

BT704 EXEGESIS IN THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

Course: BT704 Exegesis in the Greek New Testament
Credit: 3 Semester Hours
Semester: Spring 2027 Session 2
Dates: March 15 – May 7, 2027
Time: Mondays 6:00 – 9:00 pm Central Time
Place: Microsoft Teams
Professor: Dr. Monte Shanks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on advanced use of the tools and techniques of New Testament exegesis. The exegetical process, including exegetical problem solving, is applied to specific passages within the narrative, epistolary, and prophetic genres of the New Testament with a view toward a consistent application of the literal grammatical-historical hermeneutic.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student will:

1. Learn and apply the steps of doing Greek New Testament exegesis
2. Use electronic Bible study software (Accordance or Logos) in doing exegesis in the Greek New Testament
3. Learn how to write an exegetical paper on a text from the Greek New Testament
4. Do textual criticism in the Greek New Testament
5. Identify structural markers in the Greek New Testament and state their significance for interpreting the Greek New Testament
6. Do a grammatical diagram and an exegetical outline of a Greek New Testament text

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

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

Carson, D. A. *Exegetical Fallacies*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996. ISBN: 978-0801020865.

Naselli, Andrew David. *How to Understand and Apply the New Testament*. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing, 2017. ISBN: 9781629952482 Cost: \$38.47

PRE-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment #1: Read: Rodney Decker, “How Do We Use the Biblical Languages” and “As the Verb Turns” in Modules and list 10 things in a Word document that you learned from these two articles (100 points)

Assignment #2: Read *How to Understand and Apply the New Testament* by Naselli. Type out a detailed outline of how you will read and interpret the Greek New Testament. (Should be a minimum of 5 single spaced pages). (200 points)

Assignment #3: Read: Carson, D. A. *Exegetical Fallacies*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1996 and type an outline list of 10 exegetical fallacies to avoid. Be sure to define each of the fallacies and give an example of each (100 points)

Assignment #4: Read Arnold, Clinton. *Ephesians*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament following the schedule for the class and be prepared to discuss his commentary in class. (100 points)

Assignment #5: Write: A detailed exegetical outline of the book of Ephesians. Each outline point must be a complete sentence and must have a chapter and verse reference after it. (100 points)

Assignment #6: Write: An exegetical paper on a text from the Greek New Testament selected by you and approved by the professor. The research paper must include: Greek NT text, your translation, exegetical outline, commentary with discussion of exegetical problems and your solutions with validation. Appendices includes: A Greek NT word study, a Greek NT textual problem with solution, Biblical theology of your text. And Bibliography. The paper must be 20-25 double spaced pages following Turabian format. (300 points)

Assignment #7: Present: The results of your research to the class in a 30 minute lecture on the last day of class. (100 points)

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Week 1

Introduction to the Greek New Testament
Reading and Studying the Greek New Testament

Week 2

Read Ephesians 1 in the Greek New Testament.
How to Do Greek New Testament Word Studies

Week 3

Read and translate Ephesians 2 in the Greek New Testament.
How to Do Greek New Testament Textual Criticism

Week 4

Read and translate Ephesians 3 in the Greek New Testament.
How to Diagram Greek New Testament texts
How to Outline New Testament texts

Week 5

Read and translate Ephesians 4 in the Greek New Testament
Exegetical Problem Solving and Validation

Week 6

Read and translate Ephesians 5 in the Greek New Testament
Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament

Week 7

Read and translate Ephesians 6 in the Greek New Testament
New Testament Theology

Week 8

Student presentations of Greek New Testament exegetical papers

GRADING SCALE: POINTS AND GRADE

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

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

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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