



Nipawin Bible College
BI1122 Acts and Pauline Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, 1–2 Thessalonians) – Deacon’s Track
Winter 2024
2 Credit Hours
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course helps students to appreciate the profound importance of the book of Acts and the letters of the Apostle Paul. Students will also be equipped to know, interpret, and apply Acts and Paul’s letters to the Christian life and the life of the church.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

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

Multiple Book of the Bible overview videos done by the “the Bible Project” & “Fast-Facts”.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course the student should be able to...

1. Identify the historical events unfolding in Acts, and describe their significance for today;
2. Appreciate the value of Acts and the Pauline Epistles for the life of the Church today and for themselves as a Christian;
3. Reproduce the outline and summarize the content of the 1–2 Thessalonians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon;
4. Properly interpret New Testament narrative and epistles, and be able to follow the process of observation to application with/without assistance.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Bible Overview Response Quizzes - 40%

- Students are to watch the assigned video before class (see Course Schedule).
- Then they are to make a video or audio recording containing three points: one point explaining what the video is about and two points about what they learned from the video(s).
- The video/audio is to be at least 3 minutes long and no longer than 5 minutes long.
- Note: Colossians & Philemon will be a two-quizz week.
- *Quizzes will equip students to meet Course Objective 2-3.*

DUE: See Course Schedule

Scripture Reading - 10%

- The students must read the entire book of Acts once by the beginning of class on January 22nd and once by the beginning of class on February 5th. A reading declaration will be signed by the student each of these two dates.
- Students will also be required to read the Pauline Epistles **twice** (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, 1–2 Thessalonians). A reading declaration will be filled out on each day scripture reading is due.
- *This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objectives 1-3.*

DUE: See Course Schedule

Scripture Questions & Observation List - 20%

- When the student is reading through the book of Acts, the student is to develop a list of 30 questions that arise from the text & 30 observations from the text.
- This document is to be in bullet point form.
- Each bullet should include: the Bible verse or passage reference, then the question or observation from that reference.
- The questions should be under the heading “Questions from the Text” and observations under the heading “Observations from the text.”
- *This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objective 1.*

DUE: See Course Schedule

Epistle Passage Analysis - 30%

- The student will write **two one-page analyses** done in bullet point form on the selected passage given by the instructor.
- The analysis will have a set of exploratory questions (which the instructor will give before the due date) that will help the student break down the passage to further discover Paul’s writing on doctrine or ethics or both.
- *This assignment will equip students to meet Course Objectives 2-4.*
- The student needs to choose **two passages** from the following list by Feb. 26th, then the instructor will provide the questions:
 - 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 - 2 Thess. 3:6-15
 - Ephesians 1:1-14
 - Philippians 2:1-11
 - Colossians 1:15-23

DUE: See Course Schedule

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

ATTENDANCE POLICY/LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2023-2024.

Reading: Overview videos + Bible reading.
Writing: 3-4 pages.

COURSE LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Date	Session Topic	Video to watch Due	Assignment Due
Jan. 15	Syllabus Overview/ Background on the Book of Acts		
Jan. 22	Storyline & Key Characters in book of Acts	"Acts 1-7"(TBP)	1st Reading of Acts Quiz 1
Jan. 29	Characters & Conflict in the book of Acts	"Acts 8-12"/Acts Part 1"	Quiz 2
Feb. 5	Main Themes/Reading & Applying Acts today	"Acts 13-20"/Acts Part 2"	2nd Reading of Acts Quiz 3
Feb. 12	Paul's Missionary Journeys Presentations & Reading and Applying Acts today	"Acts 21-28"	Scripture questions and observation list DUE Quiz 4
	Reading Break		
Feb. 26	1 Thessalonians: Living in light of the end	"1 Thessalonians" (TBP)	Read 1 Thessalonians x2 Quiz 5 Epistle Passage selections
Mar. 4	2 Thessalonians: Living in light of the end	"1&2 Thessalonians" (FF)	Read 2 Thessalonians x2 Quiz 6
Mar. 11	Study Day		
Mar. 18	Colossians & Philemon: Christ in you, the hope of glory	"Philippians" (TBP/FF)	Read Philippians x2 Quiz 7 Epistle Passage Analysis - Paper 1 Due
Mar. 25	Philippians: Fellowship as citizens of heaven	"Philemon" (BPT/FF) "Colossians" (BPT/FF)	Read Colossians & Philemon x2 Quiz 8 Quiz 9
Apr. 1	Ephesians: All things united in Him	"Ephesians" (BPT/FF)	Read Ephesians x2 Quiz 10 Epistle Passage Analysis - Paper 2 Due
Apr. 9-11	Final Exam		

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