

35. Research Methodology in Pauline Studies

1. Course Overview

This course provides a comprehensive foundation for academic approaches to Pauline theology, including textual analysis, theological frameworks, use of ancient and modern scholarly sources, and methodological tools.

Students will develop the ability to conduct sound research and present findings in academic and ministerial contexts.

2. Course Objectives

- 1) Understand key research methodologies in Pauline theology
 - 2) Master biblical exegesis and theological interpretation
 - 3) Learn to critically engage both ancient texts and modern sources
 - 4) Develop skills to present research findings in various formats
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3. Main Topics

- 1) The History and Academic Traditions of Pauline Studies
 - 2) Textual Criticism and Structural Analysis of Pauline Epistles
 - 3) Contextual and Rhetorical Interpretations
 - 4) Jewish and Hellenistic Backgrounds of Paul
 - 5) Thematic Theological Studies (Justification, Redemption, Ecclesiology, Eschatology)
 - 6) Key Scholars and Approaches in Contemporary Pauline Research
 - 7) Writing Research Papers and Scholarly Resource Utilization
 - 8) Bridging Pauline Theology and Preaching Practice
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4. Evaluation Methods

- 1) Attendance and Participation: 20%
 - 2) Weekly Reading Summaries and Discussions: 20%
 - 3) Midterm Essay: 20%
 - 4) Final Project (Research Paper or Sermon Manuscript): 40%
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5. Textbooks & References

- 1) James D.G. Dunn, The Theology of Paul the Apostle
- 2) N.T. Wright, Paul and the Faithfulness of God
- 3) Richard B. Hays, The Moral Vision of the New Testament
- 4) 김세윤, 『바울 신학과 신앙의 유산』
- 5) 김광채, 『바울 신학 연구 방법론』