



**Nipawin Bible College**  
**BI2123: Corinthians (4<sup>th</sup> Year)**  
**Fall 2022**  
**3 Credits**  
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## ***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

This course is a detailed study of Paul's letters to the Church in Corinth, with attention given to the background, church problems, major themes, and practical application of these books. Student's will be challenged from these letters to examine every area of life through the lens of the gospel.

## ***COURSE TEXTBOOKS***

The Bible (A translation of your choosing, *not a paraphrase*).

Yarbrough, Robert W., et al. *ESV Expository Commentary: Romans - Galatians* (Vol. 10). Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2020.

## ***COURSE OBJECTIVES***

By the end of the course students will...

1. Treasure God's word to them in 1 & 2 Corinthians for the Christian life, worldview, and ministry in the local church and world.
2. Have a general understanding of the narrative and of the cultural and situational context of 1 & 2 Corinthians.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with an outline and the content of 1 & 2 Corinthians.
4. Identify and explain key texts in 1 & 2 Corinthians.
5. Discuss and apply the biblical truth of these letters to ministry and the Christian Life.

## ***COURSE ASSIGNMENTS***

### **Scripture & Commentary Reading - 10%**

- Students will be required to read the assigned pages in the text.
- Students will also read the same Scripture passages from 1 and 2 Corinthians in two other translations besides the ESV version of the text.
- A reading declaration will be filled out on each day the Scripture reading is due.
- This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objectives 1-3.

***DUE: See the Course Schedule***

## **Textbook Quizzes - 30%**

- Beginning on October 6, at the beginning of each class day, there will be a quiz that covers material from the textbook reading due for that day (9 quizzes total).
- Each quiz will have three or four short-answer questions related to the Scripture reading and the content and outline from the textbook.
- Quizzes will equip students to meet Course Objective 2-3.

## **1 Corinthians Term Paper - 20%**

- Write an 8 page term paper on one of the two options below:
  1. You are a member of the Corinthian church's search committee looking for a new pastor. A potential candidate has asked for a report of key problems the church has faced and how they have been addressed. Pick one issue from 1 Corinthians, describe the problem, and explain how the apostle Paul has advised you to solve it. You will need to give some context to the issue before you address it.
  2. From your reading of 1 Corinthians, describe the place of spiritual gifts in the church. What are they? How does a person know what their gift(s) is? How do you see them being used in the day to day ministry of the church? How would you help people know and exercise the gift God has given them? If you understand your gifting, how have you used it to serve the body of Christ?
- In addition to the Bible, students must have at least 6 sources in their bibliography.
- This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objectives 2-4.

***DUE: November 3, 2022***

## **2 Corinthians Term Paper - 20%**

- Write an 8 page term paper on one of the options below:
  1. Paul's perspective on suffering in ministry.
  2. What is the role of the Church in caring for its members?
  3. How does Paul define the mission of the Church?
  4. The role of emotions in Paul's ministry to the Corinthians.
- If approved by the instructor, students may choose another topic or a specific passage from 2 Corinthians.
- In addition to the Bible, students must have at least 6 sources in their bibliography.

- This assignment will be submitted as an 8 page term paper AND given as a presentation in class OR preached as a sermon.
- This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objectives 2-4.

***DUE: December 1, 2022***

**Exam - 20%**

- The exam will cover in-class material and the textbook.
- The Exam measure how well the student meets Course Objectives 1-4.

***DUE: Exam Week***

NOTE: All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the guidelines in Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th ed. (Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press, 2018) for papers. **(See NBC Sample Paper - 2022.)** Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling.

Assignments will be due **at the beginning of the class period** on the day that they are assigned.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2023

**LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:**

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2022-2022

**Reading: 400 pages**

**Writing: 16 pages**

## **COURSE LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SESSION TOPIC</b>	<b>BIBLE &amp; TEXTBOOK READING DUE</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT DUE</b>
Sept. 22	Introduction to Corinthians.		
Oct. 6	1 Corinthians 1-4: Paul's message of the Cross Reading 1 Corinthians with the help of the Spirit.	1 Corinthians 1-4 & Pages 211-252	Quiz 1
Oct. 13	1 Corinthians 5-7: Why does sex matter so much to Paul?	1 Corinthians 5-7, & Pages 252-289	Quiz 2
Oct. 20	1 Corinthians 8-11: The challenge of economic self-interest & practicing the Lord's Supper.	1 Corinthians 8-11, & Pages 290-328	Quiz 3
Oct. 27	1 Corinthians 12-14: The Spirit in Christian worship & service.	1 Corinthians 12-14, & Pages 329-366	Quiz 4
Nov. 3	1 Corinthians 15-16: The promise of the Resurrection. Closing plans, instructions, and greetings.	1 Corinthians 15-16, & Pages 366-393	Quiz 5 <b>1 Corinthians paper due</b>
	Reading Break		
Nov. 17	2 Corinthians 1-7: Introduction & Paradoxes of 2 Corinthians Paradox #1 - Low/Exalted, part 1	2 Corinthians 1-3:6, & Pages 408-440	Quiz 6
Nov. 24	2 Corinthians 1-7: Paradox #1 - Low/Exalted, part 2	2 Corinthians 3:7-7, & Pages 441-499	Quiz 7
Dec. 1	2 Corinthians 8-9: Paradox #2 - Poverty/Generosity	2 Corinthians 8-9, & Pages 500-520	Quiz 8 <b>2 Corinthians paper due</b>
Dec. 8	2 Corinthians 10-13: Paradox #3 - Weakness/Strength Conclusion	2 Corinthians 10-13, & Pages 520-565	Quiz 9
Dec. 14-16 (Exam Week)	Exam		Exam

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