



A Journey to Study Paul and the Early Church

With Scott Carlson

*10-Day Biblical Survey Program to Greece
April 22-May 1, 2019*

*5-Day Elective: Biblical Backgrounds in Italy
Returning May 6, 2019*





OBJECTIVES:

- To provide an overview of the geographical, social and cultural setting of Paul's ministry
- To identify key ingredients in Paul's missionary strategies.
- To become acquainted with the key issues in Pauline studies
- To become acquainted with contemporary mission issues.
- To become acquainted with the concept of contextualization in missionary theory
- To understand the meaning of mission in the context of modern Greece
- To study Paul's letters with an interest in learning the ingredients of community building for today's churches: harmony in spite of differences, unity with diversity, managing diversity

SUGGESTED READING: These books are beneficial to all participants.

- 1) Balch, David L. and John E. Stambaugh. *The New Testament in its Social Environment*. Philadelphia: the Westminster Press, 1986.
- 2) Meeks, Wayne A. *The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983.
- 3) Miano, Peter J. *The Word of God and the World of the Bible: an Introduction to the Cultural Backgrounds of the New Testament*. London: Melisende, 2001.
- 4) Murphy-O'Connor. *Paul the Letter Writer: His World, His Options, His Skills*. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1995.
- 5) Phillips, Thomas E. *Paul, His Letters, and Acts*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendricksen Publishers, 2009.
- 6) Sanders, E.P. *Paul*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991.

LECTURES: The following topics can be addressed in morning and evening fora. Topics may be covered in more than one session.

- "From Alexander to Paul: The Influence of Hellenism on Paul's Writings"
- "The Search for the Historical Paul": What do we know about Paul and how do we know it?
- The Johannine Churches and the Apocalypse
- "The Social Setting of Paul's Churches": Textual and extra textual clues of the social dynamics in Paul's churches.
- "The Cult of Asclepius and Its Influence on Christianity"
- "Models of Modern Mission"
- "Ingredients of Effective Mission"
- "Managing Diversity in Today's Churches"

ITINERARY:

Day 1: 22.4, M	Depart Chicago, USA
Day 2: 23.4, Tu	Arrive Thessaloniki, touring as time permits, Old City walls, Citadel, St. Demetrius Church, Arch of Galerius (Acts 17: 4, 12), transfer to hotel for dinner, Introductions Overnight in Thessaloniki
Day 3: 24.4, W	Theme: Introduction to Classical Greece Field Trip: Pella (birthplace of Alexander the Great), Vergina, Royal Macedonian tombs Overnight in Thessaloniki
Day 4: 25.4, Th	Theme: Introduction to Hellenism AM Forum: From Alexander to Jesus Field Trip: Thessaloniki, Via Ignatia, Philippi, Kavala/Neapolis (Acts 16: 9-33). Overnight in Thessaloniki
Day 5: 26.4, F	Theme: Classical Athens AM Forum: The Perils of Pauline Studies Field Trip: Transfer to airport, flight to Athens, driving tour of Athens, Acropolis, Parthenon, Erectheum, Mars Hill/Areopagus, (Acts 17). Dinner on your own. Overnight in Athens
Day 6: 27.4, Sa	Theme: Classical I Hellenistic Athens Field Trip: The Athenian agora: the Stoa of Attalos, Hephaestion, The Roman agora: Tower of the Winds, Library of Hadrian, Plaka, Acropolis Museum, Dinner on your own Overnight in Athens
Day 7: 28.4, Su	Theme: Free day Dinner on your own Overnight in Athens
Day 8: 29.4, M	Theme: Paul in Corinth Field Trip: Corinthian Canal, Corinth excavations, Museum, view Acro-Corinth, Mycenae. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Peloponessus
Day 9: 30.4, Tu	Theme: Religious Cults in Paul's World Field Trip: Paleo Epidauros, Theatre, Asklepiion, Propylaia, Museum, Nafplio, optional: Palamidi Castle. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Peloponessus
Day 10 1.5, W	Transfer to Venezelos Airport, return to USA

5-DAY ELECTIVE: *Biblical Backgrounds in Italy* (\$1,457 based on 10 enrolled)

