

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2008**  
Instructor: Dr. Rodrigo Morales  
Course #: Theo 103  
Section: 1006  
Course Title: New Testament: Selected Books  
Course Sub-Title: The Pauline Letters

#### Description:

The writings of the apostle Paul were among the most influential in the development of early Christianity and the history of western civilization and continue to inspire (and perplex) contemporary believers; they also remain the subject of much theological and historical controversy. This course will provide an overview of the thirteen letters attributed to Paul in the New Testament. We will begin by exploring the Greco-Roman and Jewish contexts of Paul's ministry and writing, proceed to consider each epistle in its historical, literary and theological dimensions, and finally consider the broader themes of Paul's gospel, spirituality and theology.

#### Required texts:

- Any scholarly translation of the Bible (e.g. RSV, NRSV, NAB), preferably including the Deuterocanonical books
- Michael J. Gorman, *Apostle of the Crucified Lord*
- William Strunk, Jr. and E.B. White, *The Elements of Style (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*