Note: This syllabus is the “mini-syllabus” and is not to be confused w/ the large syllabus that contains all the class-lecture notes, biblio, various articles, etc. This large syllabus will be posted on IQWeb and is needed for all the class lectures. For the first day of class, the student should be prepared w/ either a hard-copy of the large syllabus or have it downloaded to his laptop.

Prerequisites: Must have passed (D- is good enough) both Greek 1 & 2, or have transcript for six hours of graduate Greek credit, or passed RTS exemption exam(s).

Required Texts:

Trinity Psalter.
UBS or NA Greek NT text. No interlinear.

Recommended Texts:

* Brown, Colin, ed. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Regency Reference Library, Zondervan, 1975-86. Two other good options are Balz & Schneider, and Spicq. All three are on reference shelf in library. Brown's edited comments are evangelical. If you have one of these three works, “Big Kittel” is not necessary.

* “Bible Works.” Every student should buy this (or its equivalent).


Professor

Dr. Bob Cara (technically, Dr. Robert J. Cara).
Purpose of Course

* To prepare students to begin serious exegesis of Greek text. This will be done by:

  * Re-enforcing and adding to current Greek vocabulary. Remember, Mounce was “vocab lite.” (Lexical Aids)

  * Re-enforcing and adding to current Greek syntax. (Syntax)

  * Translating weekly portions of writings of John, Mark, and Paul.

  * Learning various exegetical principles from translated portions.

  * Introducing students to various standard exegetical tools (e.g., Bible Works, lexicons, grammars, exegetical dictionaries).

  * Giving students six categories of hermeneutical methodologies to determine modern meaning for sermons; i.e., hermeneutical preaching-theory.

Class Structure

* Each week students will be assigned a text (≈ 8 verses) that they have to translate / parse (bring personal notes to class) and prepare a “logical progression.” Also, each week the student is to review the assigned vocab and noun/verb endings. In addition, the student is to read the assigned portions of Syntax. (See “Course Outline” for schedule.)

* The first several weeks will primarily consist of formal lectures related to hermeneutical methodologies for preaching. Also included will be brief analysis of assigned texts.

* Subsequently, most classes will consist of detailed analysis of assigned text along with hermeneutical implications for preaching. Also included will be an introduction of a various exegetical tool and its use related to the assigned text.

* Quizzes must be taken outside of class in the library. See the receptionist for the quizzes. There will be no official (human) proctoring. The quizzes will be available to be taken the day after the text is assigned. Each quiz must be taken before the start of the class in which the assigned text is exegeted.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Graded Requirements

* Quizzes—40% of grade

  * There will be a quiz most weeks on appropriate vocab, Syntax reading, noun/verb paradigm, and translation and grammar of assigned Greek text. (For translation and grammar portions, Greek dictionary, Syntax, and Key will be allowed.) Time limit is 45 minutes.
  * All quizzes are cumulative except for translation portion.
  * “90% rule.”
  * Drop one quiz (No make-up quizzes.)

* Final—15% of grade

  * All vocab, grammar, and noun/verb paradigms are fair game. Translation will be from an unassigned Greek text; however, dictionary, Syntax, and Key may be used. Questions related to the lectures will also be included.
  * “90% rule.”

* Exegetical Paper—35% of grade

  * This should be a serious research paper that is designed to pass presbytery. See “Real Paper Comments” for format and “Greek Exegesis Paper Requirements” for minimum research requirements. Note helpful annotated biblio in Cara syllabus, including description of various English language commentaries.
  * 12-15 typed pages.
  * Paper must be on a Pauline pericope excepting sections of 1 Thess covered in class.
  * Paper should exegete the Greek text aiming for the meaning to the original audience. It should include any text-critical difficulties, appropriate introductory matters if it relates to exegesis, discussion of the surrounding context, must include in Greek the logical progression of the pericope, etc. Use secondary sources to inform but not to dictate your exegesis. Clearly state the main point of the pericope and sub-points.
  * Papers may have one of the following general outlines: (A) Do an analysis of the pericope explaining the overall logical-progression and the meaning of all clauses. The point of the paper is to explicitly show the main point and sub-points. OR (B) Do an analysis of the overall logical-progression with minimal clause discussion, again stating the main point and sub-points (1/2 paper); and a very detailed analysis of one small section of the pericope and include theological implications, relationship to other portions of Scripture, etc. (1/2 paper).
  * Due in class on the last day of class (32.2 f/s/s).
* Class Attendance / Participation — 10%

* To get credit for each class, must have your personal translation notes (including parsing), logical progression, and participate (intelligently) in class discussion as appropriate.
* One miss or non-preparation for class allowed.

**Non-Graded Requirements (unless one does not do them!)

* Bring to class: Greek text, *Key*, *Syntax*, and Cara Syllabus.

* Bring and sing Psalter!