Day 10 1.5, W	Theme: Material Culture and Biblical Backgrounds Field Trip: Fly from Athens to Naples, visit National Archaeological Museum in Naples, Herculaneum, transfer to hotel in Sorrento Overnight in Sorrento
Day 11 2.5, Th	Theme: Social Structure of 1st Century Society Field Trip: Full day visit to Pompei; visit amphitheater, baths, villas, forum, basilica; free time upon return to Sorrento Overnight in Sorrento
Day 12 3.5, F	Theme: Imperial Rome and Biblical Backgrounds Field Trip: Oplontis, transfer to Rome, visit baths of Caracalla, Monte Testaccio Overnight in Rome
Day 13 4.5, Sa	Theme: Rome Through History Field Trip: Imperial forum, Colosseum, Pantheon, Piazza Navonna, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps Overnight in Rome
Day 14 5.5, Su	Theme: From House Church to Imperial Church Field Trip: Catacombs of San Sebastian OR San Calisto, St. Peter's Square, Vatican City, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica Overnight in Rome
Day 15 6.5, M	Transfer to Leonardo da Vinci Airport, return to USA

THE SOCIETY FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM CONDITIONS

Included in the Price (\$3,835) of the Program: Roundtrip airfare from Chicago (ORD); lodging based on double occupancy in hotels suitable for comfort, well located and appropriate to the journey's objectives; breakfast daily and three (3) dinners as indicated on the course outline; ground transportation during the program and entrance fees for sites indicated on the course outline, unless indicated otherwise in the itinerary; instruction/lectures/guiding; airport and departure taxes; facilities and security fees; hotel tips, including tips for waiters, reception, and housekeeping; administrative fees; airline taxes and surcharges. The price is based on 15 people in the group. If the group is smaller than 15 people, a surcharge may be assessed. The price is accurate as of the time of the publication of this registration, but is not guaranteed until the date of your enrollment and full payment.

Program Price Does Not Include: Transfers to, from or between domestic (U.S.) airports; optional costs such as single room supplements and travel insurance; personal expenses such as laundry; optional passport and/or visa service; individual travel arrangements; beverages at meals; lunches; excess baggage fees; portorage; tips for bus drivers and guides (variable, about \$8-\$10 per person per day); passports and foreign visas; airline baggage fees or fees and surcharges imposed after the time of pricing and publication of this registration form.

Deadlines: Registration is due 120 days prior to departure (23 December 2018). Full payment must be made 90 days prior to departure (22 January 2019). A late fee of \$100 per registrant will apply thereafter and there may be an additional airline cost differential applied to your account.

Credit Cards: The Society for Biblical Studies accepts credit cards. However, all quoted prices reflect a discount of 3.9% for cash/check payment.

Passports and Visas: Each person must procure a passport valid for six months after your return. Those without US citizenship are responsible for proper re-entry documentation. All passengers must submit to The Society for Biblical Studies copies of their travel documents not later than 90 days prior to departure. Additional visa charges may apply if we do not receive your passport details at least 60 days prior to departure.

Lodging: The price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at a supplemental cost (\$722 10-day, \$451 5-day). Registrants can stipulate roommate preferences on the registration form. If you do not enroll with another person and would like a roommate, we will try to assign one on a first come, first served basis. If an odd number of registrations requires an unrequested (forced) single room to be assigned, the single room will be assigned to the latest person to register and a single room supplement will apply.

Luggage: The per person limit is one suitcase and one carry-on bag. Airlines sometimes impose additional limits.

Airline Ticketing: Reservations are nonrefundable once ticketed. Travel is in jet economy class aboard IATAN and ARC carriers only. Flight times and routing are subject to change by the airlines. Such changes may result in additional costs and charges. The Society for Biblical Studies is not responsible for such changes or delays and cannot reimburse expenses resulting from them. The Society for Biblical Studies does not recommend the purchase of budget tickets for domestic airline connections.

International and Domestic Airfare and Air Travel: The price of the program includes international air travel from Chicago (ORD). The cost of domestic air travel to Chicago is not included in the price. If you would like The Society for Biblical Studies to arrange for your travel from a domestic departure city near you to Chicago, you can indicate your preference for a domestic departure city on the registration form. A cost adjustment will apply. If your request is made after the time of your original registration, an administrative fee of \$75 will apply in addition to the cost of domestic air travel. If your request is made after ticketing occurs, additional airline change fees may apply.

