

壹. Course description and purposes

- (一) The course has two purposes
 1. First: Distinguish between two types of rhetoric – Political rhetoric and reasonable argumentation.
 2. Second: Close Examination of
 - (1) N.T. Wright’s “What Saint Paul really said” as it relates to Paul’s doctrine of Just. By Faith.
 - (2) A number of short articles by Cranfield that are related to Justification by Faith
- (二) Theses of the Course
 1. The persuasive force of Wright’s defense of a New Perspective understanding of Paul’s “Justification by Faith” is based entirely on political rhetoric.
 2. The persuasive force of Cranfield’s refutation of the new Perspective understanding of Paul’s doctrine of Justification by faith is based on reasonable argumentation.
- (三) Value of the course
 1. A course in informal logic or how to read theological texts.
 2. A refutation of the New Perspective on Paul.

貳. Course Textbook

- (一) Required Text books
 1. "What Saint Paul really said" – it is best to have both the Chinese and the English.
 2. Cranfield, “On Romans” and his commentary on Romans. (We will only be looking at a few passages in these books, and so students can share these.)
- (二) Optional books – See lecture one.

參. Requirements

- (一) A final exam -- covering Wright's WSPRS in detail, and the exegesis of key passages in Paul. (50%)
- (二) A final project -- A very good paper summarizing one of the fine points we discussed (you can use my lecture) or critiquing one of the chapters. The aim will be to write a publishable paper. (50%)
- (三) The standard 66 hours of class work.

肆. Course Outline / Lectures (Tentative)

- (一) Lecture one
 1. Introduction
 2. Political Rhetoric vs. Reasonable argumentation
 3. History of the New Perspective
- (二) Lecture two - Rom 3:19-31 – Old and New Perspectives
- (三) Lecture three-four: A short course on Reasonable Argumentation. (Examination of 3 Cranfield articles on Reasonable Argumentation.)
- (四) Lecture five-nine: A longer course on Political Rhetoric
 1. A close examination of the rhetoric of WSPRS – chapter by chapter –
 2. A close examination of evidences for and against the orthodox view of Justification by Faith.
- (五) Lecture 10-11: Initial paper presentations