

## ZMTI 104 Paul's Letters

**At the end of this course, students will be able to:**

- Explain how Paul's background helped shape his writings and theology.
- Grasp the distinctives of Pauline theology and doctrine.
- Articulate the context and history of the Pauline epistles.

Text for the course, *Apostle of the Last Days: The Life, Letters, and Theology of Paul* by C. Marvin Pate

### Course Requirements:

- Attendance. Participants must have 80% attendance to receive a passing grade.
- Assigned Reading
- Class Discussions
- Participants will write a paper on one of the Pauline Epistles. The paper should include the following information: Discussion on the recipient(s) of the letter, issue(s) dealt with by the letter, main themes, and application to the life of the participant. The paper should be 3-5 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font with title page. Due week 7 of class. **(Remember that plagiarizing is cheating.)**

### Class Schedule:

Week 1- Intro of Syllabus, life, and background of Paul and his theology (Ch. 1 & 12 in Pate text).

Week 2- Galatians

Week 3- 1 and 2 Thessalonians

Week 4- 1 and 2 Corinthians

Week 5- Romans

Week 6- Philippians and Colossians

Week 7- Ephesians and Philemon **(Paper Due)**.

Week 8- The Pastoral Epistles (1 and 2 Timothy, Titus).

### Grades will be based on the following:

Assigned Reading 25%

Class Discussions 25%

Pauline Paper 50%

Total 100%

**Additional Resources (Not Required):** Capes, David, Rodney Reeves, and E. Randolph Richards. *Rediscovering Paul: An Introduction to His World, Letters and Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2007. Richards, E. Randolph. *Paul and First-Century Letter Writing*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004.