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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

BIBL 161

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An analytical and exegetical study of Romans, giving attention to the great doctrinal issues of condemnation, justification, sanctification, the place of Israel, and practical Christian living.

RATIONALE

The Epistle to the Romans has been acclaimed as the most significant and vital part of the New Testament in the life and theology of the Church. It is crucial that students who may enter a career in Christian ministry or who may begin graduate study of the Bible understand its background, content, and message.

I. PREREQUISITES

None

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Click on the following link to view the required resources for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio and video equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
- D. Study Bible
- E. TV and VCR/DVD player

IV. MEASUREABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Interpret the thought of the Book of Romans analytically.
- B. Synthetically trace Paul's thought through out the Book of Romans
- C. Explain the biblical doctrines of the gospel, condemnation, justification, sanctification, the role of Jews, submission to God, and Christian love.
- D. Develop a passion for the ongoing study of the Book of Romans.
- E. Apply the teaching and spiritual principles of Romans to one's own life.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings
- B. Research Paper on Romans
The faculty will give you the parameters on which to write and submit this paper. It is due in Week 8.
- C. Exams (4)
Weeks 2, 4, 6 & 8 you will be tested over the materials provided in the readings and videos.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

- A. Points
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| Exams (4 at 200 pts ea) | 800 |
| Paper | 200 |
| Total | 1000 |
- B. Scale
A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599
- C. Disability Assistance
Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University’s Online Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

BIBL161

Textbook: Phillips, John, *Exploring Romans: The Expository Commentary* (2002).

WEEK/ MODULE	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Phillips: pp. 4-54 Bible Readings 4 lecture notes	Course Requirements Checklist	0
2	Phillips: pp. 54-99 Bible Readings 5 lecture notes 1 study guide	Test 1	200
3	Phillips: pp. 99-120 Bible Readings 4 lecture notes	<i>None</i>	0
4	Phillips: pp. 121-141 Bible Readings 3 lecture notes 1 study guide	Test 2	200
5	Phillips: pp. 142-154 Bible Readings 2 lecture notes	<i>None</i>	0
6	Phillips: pp. 155-179 Bible Readings 3 lecture notes 1 study guide	Test 3	200
7	Phillips: pp. 180-242 Bible Readings 5 lecture notes	<i>None</i>	0
8	Phillips: pp. 243-286 Bible Readings 4 lecture notes	Test 4 Research Paper	200 200
TOTAL			1000

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.