Gordon Conwell Seminary Cooley Center for Early Christian Studies

Journeys of Paul
16 Day Turkey – Greece – Rome
May 15-30, 2016 (Land Only Cost $3,500)

*Price, schedules, housing and itinerary are subject to change without notice due to the devaluation of currencies and political uncertainties. This itinerary is based on the best possible use of time management, keeping in mind the complexities of the current political climate and opening hours of sites.

Day 1 Sun. May 15  Depart USA.

Day 2 Mon. May 16  Arrive Istanbul. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight – (Depending upon arrival time, optional afternoon excursion such as Topkopi Palace (closed Tuesday) boat ride on the Bosphorus and / or Grand Bazaar) - Eresin Topkopi Hotel

Day 3 Tue. May 17  Theme: The Byzantine Empire. Visit St. Sophia Church, Istanbul Archaeological Museum, Underground Cistern, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque. Dinner and overnight – Eresin Topkopi Hotel

Day 4 Wed. May 18  Theme: Paul's First Journey – The Issues: “Shaliach” - The reprieve under Claudius  The Morning (7:10 AM) Transfer to Ataturk Airport for 9:30 AM flight to Antalya. Explore the archaeological sites in the region including the harbor of Antalya (Attalia) and Perge, where Paul, Barnabas, and Mark visited on their first journey. Dinner and overnight – The Marmara Antalya Hotel  Tel: +90 242 2493600

Day 5 Thu. May 19  Theme: First Journey cont.: Pisidian Antioch – The Issues: Rome and the “galut” (diaspora); Jews in the “galut”; Signs of the Covenant  We continue into the mountainous regions of Galatia to visit the archaeological site of Pisidian Antioch (Yalvich) where Paul and Barnabas proclaim the Gospel to the Galatians. Dinner and overnight – Egirdir Mavigol Hotel  Tel: +90 246 3116417

Day 6 Fri. May 20  Theme: Prison Epistle (Letter to the Colossians) / The Revelation of John – The Issues: The Divine Messiah (“Son of God”) in 2nd Temple Judaism (Colossians); The Church at Laodicea (Revelation)  Morning drive through the Lycus valley to the region of Pamukale to study Paul’s letter to Colossae, Hierapolis, and Laodicea. Visits will include the archaeological sites of Colossae and Laodicea. Dinner and overnight Pamukale – Hotel Colossae  Tel: +90 258 2714156  www.colossaehotel.com

Day 7 Sat. May 21  Theme: Prison Epistle (Letter to the Colossians cont.) / The Revelation of John – The Issues: Influence of Greek culture on the “galut” in 2nd Temple Judaism (Colossians); The Church at Sardis (Revelation)  We continue with Paul’s letter to the Colossians with our visit to Hierapolis. Our drive then takes us west to visit the site of Sardis to discuss issues of the Church mentioned in the Revelation. Drive to Kushadasi (near ancient Ephesus) for dinner and overnight – Kushadasi Kismet Hotel  Tel: +90 256 6181290  www.kismet.com.tr
Day 8 Sun. May 22  
**Theme: Paul’s Third Journey / The Church of St John / Council of Ephesus – The Issues: Political / Cultural realities under Nero; The First Jewish revolt against Rome and decisions regarding Judaism after the destruction of the 2nd Temple / Decision of the Council of Ephesus.**  
Full day visit of the ancient ruins of Ephesus, burial place of the apostle John and surrounding region. Dinner and overnight – **Kushadasi Kismet Hotel**  
Tel: +90 256 6181290  
www.kismet.com.tr

Day 9 Mon. May 23  
**Theme: Paul’s Journey to Jerusalem – The Issues: Political / Cultural realities of Judaism under Nero cont.; The “God-fearers” and the worship of angels.**  
Full day visit of the ancient ruins of Miletus where Paul gave his "farewell speech" to the elders of Ephesus. Afternoon free / Greek village visit. Dinner and overnight – **Kushadasi Kismet Hotel**  
Tel: +90 256 6181290  
www.kismet.com.tr

