29. Paul's Theological Arguments

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1) Course Overview

- (1) This course analyzes the major theological arguments found in the letters of the Apostle Paul, focusing on his apologetic thinking and logical structures.
- (2) It centers on Paul's arguments concerning justification, redemption, the law, grace, faith, and eschatology, to understand the theological core and rhetorical strategies he employed.

2. Course Objectives

- 1) To understand Paul's argumentative structure both logically and theologically.
- 2) To analyze the theological concepts and strategies Paul used to explain the gospel.
- 3) To explore how Paul's arguments can be applied in contemporary theology and the church.

3. Key Topics

- 1) Paul's logical structuring and Hellenistic rhetoric
- 2) The defense of justification in Romans and Galatians
- 3) Arguments on resurrection and the cross in the Corinthian letters
- 4) Apologetics regarding law and grace (esp. Romans 3-7)
- 5) Ethical arguments for the believer's life (Rom. 12, Gal. 5, etc.)

4. Evaluation Methods

- 1) Reading Reports (30%)
- 2) Exegetical Assignments (30%)
- 3) Final Paper or Presentation (40%)

5. Recommended Texts

James D.G. Dunn, The Theology of Paul the Apostle

N.T. Wright, Paul and the Faithfulness of God

Thomas R. Schreiner, Paul: Apostle of God's Glory in Christ