

1. Advanced Studies in Pauline Theology

1. Course Overview

This course offers an advanced and in-depth exploration of the core themes in Pauline theology.

Through contextual and exegetical analysis of Paul's epistles, students will engage with the historical-theological background, Pauline worldview, the relationship between law and gospel, the role of the Spirit and the Church, and Pauline eschatology.

The course aims to understand the originality of Paul's theology and its relevance for contemporary faith and ministry.

2. Course Objectives

- 1) Interpret Paul's epistles through a holistic theological perspective.
- 2) Understand the major themes of Pauline theology within their historical context.
- 3) Explore the practical applications of Pauline theology for the life of the Church today.
- 4) Analyze how Paul's understanding of the gospel offers insight into contemporary theological debates.

3. Main Topics

Topic	Explanation
1. Paul's Understanding of the Gospel	Centered on grace, the cross, and resurrection
2. Paul and the Law	The role of the law, legalism vs. gospel
3. Justification by Faith	Righteousness declared through faith
4. Role of the Holy Spirit	The Spirit in the New Covenant: power, sealing, and transformation
5. Ecclesiology	The Body of Christ, community ethics, spiritual gifts
6. Eschatology	The second coming, resurrection, and the tension of now and not yet
7. Suffering and Glory	The theology of suffering and the revelation of God's glory
8. Pauline Worldview	Integration of Jewish and Greco-Roman backgrounds
9. Paul's Missionary Strategy	Urban mission, tentmaking ministry, and epistolary communication
10. Engagement with Modern Theology	Reformed theology, liberal theology, and the New Perspective on Paul

4. Assignments & Evaluation

- 1) Participation & Class Discussion:20%
- 2) Thematic Presentations:30%
- 3) Research Paper:30%
- 4) Final Essay or Examination:20%