

Pastoral Epistles

1-2 Timothy & Titus

This class surveys Paul's last three letters. These letters were written to encourage Timothy and Titus to faithfully maintain their ministries and to prepare them for life after Paul's death. This class discusses the issues surrounding the requirements necessary for pastors and deacons; women in ministry; and the responsibilities of Christians and the Church today.

Assignment:

Students will complete **one** of the assignments listed below.

1. Read and study an approved commentary on either 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, or Titus. Upon completion of the commentary write a 2 page paper in which you discuss the main insights that you have gained in your study of this NT book
 - Approved commentary series include:
 - New International Commentary on the NT*
 - New International Greek Testament Commentary*
 - New International Version Application Commentary*
 - Pillar New Testament Commentary*
 - Baker Exegetical Commentary*
2. Or, do research on one of the following issues (note: you may request to do a different issue. Please discuss with me personally sometime before the third week of class): I have included some recommended resources for each topic. If you use other resources please let me know. Upon completion of this research write a 3-5 page paper in which you discuss the main points of the debate and the principle arguments for them.
 - Women in ministry/church
 - Pastors, Elders, and Deacons: (e.g., differing views among Protestants; or the differences between Protestant and Catholics/Orthodox; or the biblical requirements for such)
 - Recommended resource: *Who Runs the Church?: 4 Views on Church Government*: (part of the 'Counterpoints' series by Zondervan)
 - *Sola Scriptura*: The Protestant view of the authority of the Bible
 - Protestantism, Catholicism, and Orthodoxy (in an overview: contrast the main differences between two or all three of these groups)
 - Recommended resource: *Three Views on Eastern Orthodoxy and Evangelicalism* (part of the 'Counterpoints' series by Zondervan).

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