PTH 201/601 HERMENEUTICS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this course is to instruct students how to use the Grammatico-Historical method of interpretation of Scripture. Attention will be given to the application of sound exegetic principles on the various genres of literature found in the Scriptures. Students will use those principles as part of the course work.

**LECTURES and MENTOR HOURS**

Howard Sloan – Lectures on Revelation, Bibliology 10 hours

New Testament Manuscripts video 12 min.

<https://youtu.be/y4SKSsme3WQ?si=37ukQZdocxmgMjP5>

Video on Textus Receptus 1 hour

<https://youtu.be/sbKmI023Yhk?si=GYJSc0czUEnpmqlw>

Videos on Majority Text 1.5 hours

<https://youtu.be/g8bbzHADJm0?si=a9NFcxyxH9AXZ6AZ>

<https://youtu.be/5kT7WUqgnRA?si=aqU7rsDviXGRCru7>

Videos on Critical Text/Reasoned Eclectisicm 1.5 hour

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/learn/institute/nt605-textual-criticism/nt605-26-reasoned-eclecticism-part-1>

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/learn/institute/nt605-textual-criticism/nt605-27-reasoned-eclecticism-part-2>

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/learn/institute/nt605-textual-criticism/nt605-28-reasoned-eclecticism-part-3>

Lectures on Genre Bases Hermeneutics – Howard Sloan 16.5 hours

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCqtX2kH8gr7KLuZS1CgwkAudcPnq2sBd&si=-DLUCoz33RuF1flI>

Mentor Hours 4 hours

**TEXT BOOKS**

Bavinck, Herman. The Doctrine of Inspiration. (201 pages)

<https://www.monergism.com/doctrine-revelation-ebook-0>

Principles of Biblical Interpretation by Louis Berkhof (166 pages)

Sloan, Howard. Hermeneutics Genre by Genre. Page length to be determined.

(Stein, Robert. A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible. May be substituted if necessary)

Murray, David. Jesus on Every Page. (254 pages)

Understanding Bible Genres Workbook. (free pdf download)

ARTICLE

<https://www.bereanpatriot.com/majority-text-vs-critical-text-vs-textus-receptus-textual-criticism-101/>

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ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

1. Completion of the Understanding Bible Genres Workbook assignments.
2. Five page paper answering the following questions. What is your preferred translation of the Bible? What factors go into making it your preferred translation? How did the section on text and translation affect your views on your preferred translation?
3. One page devotional on an approved passage.
4. Two exegetic papers (5-7 pages) on approved passages.
5. Exam on Revelation and Bibliology
6. Exam on Manuscripts, and Translation
7. Exam on the Basic Rules of Interpretation

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Workbook 10%

Translation Paper 20%

Devotional 10%

Exegetical Papers 40% (20% & 20%)

Bibliology Exam 10%

Manuscripts Exam 10%

Rules Exam 10%