BST 321 Pauline and General Epistles

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the Pauline and General Epistles and the Book of Revelation.

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Recommended Textbook: The recommended textbook for this course is *Encountering the New Testament*, 3rd Edition. The authors are Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough. Hardcover, 448 pages. ©2013, Baker Publishing Group, ISBN-13: 9780801039645. A *Life Application Study Bible* is also recommended.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

- 1. Explain the form and function of the Pauline Epistles and other books of the New Testament
- 2. Identify the major content areas of each book including audience, purpose, theme and distinctive features.
- 3. Prepare a brief outline of the books being studied.
- 4. Understand the cultural, historical and political conditions in New Testament times, and know how these impact the New Testament Scriptures.
- 5. Discuss the major events and understandings that impacted the work of the early church.

Structure: This course is divided into three sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook

BST 321.2 Encountering Paul and His Epistles

First Area of Study: All Things to All People: Life and Teachings of the Apostle Paul

Second Area of Study: Romans: Right with God Third Area of Study: Corinthians and Galatians

Fourth Area of Study: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon

Fifth Area of Study: Thessalonians, Timothy, and Titus: A Legacy of Faithfulness

BST 321.3 Encountering the General Epistles and the Apocalypse

First Area of Study: Hebrews and James: Maintaining Full Commitment to Christ Second Area of Study: Peter, John, and Jude: A Call to Faith, Hope, and Love Third: Area of Study: Revelation: God Is in Control!

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the New Testament II Examination. The exam has two parts which correspond to the sections listed above.