

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# Romans - Ephesians: The Letter to the Roman Church & Letters from a Roman Prison

Course Lecturer: Craig Blomberg, PhD

### Course Description

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Rome was the capital of the world. Although Paul hadn't yet visited there when he wrote his epistle to the Christians at Rome, he wanted to make certain they were clear on what the Gospel really was. In the Roman epistle, we have Paul's great theological statement on God's salvation. Later, Paul was imprisoned in Rome while waiting for his trial before Caesar. While there, he wrote four letters. In this course, *Romans - Ephesians: The Letter to the Roman Church & Letters from a Roman Prison*, we study the letters Paul wrote both to and from Rome.

### Course Objectives

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- To introduce you to survey information related to the New Testament
- To help develop critical and practical aptitudes in understanding the Bible
- To provide scholarly information that will foster a better understanding of the historical and biblical context of the New Testament

### Course Lecturer

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*Craig L. Blomberg, PhD*

**Education:**

- University of Aberdeen in Scotland, PhD
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, MA
- Augustana College, BA

**Teaching Career:**

- Distinguished Professor of New Testament, specializing in New Testament Studies, Denver Seminary
- Senior Research Fellow, Tyndale House in Cambridge, England
- Professor, Palm Beach Atlantic College

- Visiting professor, St. Petersburg Christian University, Russia; ACTS in Canada; the Seminario Teológico Centroamericano in Guatemala; the Irish Bible Institute in Ireland and at the Wiedenest Bibelschule in Germany
- Special guest lecturer or visiting professor at numerous universities in Australia and New Zealand

### **Other Career Highlights:**

- Ordained Baptist minister, teaching, preaching, and speaking at a variety of churches and educational institutions both at home and abroad
- Helped train church leaders through conferences across the Pacific Rim
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Active member and regular contributor to the Evangelical Theological Society

### **Publications:**

- Articles in several periodicals, including *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, *Trinity Journal*, *The Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, and *Themelios*
- Author or editor of several books, including *Interpreting the Parables*, *The Historical Reliability of the Gospels*, *Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey*, *Making Sense of the New Testament*, and *From Pentecost to Patmos*

## Course Methods

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Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**  
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**  
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

## Course Requirements

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To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
  - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
  - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
  - **Reading:** Suggested readings that will supplement your learning.

- **Lectures:** 20-30 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
  - **Glossary:** Key terms that will help you understand the lesson material.
2. Responding to the discussion questions for each lesson.
  3. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.  
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.