Study Questions Week 4-2

Assignment 4-2 for BI5532 NTHLT

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1. Why is Paul’s authorship of Romans so certain among scholars?

Pauls authorship is so certain because of the internal evidence within Romans including the language, style and theology of the book. All ancient sources that mention the author of Romans identify him as the apostle Paul.

1. Why are Paul’s travel plans so important in dating the book of Romans?

They help us pin point the time in which he most likely wrote this book by correlating with events in Acts. We also see that his second missionary journey to Corinth plays a key role in dating the book, which establishes dates through the Delphi Inscription, and the probable date of Paul’s arrest.

1. Why did Paul write Romans?

He wrote Romans for several reasons which include the fulfilling of his priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel and making sure it was clear, second he wanted to address problems faced by the Roman church, third to formally introduce himself to the Roman churches and solicit their support.

1. On what major divisions of Romans do most scholars agree?

They mostly agree on the major divisions being chapters 1-8 and 9-16.

1. When Paul says in Romans 3:23 that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” whom does he have in mind when referring to “all”?

Paul has all humans in mind when referring to all, both Gentile and Jew.

1. How are individuals viewed as righteous by God in Romans?

God views individuals as righteous only through the power of Jesus’s sacrificial and substitutionary death.

1. Why are the Corinthians letters especially practical for the modern church?

The Corinthian letters are practical for modern readers because Paul discusses issues that the church faces to this day including spiritual gifts, dependence on God and many others.

1. How many letters did Paul write to the Corinthian church?

Paul wrote at least 4 letters to the Corinthian Church.

1. From where did Paul receive information about the church’s condition?

He received information about the church from two sources. The first source was members of Chloe’s people and the second source was from official delegates from the church Stephanus, Fortunatus, and Achaicus. He also received information from Titus, which influenced some of 2 Corinthians.

1. What is the dual purpose of 1 Corinthians, and what is the main purpose of 2 Corinthians?

The dual purpose of 1 Corinthians was to respond to oral reports he had received from those associated with Chloe and to answer questions the Corinthians raised to him in a letter they sent him. 2 Corinthians main purpose was to defend Paul’s apostolic authority, to explain the nature of the new covenant, to encourage sacrificial giving to the relief offering and the challenge the claims of false apostles.

1. What will be the nature of the believers’ resurrection body?

The nature of the resurrected body will be incorruptible, glorious, powerful and perfectly adapted for life controlled by the Spirit.

1. What is the relationship between the new and old covenants in 2 Corinthians?

The relationship between the old and the new within 2 Corinthians is to use the old to highlight the supremacy of the new covenant.