

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Course Profile
Spring Term 2008

B-334 Paul: The Shorter Letters

Instructor: David Rhoads

Statement of Goals:

1. To become familiar with the life of Paul
2. To become familiar with all of Paul's letters
3. To focus on short letters: Philemon, Galatians, I Thessalonians, Philippians
4. To develop skills of interpretation including the use of Greek.
5. To become familiar with the Greco-Roman background of the letters
6. To relate the letters to ministry
7. To develop skills in writing and speaking

Outline and Content of the course:

1. Read the Acts of the Apostles
2. Read all of Paul's letters
3. Focus on the four shorter letters for the remainder of the class

Work to be required:

1. Attendance and active participation in class (15%).
2. Reading and written assignments for each class (15%)
3. Greek/English assignments on passages (10%)
4. Two interpretation papers (50%).
5. Project (memorized performance, book review, art, other) (10%)
6. Absences and late assignments will impact grade.

Bibliography:

New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Novum Testamentum Graece, Nestle-Aland

Calvin Roetzel. **The Letters of Paul** (Latest edition) (WJK)

Everett Ferguson. **Backgrounds of Early Christianity** (Latest edition)

Brad Braxton. **No Longer Slaves: Galatians and African American Experience**
(Liturgical Press)

Carolyn Osiek, **Philippians and Philemon** (Abingdon)

Beverly Gaventa, **I and II Thessalonians** (Abingdon)

Collected articles and commentaries on Reserve in JKM Library

Highly Recommended:

Daniel Patte, editor. **Global Bible Commentary** (Abingdon, 2004)

Suggested Book Review Titles:

Krister Stendahl. **Paul Among Jews and Gentiles** (Fortress, 1976)

Robin Scroggs. **Paul for a New Day**

Elsa Tamez. **The Amnesty of Grace**

Neil Elliot. **Liberating Paul**