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Asbury Theological Seminary
Department of New Testament

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NT 650 Tutorial: Exegesis of Selected Passages. 3 hours. Wang

Course Description:

Even though designated as “tutorial” for technical reason, this is a “regular” course. It also fulfills the requirement of 600-level New Testament Exegesis. This course is designed to introduce the basic steps of exegesis to beginning students. After a discussion of the basic steps of exegesis, the class will study exegetically selected passages of the Greek New Testament, which deal with important theological issues, such as faith, righteousness, law and gospel, predestination, eternal life, worship, holiness, etc. The course will help students develop an ability to critically use the essential reference works in exegesis. Prerequisite: NT (IBS) 510 or 511; NT 520; and NT 500 or 501/502 or equivalent.

Course Objectives:

Having successfully completed this course, students should be able to

- Employ a range of exegetical approaches relevant to the interpretation of the NT passages in question, and to apply those approaches to other NT passages of similar genre;
- Understand the NT passages in question within its socio-historical, literary, and canonical contexts;
- 3. Identify central issues in the critical study of the NT passages in question;
- 4. Articulate the importance of one's own presuppositions in the task of interpretation;
- 5. Articulate primary theological and ethical concerns of the NT passages in question;
- 6. Demonstrate awareness of how the theological and ethical concerns of the passages in question contribute to those of the canon and of constructive theology and ethics;
- 7. Differentiate between critical and homiletical/devotional commentaries and studies of these passages and other NT passages;
- 8. Evaluate critically the usefulness of secondary literature in the study of NT passages;
- 9. Use Greek-based language tools to demonstrate proficiency in lexical semantics;
- 10. Use Greek-based language tools to identify grammatical constructions (i.e. with regard to sentence structure and use of clauses); and

11. Use Greek-based language tools to engaged in syntactic analyses (i.e., with regard to verbal aspect, mood, and voice; use of the dative and genitive cases).

Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation. Unexcused absence of more than 6 class sessions will result in a failing grade.
2. Short assignments designed to develop ability to critically use secondary sources to do exegesis;
3. A word study;
4. An exegetical paper (about 10 pages).

Course Grade:

1. Short assignments carry 40% of the semester grade.
2. Word Study carries 20% of the semester grade.
3. The final exegetical paper carries 40% of the semester grade.

Recommended Reference works:

1. Bible study software (Gramcord, Bible works, etc.)
2. Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich-Danker, [A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 2nd ed.](#)
3. [New Testament Exegesis](#) by Gordon D. Fee
4. [How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth](#) by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart

Course Outline:

- I. Factors to be considered in exegesis of NT passages
 - A. Literary Genre
 - B. Historical and cultural backgrounds
 - C. Context
 - D. Greek grammar
 - E. Word study (Righteousness)
 - F. Parallel passages
- II. Gal. 3:15-20 (Function of the Mosaic Law)
- III. Acts 13:46-48 (Predestination, Eternal Life, Faith)
- IV. John 4:21-24 (Worship)
- V. Rom. 12:1-2 (Holiness, Discerning the will of God)