

BIB361 Midterm Exam Study Guide

The Midterm Exam will begin promptly at 8:00 and end promptly at 9:00

For the Midterm:

Please bring your own pen or pencil. I will provide the exam paper.

The exam will also be available on Populi. Bring your laptop if you choose this option.

You may (should) bring an *unmarked* Bible. This means a Bible without your own notations and without editors notes (i.e. no study Bibles). The exam will be open Bible.

Course Material-

- 1. The Midterm will cover all of the material from the Introduction on Pauline Epistles, Galatians, and 1&2 Thessalonians.**
- 2. The Midterm may contain True/False, Multiple Choice, Matching, Fill in the blank, and Essay.** However, as an upper level class, you should expect fewer objective questions and more essay type questions.
- 3. The Midterm will concentrate mostly on the general ideas (big picture stuff) for each of the sections covered. However, there will be a few questions that delve into more detail (to separate the A's from the B's). Therefore, you should study from general to specific.**
- 4. The Midterm may include, but not be limited to the following topics:**
 - A. The nature of Epistles and how to read them.
 - B. Typical formal features of Epistles.
 - C. Three things necessary to understand Epistles.
 - D. How to deal with problem passages and cultural relativity.
 - E. The three aspects of the Gospel that Paul stresses in addressing the various issues in these epistles.
 - F. The Background, Occasion and Purpose of each of these three Epistles.
 - G. The overall arrangement and flow of thought (outline) of each of these three Epistles.
 - H. How the introduction (salutation, thanksgiving, prayer) to each book anticipates the content and argument of the book.
 - I. How key passages fit in the overall context of the argument of the books.
 - J. How the prayers and thanksgivings in each book apply the Gospel to the situations/issues of the book.
 - K. Specific major topics/sections – how they fit in the overall argument, what they teach and how they apply to modern life and ministry.
- 5. Essay Questions: The exam will contain longer essay questions. You may be asked to write in depth on one or more of the following questions.**
 - A. How does the New Testament modify the standard Jewish eschatological expectation of the day of the Lord? Describe in detail one example of how Paul brings this new eschatological understanding to bear on a particular issue for his readers. How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
 - B. What is the nature of the false teaching in Galatia and how does Paul respond to it? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
 - C. Describe how the false teachers of Galatia used Abraham to support their view and how Paul uses Abraham to correct their view. How does this apply to modern life and ministry?

- D. Why does Paul defend his ministry and apostleship in Galatians? How does that defense support the Gospel? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- E. How does Paul use the Galatians' own experience to defend the Gospel? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- F. Why does Paul go so far as to pronounce curses on his opponents in Galatia? What implications does this have for modern ministry?
- G. How does Paul's personal narrative function to defend the Gospel in Galatians? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- H. Why did Paul confront Peter in Antioch? How does Paul's address to Peter serve to defend/explain the Gospel to the Galatians? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- I. Describe what Paul is teaching in Gal. 2:20. (Hint: this description should take into account the surrounding context and its place in the argument, as well as the Gospel realities which Paul brings to bear). How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- J. How do the Scripture quotes in Gal. 3:6-14 prove Paul's point? (Describe each quote and how it functions). How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- K. According to Paul in Galatians, what is the purpose of the OT Law? How does this apply to modern believers?
- L. What three things does Paul say about circumcision in Gal. 5:1-12? How does this illustrate his larger argument in Galatians? How does this apply to modern believers?
- M. Use Galatians to respond to someone who uses the phrase "Christian freedom" to indulge in sinful behavior.
- N. Is there a contradiction when Paul says "bear one another's burdens" and "carry your own burden" in Gal. 6:1-10? In what way are both of these true? What point is Paul making in with each of these sections? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- O. Contrast "boasting in the flesh" with "boasting in the cross". How are they different? How does Paul apply this difference to the Galatians? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- P. Based on the content of I Thessalonians, describe the news from Thessalonica that Timothy brought to Paul that occasioned I Thessalonians.
- Q. From I Thessalonians, describe Paul's ministry practices. How does this apply to modern ministry?
- R. From I Thessalonians, describe the ideal revival/evangelism/church planting. How does this apply to modern ministry?
- S. Describe how Paul combats sexual sin in I Thessalonians. How does this apply to modern ministry?
- T. From I Thessalonians, what did the Thessalonians misunderstand about the parousia? How does Paul combat/correct this misunderstanding? How should modern believers apply Paul's teaching on the Parousia?
- U. Describe how Christians should react to prophecy, according to I Thessalonians. How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- V. What are the two major issues addressed in 2 Thessalonians? How does Paul address each?
- W. What does 2 Thessalonians tell us about eschatology? How is this an encouragement to the Thessalonians? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- X. What is the main point of Paul's teaching on the 'man of lawlessness' in 2 Thessalonians ch. 2? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- Y. What is the main response commanded in 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17? Why does Paul command this to the Thessalonians? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?
- Z. How do the prayers near the end of 1 and 2 Thessalonians bring the Gospel to bear on the situation of the Thessalonians? How should this impact our lives and ministries?
- AA. Describe the "unruly idle" in Thessalonica. How does Paul respond to them? How does this apply to modern life and ministry?