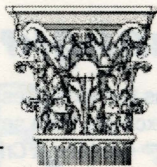


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The Southeastern Ph.D. program goes around the world!



ver the past 20 years, opening your “mailbox” has taken on an entirely new meaning. Almost without exception, one thinks first of e-messages and the internet rather than parcels and stamps. We live in the age of the worldwide web, when information is shuttled about more rapidly and easily than once could have been imagined.

The Ph.D. program at Southeastern is eager to take its place on the information super-highway with a newly constructed website. Current students will find this new avenue of information a great way to keep up to date and find the answers to some important questions regarding various elements of the program. And prospective students will discover a wealth of information about the program, giving them a thorough idea of what the program is like even before they plan their first visit.

Browsers can access the Ph.D. website from the seminary’s main address, www.sebts.edu—use *Quick Links* for easy access—or they can access the Ph.D. homepage directly with www.sebts.edu/phd. There is a familiar feel to the site, fashioned with an effort to make the new pages fit well with the seminary’s existing web services. Still, it is unique in its offerings and full of news pertinent to the students in the Ph.D. program at Southeastern.

The Ph.D. homepage greets viewers with six links to sites of further interest: a welcome section, details concerning the various fields of study in Southeastern’s Ph.D. program,

admissions information, a Ph.D. student section, a listing of eligible academic mentors and access to a portion of the Ph.D. program’s quarterly newsletter, *Academicus*.

The **Welcome** section gives a word of introduction to the program and provides options for a personal greeting from the Director of the Ph.D. program, Dr. Andreas Köstenberger, a Frequently Asked Questions section, and a brief Philosophy of Study.

The **Admissions** page offers information important to prospective students including contact information for the Graduate Studies office and a useful link to the admissions forms on the seminary’s primary website. An application checklist and other instructions have recently been added to the already existing forms so that prospective applicants will discover everything they need to begin the application process.

A third page provides a brief overview of the academic program and descriptions of the three primary **Fields of Study**: Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, and Applied Theology. Other pages provide descriptions of the various concentrations available in those fields (New Testament, Philosophy of Religion, etc.), including the new cross-area concentrations (Hermeneutics and Biblical Theology).

Students who are currently enrolled in the program will find the student page to be a valuable aid. From this point, they can access a Ph.D. calendar that contains a list of

important dates and events pertinent particularly to the Ph.D. student’s academic life. This should be especially helpful when students and families are taking out their calendars at the beginning of a new year or new semester in order to make family plans. Another useful feature is the current listing of Ph.D. seminars. Course numbers, seminar titles, professors and meeting times are all a part of this listing.

Current students as well as prospective students will be interested in the remaining two items on the student page. The first is a record of the dissertations that have been approved at Southeastern Seminary. Dissertations from 1998 through 2004 are displayed. The second item is a link detailing the placement record of many of Southeastern’s Ph.D. graduates. Viewers will discover that a significant number of these graduates have obtained positions in universities and seminaries both in North America and overseas as well as positions of leadership in various Southern Baptist agencies. Insofar as these pages demonstrate an important piece of history to the program and show the high rate of success it has in preparing students for service and ministry, students will be able to accurately judge how the program is fulfilling its promise to prepare its Ph.D. candidates for scholarly professions.

Two pages remain, and the fifth may serve to answer one of the

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Honoring the Inauguration of President Daniel Akin

In recognition of Dr. Akin's inauguration as the sixth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (October 24-27, 2004), the Ph.D. program is pleased to feature excerpts from several of Dr. Akin's publications including a section from his dissertation: *Bernard of Clairvaux — Evangelical of the 12th Century: A Critical Analysis of His Soteriology*. Dr. Akin received his doctoral degree from the graduate school of The University of Texas at Arlington in 1989.

Excerpted from: Chapter 1. "The Essentials of the Soteriological Process: Divine Grace and Human Free Choice"

"Bernard stressed the fact that God's work of salvation was entirely of grace; in the form it took, in the way in which it was carried out and in the method of its application to men."¹ Such a declaration concerning this medieval Roman Catholic seems quite strong and almost out of place. Yet we must remember Bernard's place in history and not commit the anachronistic error. Bernard is prior to the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century. Here the counter-reformation of Roman Catholicism developed a more rigid sacramentalism. This theological development goes far beyond any type of understanding Bernard would have had. He is also prior to the elaborate Thomistic system which developed in the thirteenth century. It is Thomas Aquinas who utilized the philosophy of Aristotle and wedded it to the Bible and the teachings of the church to create a highly developed scholastic theology. His *Summa Theologica* is a massive work that runs in excess of sixty volumes. It is a systematic presentation of Christian thought in philosophical tenoogy. It unites faith and reason. Aquinas saw in man a greater capacity innately to respond to God than Bernard. This is also true when Aquinas is compared to modern evangelicals. Analyzing the remainder of *De Gratia et Libero Arbitrio*, as well as his other writings, demonstrates that Bernard is evangelical in that grace is primary in his thinking. Reason is helpful, but grace is primary.

