COURSE INFORMATION

Course goals

By the end of the semester the student should be able to read basically at sight any portion of Colossians or Philemon from the Greek NT. He will have read a standard commentary, and will have studied the introduction and the outline of the books and each section in detail. He will also have written a research paper on the exegesis of a section of these epistles.

English Bible reading

The epistles are to be read in three different English translations. The student is to prepare and memorize his own outline of the two epistles.

Translation

Colossians and Philemon are to be translated according to the schedule below, in the format explained in class. During the class period, the student will be expected to be able to translate the assigned portion primarily by sight.

Commentary reading

A standard commentary is to be read, following the schedule for translating the epistles. Choose one of those marked with an asterisk on the accompanying sheet.

Research paper

The research paper is to employ exegetical tools and deal with an exegetical question. The format should follow that of Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*.

Examinations
The midterm and final examinations will cover the introductory material and the translation of the material, including grammatical and exegetical questions. The student will be permitted to have a sheet of brief translations of uncommon words during the exams.

Course schedule

Sept.  6   Introduction to the course and the epistles
         13  Col 1:1-8
         20  Col 1:9-20; English Bible assignment due
         27  Col 1:21-29
Oct. 4  [NANC Conference] Col 2:1-8; research paper topic
         11  Col 2:9-19; outline due
         18  Col 2:20 - 3:4
         25  Midterm Examination (outline memorized)
Nov. 1  Col 3:5-15
         8   Col 3:16 - 4:1; research paper outline & bibliography
         15  Col 4:2-9
         22  Col. 4:10-18
         28  Phlm 1-14
Dec. 6  Phlm 15-25; Commentary reading due; Research paper due
         13  Final Examination
COMMENTARIES ON COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON

(Unless otherwise indicated, the commentary is on Colossians and Philemon.)

John Calvin (1548)
John Peter Lange (Colossians by Karl Braune, 1870)
H. A. W. Meyer (ET from 4th Ger. ed., 1875)
*J. B. Lightfoot (1879)
*T. K. Abbott (Ephesians & Colossians, ICC, 1897)
*Marvin R. Vincent (Philippians & Philemon, ICC, 1897)
Jac. J. Muller (Philippians & Philemon, NIC, 1955)
F. F. Bruce (Colossians, NIC, 1957)
C. F. D. Moule (CGT, 1957)
H. M. Carson (TNTC, 1960)
*William Hendriksen (1964)
Eduard Schweizer (Colossians, 1976; ET, 1982)
*Peter T. O'Brien (WBC, 1982)
*F. F. Bruce (NIC, rev. ed., 1984)

*especially recommended