

4. Theological Argumentation in Paul's Letters

1. Course Description

- 1) Paul does not merely declare theological truths; he persuades his readers through structured theological reasoning.
 - 2) This course explores the methods and structure of theological argumentation in Paul's letters.
 - 3) It focuses on exegetical reasoning, contrastive arguments, redemptive historical frameworks, and the logical consistency of Christ-centered theology.
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2. Main Topics

1) Overview of Paul's Argumentative Style

Declarative vs. Argumentative Proclamations
Logical and theological reasoning in Pauline texts

2) Argumentation in Romans

Justification, Law, and Faith: A Structural Analysis
The logical flow of soteriology in Romans

3) Theological Arguments in Galatians

Law vs. Gospel
Paul's confrontational style and theological clarity

4) Theological and Apologetic Reasoning in Corinthians

Defense of Apostleship and the Authority of the Gospel
Wisdom, weakness, and power in the cross-centered logic

5) Use of the Old Testament in Paul's Arguments

Redemptive-historical argumentation
Typology and fulfillment motifs

6) Christocentric Argumentation

The centrality of Jesus' death and resurrection
Theological coherence rooted in Christ

7) Paul and Ancient Rhetoric

The influence of Greco–Roman rhetorical methods

Structure and persuasion in Pauline epistles

8) Implications for Contemporary Theology

Applications for modern preaching, apologetics, and theological writing

Learning persuasive theology from Paul

3) Recommended Readings

(1) Douglas Moo, The Epistle to the Romans

(2) N. T. Wright, Paul and the Faithfulness of God

(3) Richard Hays, Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul

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