

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Paul the Apostle - Spring 2021

Class Syllabus

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Class Location: Annex Building, Room 106

Class Meets: Every Monday: January 25th-March 29th from 7:30-8:20pm.

Office Hours: As requested

School of Ministry Mission Statement:

“Equipping men and women to walk in their calling to accomplish the Great Commission and raise up leaders for the future “C” church.”

The School of Ministry, we want to:

- **Identify** (Help men and women identify their calling and gifts.)
- **Equip** (Train men and women in the areas of theology, biblical understanding and leadership.)
- **Send** (Send them out into “their” world - their community, workplace, school, church, non-profit etc.)

Attendance and Participation:

This class will consist of men and women from all ages and seasons of life as well as individuals from within our community and neighboring churches. To receive the most of your time in each class, 100% attendance and participation is strongly encouraged. The old adage, “You get out of it what you put into” is holds true for each class.

*100% attendance and participation are mandatory for all Crosspoint Interns.

Classroom Etiquette:

- Be on time.
- No phones.
- Come prepared.
- Engage in discussions.
- Be present & faithful.

Academic Continuity:

In the event of weather or other emergency situation, S.O.M. may temporarily suspend normal operations. During this time, your instructor from the S.O.M. will deliver communication regarding courses, etc. using email and/or text. It is the student's responsibility to make every effort to receive communications during a campus closure.

Academic Integrity:

A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, and submitting material without properly citing the source is prohibited. Such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden.

Student Evaluation:

Students have the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback at the end of each semester through student course evaluations. Students will receive an email reminder from the office of the School of Ministry when it is time to complete course evaluations online. Please consider taking the time to provide this helpful input to your instructor and the School of Ministry.

Course Description & Learning and Outcomes:

This course will invite students to learn more about the Apostle Paul than simply a covert character, in the development of Christianity or the author of several New Testament books. We will review the life of Paul, how God uniquely positioned him with his history to be a critical influence on how the Gospel was understood and how we function as a community of believers.

Required Course Materials:

Paul, Apostle of the Heart Set Free, (AHSF) F.F. Bruce, Wm Eerdmans
(Suggested/Not Required)

Paul, A Biography, (PBIOG), N.T. Wright

Scripture: assigned texts

In addition, students will be assigned videos or articles on the internet regarding the week topic

Course Assignments:**Class Schedule**

Date	Week	Lecture	Prior Reading	Assignment Due
Jan. 25	1	Introductions, course description, SOM policies, etc. Devotional prayers of Paul Life of Paul Preparation to be "The Great Lion of God"	Please read (AHSF) pages 1-82 in preparation for week one	For next week: AHSF pp 83-105, Acts
Feb. 1	2	Shift in leadership in the church Paul's missionary journeys Paul's mysticism and authority as an apostle	AHSF pp 83-105, Acts	Reading for next week: (AHSF) pp 83-125

Feb. 8	3	Paul's writings Luke/Acts	(AHSF) pp 83-125	Reading for next week: (AHSF) pp 126-211, Galatians, Acts 10-15
Feb. 15	4	The gentile challenge Faith or law The Corinthian challenge (?)	(AHSF) pp 126-211, Galatians, Acts 10-15	Prepare for midterm
Feb. 22	5	MID-TERM	Prepare for midterm	
Mar. 1	6	Life in the Church Encountering culture Spiritual leadership Spiritual giftedness Authority in the church Women's' roles in the church Sacraments in the life of the church		Reading announced prior to the class
Mar. 8	7	Life in the Church Encountering culture Spiritual leadership Spiritual giftedness		Reading announced prior to the class

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Mar. 15	8	Life in the Church Encountering culture Spiritual leadership Spiritual giftedness Authority in the church Women's' roles in the church Sacraments in the life of the church		Reading announced prior to the class
Mar. 22	9	The coming of our Lord Eschatology The promise of life eternal Apocalyptic literature		Reading announced prior to the class
Mar. 29	10	Final Exam		

Weighted Grade Distribution:

Class Participation	30%
Reading	10%
Mid-Term	30%
Final Exam	<u>30%</u>

TOTAL	100%
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Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Point
A+	100	4.00
A	93-99	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.00
D-	60-62	0.67
F	Below 66	0.00