Lesson 8- Special Emphasis: Paul’s Missional Hermeneutic

Key Words:

- Pauline Theology
- Second Temple Judaism
- New Perspective on Paul
- Covenant
- Law
- Hellenism
- Roman culture
- Patronage System
- Coherence
- Contingency

Lecture Outline:

I. Paul’s unique style
   1. Paul’s personality

   2. Real things on the ground

II. Framework
   1. The rule of faith

   2. Paul’s purpose

   3. Language

   4. Implications for the audience
III. Worldview

1. Second Temple Judaism

   a. New Perspective on Paul

   b. Election

   c. Covenant and the Law

   d. The Story Line

2. Hellenistic language and culture

3. Rome’s power and patronage

   a. Imperial Cult

   b. Military violence
c. Economic system

III. The gospel core

IV. The gospel message

V. Missional Hermeneutics
   1. Gospel Coherence
   2. Local Contingencies
   3. Specific Ecclesial Consequences
Questions for Consideration:

1. What are the distinct features of Paul’s letters?

2. What are the worldviews present in the 1st Century Palestine? How does Paul’s gospel speak to those worldviews? How does Paul’s gospel speak to your worldview?

3. What is the core of Paul’s gospel? How does that relate to the church today?

4. What does Paul understand by the Mission of God? What do you understand by the Mission of God?