
Three Rivers Fellowship

The Pauline Bootcamp

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Whether an ancient Roman Soldier or a trainee for modern teir-1 operations the Pauline Bootcamp is the place where the professing Christian ought to start!

Purpose

The purpose of the Pauline bootcamp is to provide an overview of the Gospel given to Paul by the post-ascended Christ (Acts 9). It is the Gospel which was hidden from before the foundation of world, and not revealed to the cosmos until Paul. It is the great-Mystery Gospel (Eph 5) where Jews and Gentiles are equally saved into a joint Body, non-ethnic in nature, eternally saved to a position in the third Heaven, seated upon the Father's throne, and jointly ruling the entire created order with Christ in His glorified-Humanity.

Origin of the Pauline Bootcamp

The Pauline Bootcamp was the brainchild of the Eldership of Trinity Grace Fellowship (TGF) back in 1994. The Bootcamp was originally designed to lay out a detailed summary of Paul's Gospel and place saints in a position to better understand who they are as members of the Body of Christ. It was originally designed for an audience already familiar with the distinctiveness of Paul's Gospel, but who wanted to have a more systematic presentation of it. The Pauline Bootcamp was designed with these ideas in mind and was ready for prime-time in 1995. The reception was immediate and spectacular. The audience appreciated the level of depth and the classification around which the Bootcamp was designed.

The main authors of the original Bootcamp were Stephen Rodabaugh and Robert Walsh, both teaching-elders at TGF.

This current update by Three Rivers Fellowship is based on an audience who may not be as familiar with Paul's gospel as was the original audience. As such, some outlines have been modified to better fit an audience not familiar with Paul's Gospel. In this way, the Elders' idea is to provide the necessary "Arithmetic" before mastering "Algebra". 😊

The Pauline Bootcamp is classified into four (4) main areas, each of which comprises three (3) specific modules. What is not included are the various Dispensational / Theological matters that come about by Paul's Gospel. Chronological elements within the book of Acts and the relationship between the Body of Christ and Israel's Kingdom are not covered. These elements are covered in detail elsewhere.

Later, two additional "bonus" outlines were added on the topics of Justification (Stephen Rodabaugh) and Apologetics (James Hilston). These sessions are not yet included.

Most of the modules have been updated or reformatted for this forum.

OUTLINE OF THE PAULINE BOOTCAMP

(I) INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

1. The Necessity of Paul's Gospel
2. The Mystery of Paul's Gospel
3. The Place of Paul's Gospel in God's Electing Decrees

(II) THE ECCLESIOLOGY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

4. The Pauline Apostleship
5. Pauline Local Church Polity I (*Its Infrastructure and Officers*)
6. Pauline Local Church Polity II (*Conduct of the Ministry*)

(III) THE ESCHATOLOGY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

7. The Hope of the Body of Christ I (*The Body's Eternal Position*)
8. The Hope of the Body of Christ II (*The Rapture Battle*)
9. The Hope of Body of Christ III (*The Judgment Seat of Christ*)

(IV) PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

10. The Work of Mastering Paul's Gospel (*The Role of Epi-Gnosis*)
11. The Work of Proclaiming Paul's Gospel (*Pauline Witnessing to an Evangelical / Fundamentalist World*)
12. The Work of Honoring Paul's Gospel (Holidays, Rituals, and Symbols)

(V) Bonus Topics

13. Pauline Apologetics
14. The Doctrine of Justification and "Pauline Law"

As Paul by inspiration says of himself,
"Follow me, as I follow Christ".

