

2NT612
I Corinthians
Syllabus, Fall 2010
Tuesdays 6-9p

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Of all Paul's epistles, his First Epistle to the Corinthians discusses the largest number of subjects relating to the life of the church. These are topics of lawsuits, marriage and divorce, meats offered to idols, pastor's salary, proper worship, celebration of the Lord's Supper, tongue speaking, prophesying, women in the church, the doctrine of the resurrection, and the support of the poor. Paul wrote this epistle for the needs in the church of today.

As you study this epistle, you will increase your knowledge of Scripture, enrich others whom you instruct, and be able to defend the truth of God's Word. As Paul puts it, "be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:17).

Assignments

The textbook for the course is Gordon D. Fee, *First Epistle to the Corinthians*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987. ISBN 978-0-8028-2507-0. The assignments are from this book as noted in the weekly schedule.

Three short tests are scheduled throughout the semester. In addition you are asked to write a paper of some 15 pages (plus bibliography and appendices) on a I Corinthian-related topic. The due date for the paper is Tuesday November 16, 2010. You are advised to consult me on a topic as well as the scope, structure, and progress of your paper. I have placed some books on the reserve shelf. Consult the library computer for additional references. Please, keep me informed about your bibliography and the progress you are making in your writing. I advise you to consult Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* on writing an acceptable term paper.

Schedule

Aug 31	Introduction (pp. 1-20). Place, time, recipients, theology, authenticity, characteristics, text, and purpose
Sept 7	Chapter 1 (pp. 27-88) Divisions in the church, factions, folly of the cross
Sept 14	Chapter 3-4 (pp. 121-94) Workmen for God, servants of Christ, faithfulness and admonition

Sept 21	Chapter 5-6 <i>Test</i> (pp. 194-266) Immorality, incest, excommunication, litigations
Sept 28	Chapter 7 (pp. 267-357) Marriage problems, proper conduct, faithfulness, widows, divorce, singles
Oct 5	Chapter 11 (pp. 491-569) Worship for both men and women in the church, the Lord's Supper
Oct 19	Chapter 12 (pp. 569-625). Spiritual gifts and the body of Christ
Oct 26	Chapter 13 <i>Test</i> (pp. 625-52) Paul's letter of love place between chapters 12 and 14
Nov 2	Chapter 14 (pp. 653-88) Prophecy and tongues, praying and praising, Scripture
Nov 9	Chapter 14 (689-713) Orderly conduct in the worship service, edification and revelation
Nov 16	Chapter 15 (pp. 713-45) <i>Paper Due Date</i> . Resurrection of Christ, apostolicity of Paul, the dead are raised
Nov 23	Chapter 15 (pp. 745-809) Physical and spiritual bodies, immortality and victory
Nov 30	Chapter 16 (pp. 809-40) Collection for Jerusalem.
Dec 7	<i>Test</i>

Topics

The schism in the Corinthian church
 Signs for the Jews; wisdom for the Greeks
 Incest in the church
 Paul's correspondence with the Corinthians
 Personal visits of Paul to Corinth
 Lawsuits in the Christian community
 God's design for marriage
 Separation and divorce
 Widows and singles
 Praying and prophesying in the church
 Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The gifts of the Spirit
Speaking in tongues
Prophecy in the worship service
The resurrection of the dead
The kingdom of Christ and God

Reserve Books

Blomberg, Craig. *I Corinthians*
Fee, Gordon D. *First Epistle to the Corinthians*
Harrisville, Roy A. *I Corinthians*
Hayes, R. B. *First Corinthians*
Hodge, Charles. *First Epistle to the Corinthians*
Horsley, R. A. *I Corinthians*
Kistemaker, Simon J. *Exposition of I Corinthians*
Lenski, R. C. H. *First and Second Epistle to the Corinthians*
MacArthur, John, Jr. *I Corinthians*
Morris, Leon. *I Corinthians*
Robertson, A. and A. Plummer. *First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians*
Thiselton, Anthony. *First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians*
Thrall, Margaret E. *First and Second Letters of Paul to the Corinthians*

Grading

Three tests 20 % each	60
Paper 40%	<u>40</u>
Total	100

Attendance

Classroom attendance is for the glory of God and preparation for the gospel ministry. Students therefore are expected to attend class sessions. No student should absent himself/herself from classes in order to fulfill requirements or responsibilities of other classes. Those with absences may be penalized at the discretion of the professor.

If students miss class persistently throughout the regular semester, they may be dismissed for academic reasons. In certain exceptional cases, such as extended illness or family crisis, in which it is impossible for students to complete a semester's work, they may present a written request for permission to withdraw from all courses.

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Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

Course: First Corinthians
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<u>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</u>		<u>Rubric</u>	<u>Mini-Justification</u>
<p><i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None 	
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Minimal	1. Student should be able to articulate 1 Cor. orally and in print.
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	1. Student must know the text of 1 Cor. 2. Show ability to interpret the content of assigned chapters.
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Moderate	1. Discuss the Reformed tradition in understanding 1 Cor.
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Minimal	1. Must know how to apply the message of the test to oneself.
Desire for Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Minimal	1. Should be able to relate the teaching of 1 Cor. to every field of life
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Strong	1. Learn to be positive in one's interpretation with gentleness of spirit.
Preach	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Strong	1. Use exegetical and preaching skills when serving the people with the text of 1 Cor.
Worship	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	None	
Shepherd	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	None	
Church/World	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	None	