“Historia Salutis” meets “Ordo Salutis”

Against the backdrop of the Book of Acts’ portrait of Paul’s three “missionary journeys,” this course explores the theological and pastoral dimensions of Paul’s Epistle to the Romans.
KNOWING — “... by the renewal of your mind ...” (Romans 12:2). How does this epistle help us — or make it more challenging — to understand Paul’s and the early churches theology?

DOING — “... discern what the will of God is ...” (Romans 12:2). What are the resources this letter brings to our pastoral settings? What are the challenges of applying Romans in your world?

BEING — “... present your bodies as a living sacrifice ...” (Romans 12:1). How does this epistle address “me”? How does it convict? challenge? delight? warn? steer? promise? reshape ... me?
REQUIRED RESOURCES


RECOMMENDED RESOURCES (SOME STRONGLY)


“B” ASSIGNMENTS (90 PTS.)

- Complete Required Course Readings (10 points) Send your instructor an email of the percentage you have completed by the end of the exam period.

- Keep a journal of your reflections on the biblical texts, the secondary readings, and the class sessions — write in it twice per week. Due with your final exam — either hard copy or electronic (35 points)

- Take Home, Open Book Final Exam on Class Sessions and Required Readings (35 points). The exam will have three questions: see above, under “Course Goals.” You may write for no longer than one hour per question. Yes, it’s that simple.

All “B” Assignments are due = 4:00 p.m., Tues., Dec. 16

“A” PROJECT (10 PTS.)

- Write out the manuscript for a 20 minute sermon on a passage (or theme) in Romans (discuss text critical matters and difficult theological/interpretive judgments in footnotes). The message itself is to be no longer than 20 minutes long.

- Write two 700-word blog posts explaining the strengths and weakness of Cranfield’s and Wright’s commentaries (that is, one blog on Cranfield, and one blog on Wright).

- If you have something else in mind, you might persuade me.

Any “A” Assignment is due = 11:00 a.m., Wed., Dec. 10
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