Day 10 Tue. May 24  
Full day - Transfer to Greece - Morning boat from Kushadasi to Samaos - Afternoon flight from Samos to Athens. Airport transfer for dinner and overnight. **Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis**,  
http://divaniacropolishotel.com

Day 11 Wed. May 25  
**Theme: Paul’s Second Journey – The Issues: Greek philosophy encounters the Gospel.**  
Full day to study Paul’s ministry in Athens (Acts 18) including the Parthenon, Mars Hill, Greek and Roman Forum, and Athens National Archaeological Museum. Dinner and overnight – **Athens Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis**,  
http://divaniacropolishotel.com

Day 12 Thu. May 26  
**Theme: Paul’s Second Journey cont. – The Issues: Saints and the “hetairai” (educated cult prostitutes - sing. hetaera) / To Jerusalem and Rome**  
Full day visit to Corinth, Cenchrea and the surrounding region as we discuss Paul’s letters to the Corinthian church. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight – **Athens Hotel Divani Palace Acropolis**,  
http://divaniacropolishotel.com

Day 13 Fri. May 27  
**Theme: Paul’s Arrest – The Issues: Facing Nero**  
Full day - Morning flight from Athens to Rome. Afternoon visit to Ostia Antica, Apian Way, and Catacombs. Dinner and overnight – **Rome Hotel Columbus**,  
http://www.hotelcolumbus.net/

Day 14 Sat. May 28  
**Theme: Paul’s Death – The Issues: Facing Nero cont.**  
Full day - Vatican Museum – St Peter’s - Insula di San Paolo alla Regola (Pauls’ home in Rome) - Abbey of the Three Fountains – (the place of Paul’s martyrdom). Dinner and overnight – **Rome Hotel Columbus**,  
http://www.hotelcolumbus.net/

Day 15 Sun. May 29  
**Theme: Judea Captive – The Issues: Nero to Domition**  
Full day - Forum - Colosseum - Palentine - Circus Maximus – Mamertine Prison, Palace of Nero. Dinner and overnight – **Rome Hotel Columbus**,  
http://www.hotelcolumbus.net/

Day 16 Mon. May 30  
Return flight to the USA
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Passports and ID’s: Passports must be valid for 6 months after your airline ticket return date back to the USA. If necessary, please apply for a new passport at least 4 months prior to the scheduled departure. Also bring your driver’s license or other legal form of identification other than your passport.

Travel Insurance: www.TravelGuard.com (1-800-549-9037) or the company of your choice.

Packing Information: Please pack light and bring clothes you can wash in the sink and dry overnight. It can be cool, warm or hot in May with a chance of rain. Everyone is responsible for carrying their own luggage. Please no fancy clothes; old outdoor clothes that you can leave behind are just fine for our daily field trips. Casual dress is adequate for dinner. Also, please do not bring expensive jewelry. No shorts, low-cut or tight shirts, or short-sleeve shirts above the biceps are allowed in churches, synagogues, mosques or countryside in certain cultural areas. Bring a cushion or lightweight, portable foldup chair to sit on (as rocks get hard). Washcloths are not provided by hotels so bring your own if you want. Also bring a towel and swimsuit if you plan to swim and a pair of shoes you can get muddy and wet. We hike everyday so good lightweight, non-slippery shoes are best. Collapsible walking stick also comes in handy. Please remember your bank checkbook, credit/debit cards, Bible, flashlight, color markers (for map marking), camera, batteries, medication, prescriptions, driver’s license, flashlight, personal items, earplugs and backpack. Also, hat with full round brim, sunglasses, sunscreen, antibacterial wet wipes (or Purell) and tissues are essential. Everyone should bring their own copy of the “Field Notes” and Lecture syllabus which will be sent about 3 months prior to departure. Make a photocopy of your passport information page (including the photo page) and keep it in a different location than you passport.