Bernard affirms boldly that to will the good requires that grace of God. This grace however does not limit, but actually liberates free choice to possibilities hitherto unknown. "Free will enables us to choose; but it is grace that enables us to choose the good. Because we are granted the faculty of will, we are able to choose. But because of grace, we are able to choose the good."² . . . Bernard clearly affirms the practical outworkings and eternal significance of grace.

But how to will the good, how to fear God, and how to love God requires for us the touch of His grace that we might truly become the sons of God. . . . He who makes the will to be good . . . But for the provision of grace, it would have been better that we have never existed than being left on our own.³

Grace we see enables us to 1) fear God 2) love God 3) becomes sons of God and 4) exercise a free will that is now a good will.

¹ W. Stanford Reid, "Bernard of Clairvaux in the Thought of John Calvin," *Westminster Theological Review* 41 (Fall 1978): 138.

² Bernard of Clairvaux, *On Grace and Free Choice*, abridged, edited and introduced by James Houston in *The Love of God* (Portland: Multnomah Press, 1983), 22.

³ Bernard, 38.

(Excerpts continued on page 7.)

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Ph.D. and Th.M. students,

Welcome back! After a long, and I hope refreshing, summer break, it's time to plunge back into our pursuit of scholarly excellence. While most of you were out of town or engaged in a variety of ministry assignments, there also have been several new developments in the SEBTS doctoral program. Let me take a moment to bring you up to speed.

Southeastern's Ph.D. program continues to grow in size and strength. With the addition of a new January admissions cycle, up to 30 new students will be admitted for the 2004/5 academic year, twice as many as in previous years.

Our graduates continue to be sought after, often even prior to graduation. As you can read elsewhere in this issue, both Thomas White and Mark Leeds were hired at Southwestern in very responsible positions.

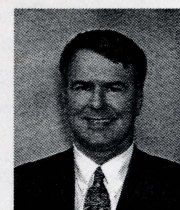
With the present issue, we also say goodbye to Brian Busch, who served with distinction as my assistant and managing editor of *Academicus*. Brian also is largely responsible for our newly launched website which is featured in the cover story of this issue.

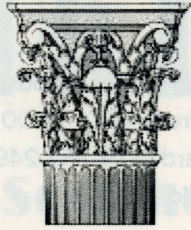
At the same time, we welcome Corin Mihaila to the team as Brian's replacement. Corin is a second-year Ph.D. student in New Testament, originally from Romania, who comes well qualified to serve in his new role.

If you need any Ph.D.-related assistance this coming year, please let Janet, Corin, or me know, and we will be glad to help.

Have a great year!

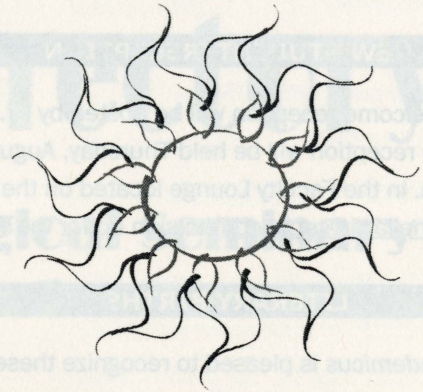
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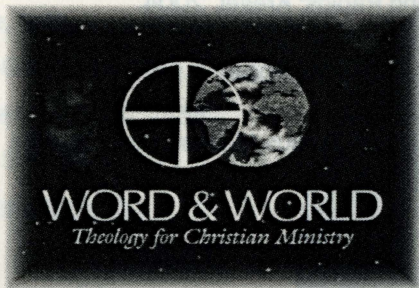
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SUMMER 2004



Ph.D. Orientation, 2004-2005 at Bayleaf Baptist Church August 23, 2004

Ph.D. Orientation for 2004-2005 will be held at Bayleaf Baptist Church on **Monday, August 23**, from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. Speakers for the occasion will be Southeastern President and Professor of Preaching and Theology, **Dr. Daniel Akin**, and Graduate Studies Director and Professor of New Testament, **Dr. Andreas Köstenberger**. Breakfast refreshments and lunch will be served. All students, with the exception of ABD students, are expected to attend.



