

## BT704 EXEGESIS IN THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

**Course:** BT704E Exegesis in the Greek New Testament  
**Credit:** 3 Semester Hours  
**Semester:** Summer 2025 Session 1  
**Dates:** May 12 – June 27, 2025  
**Time:** Tuesdays 6:00 -9:00 pm Central Time  
**Place:** Microsoft Teams  
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will equip students to do exegesis in the Greek New Testament. Students will learn how to do textual criticism and identify and solve exegetical problems in the different genre of the Greek New Testament. Students will translate and analyze the Greek syntax of the book of Ephesians.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Ph.D. student will:

1. Learn and apply the steps of exegesis of the Greek New Testament (PLO 1)
2. Use electronic Bible study software (Accordance or Logos) in doing exegesis in the Greek New Testament (PLO 1)
3. Use the literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic in exegesis of the Greek New Testament (PLO 1)
4. Learn how to write an exegetical paper on a text from the Greek New Testament (PLO 1, 2, 3)
5. Do textual criticism in the Greek New Testament (PLO 1)
6. Identify structural markers and write an exegetical outline of a Greek New Testament text (PLO 1, 2)
7. Learn how to exegete narrative, epistolary and prophetic literature in the Greek New Testament (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4)

## TEXTBOOKS

### **Textbook: The 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 the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

**Use of Original Language Bible Study Software (Accordance and/or Logos).** Students are required to have digital resources to engage Biblical study in the original languages, including but not limited to *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS)*, *Nestle Aland Greek New Testament 28 (NA28)* – both including critical apparatus: *Septuaginta (LXX)*, a *Greek Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (BDAG)* by Bauer, Danker, Arndt and Gingrich; *Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (HALOT)* by Koehler and Baumgartner.

### **Required Textbooks**

Carson, D.A. *Exegetical Fallacies*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984.  
ISBN 13: 978-0801020865 Amazon: \$13.29

Erickson, Richard. *A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005. ISBN: 978-0-8308-2771-8 Amazon: \$22.00

Comfort, Philip W. *New Testament Text and Translation Commentary*. Tyndale House, 2008.  
ISBN: 9781414310343. Cost: \$63.50.

Arnold, Clinton. *Ephesians*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-310-24373-1. Cost: \$30.19

Köstenberger, Andreas J. Benjamin L. Merkle, and Robert L. Plummer. *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2016. ISBN: 9781433679087. Cost: \$32.17.

Metzger, Bruce. *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption and Restoration*. Fourth edition. Oxford University Press, 2005. ISBN 13: 978-0195161229 Amazon: \$68.98

## ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment #1: Read *Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis* (pages 1-220) and type a list of 20 things you learned. (100 points)

Assignment #2: Exegetical Outline: Do a detailed exegetical outline of one chapter of Ephesians based on the Greek structural markers. Each Ph.D. student will do an exegetical outline on a different chapter in the Greek text of Ephesians (100 points)

Assignment #3: Read chapters 1-7 in *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek* (pages 1-252) and do two exercises in each chapter (100 points)

Assignment #4: Read chapters 8-15 in *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek* (pages 253-502) and do two exercises in each chapter (100 points)

Assignment #5: Textual Criticism: Read "The Practice of New Testament Textual Criticism" in Metzger's book *The Text of the New Testament*. Read what Philip Comfort wrote about textual criticism problems in Ephesians in his book *New Testament Text and Translation Commentary*. Write a short research paper (6-8 double spaced pages) explaining the steps of doing Greek NT textual criticism and give one example from the textual problems in Ephesians (100 points)

Assignment #6: Read the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on Ephesians by Arnold and type a short research paper (6-8 double spaced pages) defining two exegetical interpretive issues in Ephesians and giving possible solutions to the exegetical problems (200 points)

Assignment #7: Write an exegetical research paper (20-25 pages double spaced) on a Greek text in Ephesians selected by you and approved by the professor OR on a Greek NT text related to your dissertation. You must write a separate one page single spaced paper indicating how you used electronic Bible study software (Accordance or Logos) in doing your research paper (200 points)

Assignment #8: Present your exegetical research paper in the last class and type out evaluations of all the other students' research papers (100 points)

## GRADING SCALE: POINTS AND GRADE

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| 960–1000 | A  |
| 940–959  | A- |
| 920–939  | B+ |
| 880–919  | B  |
| 860–879  | B- |
| 0–859    | F  |

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE/TOPICS

### **Week 1:**

How We Got the Greek New Testament  
Greek New Testament Manuscripts  
Steps in Greek New Testament Exegesis

### **Week 2:**

*Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis* (pages 1-56)  
How to Do Greek NT Word Studies  
Steps in Greek New Testament Textual Criticism

### **Week 3:**

*Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis* (pages 57-93)  
Identifying and Solving Exegetical Problems

### **Week 4:**

*Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis* (pages 94-133)  
Diagramming Greek New Testament Texts  
Exegetical Outlining: Tracing the Argument of the Author  
Discourse Analysis

### **Week 5:**

*Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis* (pages 134-178)  
Doing Grammatical Searches in Logos or Accordance

### **Week 6:**

*Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis* (pages 179-220)  
Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament

### **Week 7:**

Introduction to Verbal Aspect  
Granville Sharp Rule

### **Week 8:**

Presentation of Greek NT exegetical papers by students  
Discussion of Greek NT exegetical papers

## HELP FOR STUDENTS

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all 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.

## EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Attend class in Microsoft Teams. Let the professor know if you are unable to attend class for any reason.

Do not plagiarize. 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. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (0) grade and the student will be reported to the director of the Ph.D. program.

Use Turabian style for all research papers. All research papers must be submitted in Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition.

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