



Hermeneutics

Course Syllabus

SPRING SEMESTER 2014

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Class Hours: Thursday Evenings from 7:30--8:30 PM

TEXT:

KJV of the Bible

Supporting Texts: The following is a list of some excellent books on hermeneutics.

Principles of Biblical Interpretation, Louis Berkhof
The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible, Benjamin Warfield
The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture, Rene Pache
Rightly Dividing The Word, Clarence Larkin
Exegetical Fallacies, D.A. Carson
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics, Walter C. Kaiser Jr, and Moises Silva
Why I Preach That The Bible Is Literally True, W.A. Criswell
Guide To Understanding Your Bible, Josh McDowell
How To Study The Bible, James Braga
Effective Bible Study, Howard F. Vos

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a study of the meaning and methods of biblical interpretation. It will cover the long established traditional views held by Baptists as well as new influences. The long established and accepted laws of interpretation will be discussed. Other views of interpretation will also be discussed. The main concentration of this study will be on interpretation however some study methods will also be covered as they have an impact on how the Bible is interpreted.

COURSE GOALS: Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

- 1. To have a clear and confident understanding of Hermeneutics.**

2. To have a basic understanding of the laws of interpretation.
3. To have a clear understanding of the many influences on interpretation .
4. To gain knowledge and experience in basic methods of biblical interpretation.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: FOR SPRING 2014

1. Personal attendance and class participation in discussions. Online students must record summaries on the Lesson Plan below.
2. Personal handwritten/typed notes must be taken on all class lectures. These notes will be in addition to any printed notes and/or handouts provided during the course. Both the handwritten notes and the handouts must be turned in at the end of the semester.
3. Read an approved textbook and write a brief review.
4. Each student must prepare a 5-page (2000 word) research paper from an approved list of subjects presented by the instructor to be turned in prior to taking the final exam at the end of the semester.
5. Several biblical interpretation assignments will be given. These may offset the requirements of number 4 above.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

January 30, 2014	Introduction of the Course	
February 6, 2014	Regular Class	
February 13, 2014	Regular Class	
February 20, 2014	Regular Class	
February 27, 2014	Regular Class	
March 6, 2014	Regular Class	
March 13, 2014	Regular Class	
March 20, 2014	Regular Class	Possible Spring Break
March 27, 2014	Regular Class	
April 3, 2014	Regular Class	
April 10, 2014	Regular Class	
April 17, 2014	Regular Class	
April 24, 2014	Regular Class	
May 1, 2014	Regular Class	
May 8, 2014	Regular Class	
May 15, 2014	Regular Class	Finals Tests

COUSE EXAMINATION:

Grades will be based on the student's performance on two tests, each worth 20% of the final grade. Notebook and class participation will be worth 20%. Term paper 20%. Attendance, attitude and punctuality 20%.

GRADING SCALE:

A=100%-95%

B=94%-85%

C=84%-78%

D=77%-68%

F=below 68%

TESTING:

Pop tests -- Be prepared at any time.

Mid-term – TBA

Final – May 15, 2014

Lesson Plans for Hermeneutics

All online students are required to keep a short two to three sentence summary of the class lectures for each of the listed classes below. These will be called for at any time throughout the semester. Keep Up and it will not be a problem.

1. January 30, 2014---Lesson Plan: Introduction of Hermeneutics
2. February 6, 2014---Lesson Plan:
3. February 13, 2014---Lesson Plan:
4. February 20, 2014---Lesson Plan:
5. February 27, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
6. March 6, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
7. March 13, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
8. March 20, 2014--- Lesson Plan: Possible Spring Break
9. March 27, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
10. April 3, 2014-- Lesson Plan:
11. April 10, 2014--- Lesson Plan:

12. April 17, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
13. April 24, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
14. May 1, 2014--- Lesson Plan:
15. May 8, 2014--- Lesson Plan: Review for Final Test.
16. May 15, 2014--- Lesson Plan: Turn in all requirements and Final Test.