

BS760 1 Corinthians

Instructor	Dr. Michael J. Gorman
Schedule	Thursday, 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Description	A careful historical/social, literary/rhetorical, and theological analysis of Paul's first canonical letter to the Corinthians as a letter that addresses both the ancient and the modern church, with special attention to such topics as Christ crucified as divine power and wisdom, counter-imperial existence, church unity, social status and social justice, holiness and sexual ethics, freedom and responsibility, love, worship, spiritual gifts, and the resurrection of the dead. <i>Note: depending on enrollment preferences, this course may be online only.</i>
Requirements	Reading: secondary reading will include two commentaries (one in common, one selected by the student), a small monograph, and the instructor's own commentary-in-progress, totaling about 900–1,000 pages.
	Writing: one one-page paper, one 4-page book review (1,400 words), and one 12-page paper (4,000 words), for a total of about 17 pages
	Other Assignments: weekly manuscript analysis of the text of 1 Corinthians (marking up the text of the letter)

Required Texts (two assigned, one chosen by the student)

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
David I. Starling, <i>UnCorinthian Leadership: Thematic Reflections on 1 Corinthians</i> (Cascade, 2014)	978-1620327920	\$14.71	all (108)
Robert Scott Nash, <i>1 Corinthians</i> (Smyth & Helwys, 2009)	978-1573120821 (cl.)	\$40.50	all (450)
ONE of the following additional commentaries, depending on your interests:			
Richard B. Hays, <i>First Corinthians</i> (Interpretation; Westminster/John Knox, 1997) <i>This is a classic, with great theological insights for teaching and preaching. Hays is an American Methodist.</i>	978-0664234409 (pb) 978-0804231442 (cl.)	\$20.59 \$24.49	all (296)
Anthony C. Thiselton, <i>1 Corinthians: A Shorter Exegetical and Pastoral Commentary</i> (Eerdmans, 2006) <i>This is another classic, also with great theological insights for teaching and preaching. Thiselton is a British Anglican.</i>	978-0802840363 (pb.) 978-0802826824 (cl.)	\$28.00 \$36.54	all (300)

George T. Montague, SM, <i>First Corinthians</i> (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture; Baker Academic, 2011) <i>In addition to illuminating the text in its context, Montague, an American Catholic priest, makes connections to Catholic tradition, liturgy, etc.</i>	978-0801036323	\$23.00	all (297)
Alex R. G. Deasley, <i>1 Corinthians: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition</i> (New Beacon Bible Commentary; Beacon Hill Press, 2021) <i>Deasley is British by birth but taught mostly in the U.S. His commentary from the Nazarene tradition includes fine theological insights.</i>	978-0834139404	\$24.05	all (255)
PHEME PERKINS, <i>First Corinthians</i> (Paideia Commentaries on the NT; Baker Academic, 2012) <i>Perkins focuses on the social context of the letter with great insight, as well as some theological reflection. She is an American Catholic.</i>	978-0801033902	\$22.30	all (206)
B. J. Oropeza, <i>1 Corinthians</i> (New Covenant Commentary Series; Cascade, 2017) <i>Oropeza focuses on the social context and the rhetoric of the letter, with some theological reflection. He is in the Free Methodist tradition in the U.S.</i>	978-1610971041	\$27.95	all (236)
Andrew B. Spurgeon, <i>1 Corinthians: An Exegetical and Contextual Commentary</i> (India Commentary on the New Testament; Fortress, 2017) <i>Spurgeon has taught for decades in East Asia and brings a global and Indian evangelical perspective to bear on the letter.</i>	978-1506437989	\$24.99	all (192)