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payments; 44-31 days prior to departure incur a charge of 55% of total program cost plus any unrecoverable airline and hotel payments; 30-8 days prior to departure incur a charge of 70% of total program cost plus any unrecoverable airline and hotel payments; 7 days or fewer prior to departure date to day of departure incur a charge of 100% of total program cost plus any unrecoverable airline and hotel payments. 100% of cancellation fees are covered by the optional travel insurance (see next page), if the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is insurable. The cost of the travel insurance premium is not refundable.

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Personal Information:

Name (as it appears on your passport)

Title (Rev., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Name (what you like to be called)

Street Address

City, State, ZIP

Business Phone

Home Phone

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Email

Wisconsin Annual Conference: Paul's World & Mission

Program Name

22 April 2019

Departure Date

Rev. Scott Carlson

Group Leader

Roommate Preference (Roommate preferences cannot be guaranteed. If you do not specify a roommate preference, a roommate will be assigned as long as one is available. In the event that no roommate is available, a single room supplement will be added to your account.)

I would like to have a single room. I understand that single rooms are subject to availability and that my account will be charged a single room supplement (\$722 10-day, \$451 5-day).

Passport Information

Please submit with your registration a legible photocopy of a U.S. passport (or other travel document) valid for 180 days after your return date.

Passport Number

Date of Issue (day/month/year)

Date of Expiration (day/month/year)

Authority

Date of Birth (day/month/year)

Country of Citizenship

Electives (please check any box that applies):

- I would like to enroll in the 5-Day Biblical Backgrounds in Italy elective (\$1,457).
- I would like domestic travel arrangements from the following domestic departure city: _____
- I would like to have full passport and visa assistance (\$100 plus postage).
- I would like to alter my departure or return date to accommodate personal travel (\$150). I understand that this travel is "on my own".
- Please check this box if you will make your own air arrangements and will join the journey in Greece. A "ground only" charge will apply (\$2,967).
- I would like to have a receipt and periodic statements of my account mailed to me (\$100).
- I am a new ordinand and qualify to travel at the reduced rate of \$2,668 for the 10-day journey. I understand that my church must contribute \$500 toward the cost of my travel. I understand that any other options, e.g., single room supplements, travel insurance or the 5-day elective journey to Rome, will be invoiced at their full costs.

Travel Insurance: (for more info, call 781.641.4453)

Coverage Schedule:

Trip Cancellation Up to trip cost*
Trip Interruption 150% trip cancellation limit*
Travel Delay \$150/day after 6 hours, up to \$1,000
Missed Connection. \$300
Loss of Baggage/Personal Effects \$1,000
Baggage Delay \$200 after 24 hrs.
Emergency Medical/Dental \$10,000
Medical Evacuation/Repatriation \$50,000
24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment \$10,000
24-Hour Assistance. Included
*Contact SBS for full details and policy limits

Plan Rates:

	Up to Age	Age	Age	Age	Age
Trip cost	35	36-60	61-70	71-75	76-80
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$173	\$189	\$255	\$417	\$463
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$194	\$204	\$284	\$457	\$498
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$207	\$226	\$349	\$485	\$526
\$4,501-\$5,000	\$232	\$253	\$386	\$517	\$571
\$5,001-\$5,500	\$267	\$292	\$421	\$527	\$608
\$5,501-\$6,000	\$322	\$354	\$454	\$578	\$642
\$6,001-\$6,500	\$377	\$417	\$495	\$615	\$682
\$6,501-\$7,000	\$427	\$469	\$545	\$670	\$772

I accept the travel insurance (include premium payment along with registration deposit).

Beneficiary

I decline the travel insurance.

Subject to change

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON PLUS ANY INSURANCE PREMIUM AND A PHOTO-COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE ARE REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION.

Participant's Signature*

* Your registration and deposit represents your acceptance of the Program Conditions, and certifies that you have read the FAQ pages of our website (www.sbsedu.org).

* Please visit the FAQ pages for further information about Program Conditions, registration, how to prepare for travel and general information about SBS.

* Incomplete registration form *may* result in a late fee (\$100) and additional administrative charges (\$100).

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