

Bi 203 – Acts Fall, 2015

Exegetical Research Paper

October 15, 2015

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Assignment Due

December 03, 2015

The Exegetical Research Paper (ERP) is a requirement for Credit students but Audit students may participate and submit a paper for grading as an ERP.

Credit students have an option with the ERP. They may earn a half letter grade on their final course grade if in addition to writing the ERP, they do one of the following:

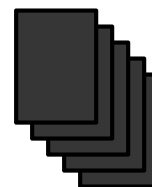
- *Prepare and present a 10-15 minute oral presentation of their ERP for the Dec. 3rd class day*
- *Or prepare an alternate option based on their ERP that is pre-approved by the instructor.*

The ERP is to be a study of 5 of the evangelical sermons in the book of Acts. Those sermons being studied are to be:

Acts 2:14-41
Acts 7:1-53
Acts 10:34-43
Acts 13:16-41
Acts 17:22-31

This study is to include these major components:

1. A one page (1) study for each sermon focusing on: (5 pages total)
 - a. The speaker - Who was the speaker? What do we know about him? Was he Jew or Gentile; educated, or common; was he under duress or free?
 - b. The audience - Who was the audience? Where were they? Were they interested or antagonistic?
 - c. The context of the sermon - If not covered in "a" or "b" what was the situation of this sermon?
 - d. Form and structure and purpose of the sermon including an outline of it.



~ 5 Pages

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2. A three to four page (3-4) contrast and comparison of the sermons focusing on:


- a. Sermons addressed to similar audiences –
 - i. ie, compare sermons to the Jews with each other from different authors
 - ii. ie, compare sermons to the gentiles with each other from different authors
- b. Sermons addressed to dissimilar audiences –
 - i. ie, compare sermons to Jews with sermons to Gentiles from the same author.
 - ii. ie, compare sermons to Jews with sermons to Gentiles from different authors

3. A one page (1) application. What can we learn from these sermons that will help us in sharing the gospel in our own personal ministry opportunities? Is using a model like "The 4 Spiritual Laws" always a good approach? Why or why not?

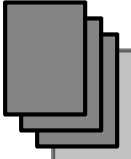
Notes:

1) Outline Detail: This is to be a top/mid level outline. It's goal is to represent the meaning of the text, not partition all of the text. An Example Outline for Acts 22:1-21 might look like:


Paul speaks before an angry mob. (22:1-21)
A. He speaks concerning his pre-conversion (22:1-5, 20)
1. His background (22:1-3)
2. His Bias (22:4-5, 20)
B. He speaks concerning his conversion (22:6-16)
1. His vision of the Son of God (22:6-11)
a. the Revelation (22:6-10)
b. the results (22:11)
2. His visit by the servant o God (22:12-16)
C. He speaks concerning his post conversion
1. How God saved him from the Jews (22:17-19)
2. How God sent him to the Gentiles (22:21)

 A description of and notes for the 4 spiritual laws can be found at:
<http://www.4laws.com/laws/english/pda/the-files/4laws-foldout.pdf>

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2) This study should include citations for sources, a bibliography for relevant texts, and be in MLA normal format.

3) Regarding Reference Materials – Electronic sources may be used if properly cited. [Bible.com](http://www.bible.com) provides a good starting point (it is free) if you do not presently have an electronic Bible package that you use regularly.

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