

23. Paul's Use of the Old Testament

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1) Course Overview

- (1) This course explores how the Apostle Paul quoted and interpreted the Old Testament.
- (2) It examines how Old Testament texts are theologically reinterpreted in Paul's epistles, providing insight into the early church's view of Scripture and principles of interpretation.

2. Course Objectives

- 1) Identify quotations from the Old Testament found in Paul's letters.
- 2) Analyze the role of the Old Testament within Pauline theology.
- 3) Understand Paul's hermeneutical approach (context, application, Christocentric interpretation, etc.).
- 4) Compare Paul's interpretation with Jewish exegetical traditions.

3. Main Topics

- 1) Analysis of OT quotations in Pauline letters
- 2) Distinguishing direct quotation, allusion, and reinterpretation
- 3) Paul's purpose in OT use: continuity of Law, Promise, and Gospel
- 4) Theological significance of quotations from Isaiah, Psalms, Genesis
- 5) OT usage in Romans, Corinthians, and Galatians

4. Paul's Quotation Style

- 1) Reinterpretation of OT texts in light of the New Testament revelation
- 2) Christocentric focus — fulfillment of OT in Christ
- 3) Eschatological application of OT prophecy in the present

5. Expected Learning Outcomes)

- 1) Understanding of Paul's interpretative method
- 2) A balanced view of theological continuity and discontinuity between OT and NT
- 3) Ability to apply Paul's quotation principles in modern theology and preaching