Money: ATM’s are available if you have Visa or Master Card. Personal checks are also accepted in some instances so your checkbook might come in handy. Bring about $25 in one dollar bills. Bring the rest in $20’s. Travelers Checks are difficult to cash.

Rooms, Meals and Restrooms: Twin beds are used in most hotel rooms. We try to stop for restrooms every 1 ½ - 2 hours.

Electricity: Turkey, Greece and Italy use 220 Volt (USA uses 110). Please consult the web for the shape of plugs and adapters.
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Waiver of Responsibility

Enrollment in this May 15-30, 2016 “Journeys of Paul” Biblical Study Program indicates that each person: 1) Fully understands the risk and physical demands of this program and personally accepts sole responsibility; 2) Fully understands the study program may be canceled or price may change due to political, economic, or other factors beyond the control of Gordon Conwell Seminary, The Cooley Center for Early Christian Studies, Dr. Tim Laniak and Dr. James C. Martin, and /or Bible World Seminars and thereby holds these institutions and persons including all staff, and all group sponsors blameless in the event of personal injury, cancellations, changes in travel program, schedule and/or adjustments in announced fees; 3) Releases Gordon Conwell Seminary, The Cooley Center for Early Christian Studies, Dr. Tim Laniak, Dr. James C. Martin, Bible World Seminars, and all staff and group sponsors from claims of any nature incurred while on this program; 4) Agrees that in the event of war, strike, emergency or cancellation, any refund will be determined by the airline carriers and/or approved travel insurance purchased by the enrolled participant(s); 5) Fully understands that neither Gordon Conwell Seminary, The Cooley Center for Early Christian Studies, Dr. Tim Laniak, Dr. James C. Martin, Bible World Seminars, staff or group sponsors are providing any medical services or insurance for this program and that each participant will be solely responsible for the expense of any medical treatment incurred due to injury or illness; 6) Authorizes medical treatment, including hospitalization (at their own expense) if such is deemed necessary by a medical doctor and returned home for medical treatment (also at their own expense) if circumstances warrant; 7) Attest that their participation in the program has the approval of any spouse, children, parents and/or guardian and that they agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Waiver of Responsibility; 8) Releases and holds harmless Gordon Conwell Seminary, The Cooley Center for Early Christian Studies, Dr. Tim Laniak, Dr. James C. Martin, Bible World Seminars, and all staff and group sponsors including any affiliate, sponsoring person(s) or institutions involved in this program from any liability for any delays, injury or death incurred during the study program and solely assumes all rights and responsibilities for participating in this program.

Program costs include - breakfasts and dinners, entrance fees, housing, overseas land transportation, air transportation from Samos to Athens and Athens to Rome, tips, study materials and teaching fees. Not included - USA domestic and international air tickets from the USA to Turkey and returning from Rome, Turkish entrance Visa, personal items, lunches, beverages at meals (with the exception of juice, tea and coffee at breakfast), “single supplement” fee of $1,000 if required, medical insurance or additional fees due to price adjustments, delays, cancellations, emergencies or any unforeseen expense outside of this program.
The Participant is considered enrolled on a “first come - first served” basis when this Registration, Waiver of Responsibility, and Release of Liability Form is FULLY completed (with the exception of Passport information if pending), signed (including all witness and emergency contact information) and returned along with a **non-refundable** deposit of $1,000 per person to Bible World Seminars (PO Box 2687, Amarillo, TX 79105) no later than September 14, 2015. (**Deposits paid to BWS will be refunded in full should BWS cancel the program for any reason.) $500 in $100 bills will be collected upon arrival to Istanbul from each participant to cover entrance fees, tips, guide fees, and border taxes. Final payment of $2,000 is due no later than February 15, 2015.

Participant has read the Registration, Waiver of Responsibility and Release of Liability in full, understands their terms and conditions and agrees to be bound thereby. DUE TO SECURITY REGULATIONS, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY.

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Emergency Contact ___________________________Tel. __________________________
Roommate ___________________________________ Single Supplement _______________
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*** Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after scheduled return date to the USA