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**TITLE:** Pauline Exegetes and Protestant Theologians

**TERM:** Spring 2018-2019

**PROFESSOR:** Edwin Chr. van Driel

**CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: 18  
# AUDITORS: 5

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Contemporary exegetes offer a “new perspective” on or an “apocalyptic interpretation” of Paul, arguing for a correction on traditional Protestant understandings of Pauline themes like divine righteousness, justification, and faith. The aim of this course is to tease out the theological consequences of these exegetical proposals. Could these new readings of the apostle, rather than threatening the Protestant tradition, actually enrich our theological thinking?

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

1. To be able to articulate the major exegetical and theological issues at stake in traditional Protestant and contemporary readings of Paul.
2. To demonstrate an awareness of how different exegetical proposals are embedded in different understandings of the overall narrative of Scripture.
3. To be able to evaluate how contemporary readings of Paul may enrich a coherent expression of Christian belief.

**PREREQUISITES:**

CH110 and CH210 (or their equivalent) required; NT120 (or its equivalent) required; TH210 or TH220 (or one of their equivalents) required; both preferred.

**READING ASSIGNMENTS/BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Students will read a variety of texts on divine righteousness and justification, the nature of faith, *pistis Christou* (the faith of/in Christ), Paul’s ecclesiology, the relationship between the covenant with Israel and the revelation in Jesus Christ, and the missional implications of Paul’s writing, by scholars such as James D.G. Dunn, Richard B. Hays, N.T. Wright, L. Louis Martyn, Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Douglas A. Campbell, John M.G. Barclay, and Michael J. Gorman, and compare these to exegetical and theological texts from the Protestant Reformers. Literature will be made available as an electronic course package.

**ASSIGNMENTS 7 GRADING:**

Students will be able to choose between a research assignment or an assignment translating the findings of the course for the work of ministry.

**ATTENDANCE:** Required