

BIB361 Term Application Project

The student is to choose from the topics given below or submit a theme topic from any of the five books for instructor approval. The student will research its use throughout the relevant Early Pauline epistles. The student will then write a 2500-3500 word paper which will demonstrate an understanding of Paul's teaching on the subject, but which will concentrate on the application of that theme for today.

The student will demonstrate an understanding of Paul's Gospel-centered approach to practical theology by imitating this type of approach. The student should clearly demonstrate the connection between the three following realities:

1. The Gospel of Christ Crucified (which entails the reality of God's nature and character, the death and resurrection of Christ, and the resulting eschatological reality [and our place in history and our opportunity as a result])
2. The actual teaching of the Early Pauline epistles that addresses the chosen topic
3. The situation where it will be applied (this could be a hypothetical and/or actual situation, but should be realistic to contemporary life).

The organization of the paper is up to the student's discretion. For instance, you may frame the discussion as a narrative/conversation reenacting a situation and how the Gospel is applied; you may discuss the teaching of the Early Pauline epistles and then talk about the application of that teaching, etc.

This is NOT a research paper. Your primary resource should be the Early Pauline epistles. You may, however, use any secondary resources, with appropriate citation.

Topics may include:

1. (Using Gal., 1 Cor., and 2 Thes.) How can we avoid both Legalism and License?
2. (Using 1 Cor., Gal., and 1 Thes.) How can we overcome habitual sin?
3. (Using 1 Cor. and Gal.) How can we choose whether to participate in moral/cultural grey areas (e.g. drinking alcohol with dinner, dancing in clubs, etc.)?
4. (Using 1 Cor., 1 Thes., and 2 Thes.) How does/should knowing the eschatological future change our present priorities/worldview/actions?
5. (Using 1 Cor., 2 Cor., and 1 Thes.) What are the characteristics of faithful Gospel ministry and how should that look in our present culture?
6. (Using 2 Cor., Gal., and 2 Thes.) How can we recognize and how should we combat false ministry?
7. (Using Gal. and 1 Cor.) How is the Old Testament related to the New Testament and what difference does it make for Christian life and ministry today?

The term project should be in standard MLA format.