

Requirements

I. Course Description

An expository study of Galatians, with special attention given to the true gospel, law and grace, and the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life. (3 credit hours)

II. MBU Institutional Outcomes supported by this course:

1. Communication Skills: Students will demonstrate competence in written, oral, and aesthetic communication.

6. Biblical Knowledge: Students will acquire skills related to biblical study methods, interpretation, and doctrine.

8. Biblical Application: Students will use discernment in moral situations by applying biblical precepts and principles to contemporary issues and lifestyle choices

III. Course Objectives

*Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- A. Understand the reason that Paul wrote Galatians
- B. Understand the argument of Galatians and how the content of the book supports that argument
- C. Correctly interpret the content of Galatians, especially those passages of Scripture that are problematic
- D. Assess a potential pastor's qualifications for pastoral office in a local church.
- E. State some initial conclusions regarding the issue of law and grace
- F. Glorify God for the relevance that Galatians has to the issues facing believers in today's church

IV. Course Texts

- A. Thomas R. Schreiner. Galatians (Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012. **[Required]**
- B. Douglas J. Moo. Galatians (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2013. **[Recommended]**

V. Course Requirements

A. Reading (approximately 1125 pages)

1. Read the sections in Galatians each week (as assigned in the course schedule).
2. Read the pages in the textbook (Schreiner) that correspond with the section you are reading in Galatians each week.
3. Read any 25 pages that correspond with the section you are assigned in Galatians from another scholarly commentary or commentaries.
4. Reading must be completed according to the class schedule. You must report your reading via MyMaranatha.
5. You must also read at least 400 pages in preparation for writing your paper for this class. See requirement below. You must keep a record of this reading and report along with your paper.

B. Devotional

The student must write a devotional using the template provided. This devotional should be written on a passage in the book of Galatians that was particularly relevant to you

C. Theology of the Holy Spirit Paper

1. Write a 12-15 page paper explaining Paul's theology of the Holy Spirit in the book of Galatians.
2. Read at least 400 pages of material in preparation for this paper. You must keep a record of your reading and turn it in with the paper.
3. You must have at least 20 sources, at least five of which must be journal articles.
4. You must follow standard seminary format for this paper.
5. At a minimum, the following elements must be included in your paper:
 - a) Did you identify every reference to the Holy Spirit in the book of Galatians (both explicit and implied)?
 - b) Did you provide an exegesis of every passage that mentions the Holy Spirit in Galatians?
 - c) Did you synthesize the results of your exegesis into a coherent statement of theology of the Holy Spirit in Galatians?
 - d) Did you make relevant application of your theology to the life of the modern day believer?

D. Discussion Forums

1. Several discussion forum (DF) assignments will be required throughout the course. Students must provide a meaningful contribution to the DF that has adequate depth, breadth, and clarity.
2. Students must also respond to the posts of at least two other students for each DF. These responses must interact with post with some depth. Provide examples, corrections, pertinent clarifications, questions, etc.

E. Tests

There will be two tests: a midterm and final. The tests will cover the material presented and discussed in class. You will not be tested over textbook reading unless specifically informed of it. However, textbook reading will be helpful supplemental material for test preparation.

VI. Course Grading

A. Reading	15%
B. Devotional	10%
C. Paper	30%
D. Discussion Forums	25%
E. Tests	20%

VII. Grading Scale

95-100 A	92-94 A-	90-91 B+
85-89 B	82-84 B-	80-81 C+
75-79 C	72-74 C-	70-71 D+
65-69 D	60-64 D-	0-59 F

VIII. Course Policies

- A. Late Work-All work is due at the beginning of the class for which it is assigned. All work is expected to be completed on time. Any work turned in after the due date will have its grade reduced by 4% per calendar day.
- B. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this course. Consult the section in the Seminary catalog regarding Academic and Intellectual Expectations for a description of academic dishonesty and appropriate penalties for violation.
- C. Academic Success Center. One source for academic help in any course is the Academic Success Center. If you require specific targeted academic help for any reason contact the Academic Success Center located in the Cedarholm Library. If you would like more information regarding targeted academic help, please contact the Academic Success Center director at academicsuccess@mbu.edu.
- D. ADA Policy. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, the law requires that all students with disabilities be given a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Academic Success Program Director, in the Library, (ph. 920/206-2340) or email academicsuccess@mbu.edu.

E. Library Services. The *Maranatha Cedarholm Library* is committed to providing services to distance education students that are equivalent to residential students. Read about the library services that are available to you through Cedarholm Library. You can search the library resources by clicking on the Library link found under Quick Links on the sidebar in MyMaranatha.

IX. Course Overview (Fall 2020)

Tuesday	Friday
May 11 Course Introduction Introduction DF	May 14 Galatians 1:1-9 Purpose of Galatians statement
May 18 Galatians 1:10-24 DF 1 post	May 21 Galatians 2:1-21 DF 1 responses
May 25 Galatians 3:1-20 DF 2 post	May 28 Galatians 3:21-29 DF 2 responses
June 1 Galatians 4:1-11 DF 3 post	June 4 Midterm Exam NO DF responses
June 8 Galatians 4:12-20 DF 4 post	June 11 Galatians 4:21-31 DF 4 responses
June 15 Galatians 5:1-12 DF 5 post	June 18 Galatians 5:13-18 DF 5 responses
June 22 Galatians 5:19-26 DF 6 post	June 25 Galatians 6:1-10 DF 6 responses
June 29 Galatians 6:11-18 DF 7 post	July 3 Final Exam NO DF responses
July 24 Devotional Due	July 31 Paper Due