Prerequisite: BI115)

This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.

II. Objectives

A. The student will be able to identify all of the following facts about the book of Romans:

1. Basic Facts about the Book. This includes its author, recipients, date, occasion, theme, purpose, and structure. (PLO's: 1, 2) (Assignments: A-D)
2. Basic Facts within the Book (the chapter from which selected basic statements come). (PLO's: 1, 2) (Assignments: A-D):

B. The student will demonstrate the ability to do all of the following:

1. Explain why selected interpretive problems need to be solved (PLO's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Assignments: A-D).
2. Critically evaluate alternative solutions to these problems (PLO's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Assignments: A-D).

3. Derive and justify your own tentative solutions to these problems (PLO's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Assignments: A-D).
4. Identify the basic questions that the book addresses and the answers it provides. (PLO's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Assignment: A-D)
5. Trace the overall structure of the book's argument. (PLO's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Assignment: A-D)
6. Propose practical—and interpretively sound—applications of the book. (PLO's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Assignment: C)

III. Textbooks

- A. *Holy Bible*. The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB, English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (paraphrases and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask me if you have questions about a particular translation or version.
- B. Lopez, Rene A. *Romans Unlocked: Power to Deliver*. Springfield, MO: 21st Century Press, 2005, Revised 2009; ISBN 0-9766243-0-3; \$14.99.
- C. Finger, Reta Halteman. *Roman House Churches for Today: A Practical Guide for Small Groups, Second Edition*. Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007; ISBN 978-0-8028-0764-9; Retail: \$21.58; Kindle: \$18.00.

IV. Assignments

- A. **Reading** (240 points possible; 30 each week): The student will read the Book of Romans and two shorter commentaries (see above).
- B. **Weekly Quizzes** (240 points possible; 30 each week): To reinforce the key ideas presented in the classroom discussions.
- C. **Study Projects** (320 points possible; 40 each week): To reinforce the skills learned in BI115 Hermeneutics and Bible Study Methods, the student will have weekly study projects that must be done in the following order:
 1. **Read Romans:** Read the assigned passage in Romans in two translations BEFORE you read the textbook (see III.A. above).
 2. **Make Observations:** Make observations about the text according to the specific instructions provided in Canvas.
 3. **Read Textbooks:** Read the correlating sections in the textbooks AFTER you've completed parts 1 & 2.

4. **Make Observations.** Make more observations about Romans AND/OR the textbooks' commentary AFTER you read the textbooks according to the specific instructions provided in Canvas.
 5. **Romans Chart:** Fill in the Romans Chart (Assignment D) based on the work done in 1-4 according to the specific instructions provided in Canvas.
- D. **Overview Chart** (200 points possible): Create a chart of the entire Book of Romans according to the format explained in class and Canvas.

V. Grading

A. Points Possible

A. Reading	240
B. Weekly Quizzes	240
C. Study Projects	320
D. Overview Chart	200
TOTAL (100%)	1000

B. Calculating the Final Grade:

930–1000 points	A	730–769 points	C
900–929 points	A-	700–729 points	C-
870–899 points	B+	670–699 points	D+
800–829 points	B-	630–669 points	D
770–799 points	C+	0–559 points	F

VI. Notes

- A. * PLO = Program Learning Objectives (see Calvary University Catalog, p.142)
- B. ** A = Assignments; showing how the assignments for this course are directly linked to the objectives.
- C. Punctual reading and writing, as well as attendance and participation in classroom discussions, will allow the student to get the most out of the course.
- D. About Disabilities: Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.

- E. About Assistance for All Course Assignments: The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.
- F. About Changes to this Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time during the course, but any changes made will only be done after clearly communicating the need for the change and the specific change to be made via in- class announcement and Canvas announcement.
- G. About Grading: Grading criteria for all written assignments: All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update. See the “Clark Academic Center” page on the CU website for a “Turabian Help” (<https://www.calvary.edu/clark-academic-center/>).
- H. About Rubrics: An assignment-specific rubric will be provided for each assignment.
- I. About Late Assignments: Assignments are due when posted on Canvas. After that time, late assignment grades will be automatically lowered 5% for each day it is late.
- J. About Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person’s or AI entity’s ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.