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Course Description

Paul's Salvation Letters: Galatians and Romans gives the student a deep appreciation of the apostle Paul. In the midst of church planting, he explains the gospel, confronts false teachers, distinguishes between law and grace, and shows how the gospel is rooted in Old Testament Scripture. His systematic explanation of the gospel to the Romans gives the student insight into the major doctrines of sin, salvation, and sanctification. The student also learns how union with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit enable him or her to mature spiritually and live victoriously.

Resources

You will use Paul's Salvation Letters: Galatians and Romans, an Independent-Study Textbook by William F. Lasley as both the textbook and study guide for the course. The Holy Bible is also required. Quotations are from the New International Version (NIV), 1978 or 1984 editions, unless otherwise noted. Others, where noted, are from the King James Version (KJV), New King James Version (NKJV), Contemporary English Version (CEV), New English Bible (NEB), New American Standard Bible (NASB), Revised Standard Version (RSV), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), Phillips Modern English (Phillips), The Amplified New Testament (Amplified), and the New Living Translation (NLT). Most assignments require you to access the Global University Library Web site or other academic resources. Instructions for accessing the Library Web site are provided in the Undergraduate Writing Assignment Guidelines (UWAG) in the Student Packet. If you are enrolled in this course for three credits, the third credit will be earned by completing a collateral reading assignment (CRA). This assignment is based on the textbook Romans by F. F. Bruce. The instructions for completing the CRA are in the Student Packet.

Objectives

The key concepts presented in the lesson are derived from the objectives. Study each objective carefully as you begin each lesson. First, identify the key concepts presented in the objective, and second, identify what each objective is asking you to do with the key concepts. For example, in the objective, Assess the positive and negative ways that colonialism affected the spread of Christianity, the key concept is colonialism affected Christianity. In this objective you are asked to assess positive and negative ways—or show the good and bad effects colonialism had on the spread of Christianity.

Course Procedures

Classroom lectures, group discussion, audio-visual presentations, handouts, and case studies constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives.

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Course Introduction

Paul's Salvation Letters focus on what God has done for us in Jesus Christ (Romans 8:3). Paul touches on every major doctrine of our faith, including sin, salvation, and sanctification. Yet he does more than teach theology: he teaches that behavior follows genuine belief and urges his readers to put his teaching into practice. God provides a Helper—the Holy Spirit—who empowers us to walk in victory and honor Christ.

At the time Paul wrote, agitators were stirring up trouble in Galatia; Jewish converts in Rome were struggling to reconcile their new faith in Christ with the law of Moses; and pagan converts with no biblical background were trying to absorb this teaching. Thus Paul's letters cover a wide range of issues. He explains, for example, the difference between law and promise, between righteousness based on achieving and righteousness based on believing. He also deals with the believer's spiritual growth, God's dealings with Israel, and practical applications of the gospel that are as valuable today as when he penned them in the first century.

These letters to the Galatian and Roman churches are not light reading (see 2 Peter 3:15–16), so you should not be surprised that Paul challenges your thinking and forces you to pause and reflect at times. These letters will ground you in the faith, deepen your commitment to Christ, and challenge the way you live. If you have a pastoral or teaching ministry, the material in this Independent-Study Textbook will provide a rich resource of commentary and biblical references for expository, verse-by-verse preaching and teaching of the truths Paul wrote to the Galatian and Roman churches.