Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston Campus (CUME)
NT626/NT527 – Exegesis of Galatians – Galatians in Depth / Taught in Portuguese
Fall Semester, 2012

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Course Description

A detailed analysis of the Greek text of Galatians, with special attention given to Paul’s apostleship, his relationship with the Jerusalem church, his understanding of the law, justification and the role of the Spirit.

Course Objectives (Cf. M.Div. degree goals: 1., 2., 3., 5.)

By the end of this course students will be able:

1. To use their exegetical and hermeneutical skills as they work with the Greek text of Galatians.

2. To understand the basic content and themes of this epistle in its historical and cultural settings.

3. To foster love for God and his word.

4. To expound and proclaim effectively the biblical message of redemption.

Course Texts


Other Texts

It is assumed that students either own or have ready access to the following:


Course Schedule

Sept. 13    -   Introduction to Galatians  
Sept. 20    -   Galatians 1.1-10  
Sept. 27    -   Galatians 1.11-22  
Oct. 04    -   Galatians 2.1-10  
**Oct. 11** -   **Reading week. No class.**  
Oct. 18    -   Galatians 2.11-21  
Oct. 25    -   Galatians 3.1-14  
Nov. 01    -   Galatians 3.15-29  
Nov. 08    -   Galatians 4.1-20  
**Nov. 15** -   **Reading week. No class.**  
**Nov. 22** -   **Thanksgiving Day. No class.**  
Nov. 29    -   Galatians 4.21-5.1  
Dez. 06    -   Galatians 5.2-15  
Dez. 13    -   Galatians 5.16-26  
Dez. 20    -   Galatians 6.1-18

Course Requirements

It is required of the students:

1. To attend classes regularly.

2. To read Guthrie’s commentary on the selected passages from Galatians that are scheduled for each class. Students are expected to participate in class discussion showing acquaintance with the content of the readings.
3. To submit three written reports, as follows:
   a. October 18 – A study of Galatians 1.1-2.21 focusing on the use of prepositions that relate to Paul’s defense of his place as an apostle.
   b. November 29 – A study of Galatians 3.1-5.1 focusing on the use of expressions of time that relate to Paul’s argument of the priority of faith over the law.
   c. December 13 – A study of Galatians 5.2-6.18 focusing on Paul’s teaching about how Christians should live, as he deals with the concepts of Christian freedom and “walk by the Spirit.”

4. To submit a book review on *Gálatas: A carta da liberdade cristã*, by Hernandes Dias Lopes. Specifications: 3-4 pages in length, 1.5 spaced, Times New Roman 12. **Date: December 20.**

**Student Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated and graded on their attendance, class participation, reading and writing assignments:

- 60% - Written reports (20% each)
- 20% - Book review
- 20% - Attendance, and class participation

The grading scale is as follows: A = 95-100; B = 87-94; C = 77-86; D = 70-76; F = 69 and below.