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THEO 3373 Theology of Missions

External Studies

I. Course Description

The course, based on Peter's book "A Biblical Theology of Missions" will look at a Biblical foundation for missions including a look at Christ's person and message, missions and the nature and purpose of God, missions in the Old Testament, missions in the New Testament, the essential of the missionary task, the instruments of missions including different mission models, the church and missions, and a brief but in-depth look at the Pauline model in Acts.

II. Course Objectives

1. Understand how missions fit into the overall plan of God.
2. Understand the place of Israel in God's mission.
3. Understand the centrality of the work of Christ in missions.
4. Understand the missionary's task.
5. Understand the place of the church in missions.
6. Understand how the great commission should be carried out.

III. Course Textbooks

Required Texts:

A Biblical Theology of Missions, Peters, Moody Press, 1972

IV. Course Requirements

1. Read the textbook: Peters, *A Biblical Theology of Missions* in its entirety.
2. Answer all the Chapter Questions found in the notes folder.
3. Read the "Expanded Pauline Model" analyzing the appendices and comparing it to the Scriptures themselves. Thought Question: "How could studying this model and keeping it in our minds keep us from possibly falling into pragmatic approaches to missions or simply getting off course?"
4. Write a 25-page paper on one of the following themes from *Theology of Missions*. The paper needs to have at least 10 sources (15 for graduate level). You may use up to 4 online sources.

Possible topics:

1. The Exclusivity of the Christian Faith
2. The Calling of a Missionary
3. The Missionary Task
4. The Church and Missions

V. Evaluation of Student Performance

1.	Chapter Questions	40 %
2.	Reading	10 %
3.	Research Paper	50 %