

20. New Testament Hermeneutics

- Course Code: BTH320
 - Year/Semester: 3rd Year, 2nd Semester
 - Institution: Pauline Theological School / New Covenant Gospel Seminary
 - Language: Korean & English
 - Type: Required
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1. Course Overview

- 1) This course introduces theological, historical, and grammatical principles for interpreting the New Testament.
 - 2) It provides a hermeneutical framework centered on Pauline theology to help students interpret the Bible faithfully.
 - 3) Students will learn to interpret the biblical text in its historical and literary context, maintaining a balance between literal interpretation, spiritual application, and the illumination of the Holy Spirit.
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2. Course Objectives

- 1) To understand the fundamental principles of New Testament interpretation.
 - 2) To compare various hermeneutical approaches (historical criticism, literary criticism, canonical criticism, etc.).
 - 3) To establish a Christ-centered and Pauline-centered hermeneutical foundation.
 - 4) To identify common hermeneutical errors and avoid distortions of the Gospel.
 - 5) To train students in applying sound interpretation to the contemporary church context.
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3. Weekly Lecture Topics

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to Hermeneutics: Why is interpretation important?
Week 2	Nature of the New Testament and Hermeneutical Approaches
Week 3	Basics of Historical-Grammatical Interpretation
Week 4	Canonical Interpretation: Unity of the Scripture

Week 5	Hermeneutics of Pauline Theology
Week 6	The Role of the Holy Spirit in Interpretation
Week 7	Challenges of Modern Hermeneutics: Liberalism and Postmodernism
Week 8	Hermeneutics from a Biblical Worldview
Week 9	Balancing Literal Interpretation and Spiritual Application
Week 10	Eschatological Symbols and Interpretation
Week 11	Relationship Between Theology and Hermeneutics
Week 12	Preaching and Interpretation: Biblical Application
Week 13	Practical Hermeneutics I: Epistles
Week 14	Practical Hermeneutics II: Gospels & Revelation
Week 15	Final Review and Writing a Hermeneutical Declaration

4. Textbooks & References

- 1) Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart, How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth
 - 2) Grant Osborne, *The Hermeneutical Spiral*
 - 3) Seyoon Kim, *Paul and Hermeneutics*
 - 4) The Holy Bible (Korean Revised Version / NASB / ESV)
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5. Evaluation Criteria

- 1) Attendance & Participation: 20%
 - 2) Midterm Exam (Theoretical): 25%
 - 3) Interpretation Practice Report: 25%
 - 4) Final Project (Applied Interpretation): 30%
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6. Expected Outcomes

- 1) Students will be equipped to establish Gospel-centered interpretive principles in an age of theological confusion.
 - 2) By grounding their interpretation in Pauline theology, they will be able to discern truth from error and apply Scripture effectively in preaching, doctrine, and Christian living.
 - 3) They will also gain insight into the role of the Holy Spirit and biblical context in interpretation.
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