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NEW STUDENT RECEPTION

A welcome reception will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Andreas Köstenberger for all entering Ph.D. students and their spouses. The reception will be held Thursday, August 19th and Friday, August 20th. Each gathering will take place from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge located on the first-floor of Stephens-Mackie. Please contact Mrs. Janet Hellard (919-761-2491 or jhellard@sebts.edu) to sign up for the Thursday or Friday evening reception. Child care will not be provided.

LITERARY BIRTHS

Academicus is pleased to recognize these faculty members and their literary accomplishments:

Dr. Emir Caner and Dr. Ergun Caner (Liberty University). *The Sacred Desk: Sermons on the Southern Baptist Convention Presidents*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2004.

_____. *Christian Jihad*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.

Dr. Daniel R. Heimbach. *True Sexual Morality: Recovering Biblical Standards for a Culture in Crisis*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2004.

Dr. David W. Jones. *Reforming the Morality of Usury: A Study of Differences that Separated the Protestant Reformers*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2004.

_____. "Singer, Peter." In *Ethics*, Revised Edition. Edited by John R. Roth. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2004.

Dr. Andreas J. Köstenberger *John*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004 [forthcoming: September].

Dr. Andreas J. Köstenberger with David W. Jones. *God, Marriage and Family: Rebuilding the Biblical Foundation*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2004 [forthcoming: November].

Dr. Alvin Reid. *Raising the Bar: Ministry to Youth in the New Millennium*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.

Mark Rooker. "The Best Known Verse in Leviticus." *Faith and Mission* 21, no. 2 (Spring 2004): 3-16.

Dr. Michael Travers and Richard D. Patterson (Liberty University). "Contours of the Exodus Motif in Jesus' Earthly Ministry." *Westminster Theological Journal* 66, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 25-47.

PERSONAL NOTES

Thomas and Joy White have joined the team at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Thomas is the new director of the Leadership Development Center at Southwestern. Thomas will also be joining the faculty as a professor of theology.

Congratulations to Matt and April Rummage. The newest member of their family, Macy Brooke Rummage, was born on May 21. Macy is Matt and April's second little girl. She joins her sister Alli.

Brian and Kelly Busch are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Anna Elizabeth Busch. Anna was born May 27, 2004. Brian is also the new pastor at Hamilton Baptist Church, Hamilton, North Carolina.

Chris and April Thompson are happy to announce the birth of their fourth son. Jonathan Wesley Thompson was born May 30, 2004.

Mark and Jennifer Leeds will be leaving Southeastern for Southwestern where Mark will serve as Registrar. Once he completes his dissertation, he will be joining the faculty as a professor of theology.

John and Roxann Nixon will be moving to Mobile, Alabama. John will be an instructor in the Christian Studies Department at the University of Mobile.



IMPORTANT DATES

August 9–10	Ph.D. Entrance Exams
August 23	Ph.D. Orientation at Bayleaf Baptist
August 24	Fall Convocation
August 27	Integrative Seminar Graduate Studies Committee Meeting
September 6	Labor Day
September 17	Integrative Seminar
September 24	Graduate Studies Committee Meeting
October 15	Graduate Studies Committee Meeting
October 22	Integrative Seminar

October 25	Submit theses, project reports and dissertations for December graduation
November 5	Graduate Studies Committee Meeting
November 12	Integrative Seminar
November 22–27	Thanksgiving Recess
November 29	Submit theses, project reports and dissertations to the library for binding
December 10	Graduate Studies Committee Meeting
December 11	Last day of classes
December 13–17	Exam Week
December 18	Commencement Exercises, 10:00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS!

David Mills has successfully defended his dissertation ("An Analysis of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Missiological Paradigm"). Congratulations, David!

These Ph.D. students have had their prospectuses approved:

Randy McKinion Henry Middleton

These students have passed their Ph.D. Written & Oral Comprehensive Exams:

Bob Cole Alex Kinchen Todd Stewart
 Kathie Johnson Andrew Neamtu Larry Tyler
 Tommy Kiker Jose Rondon Joshua Williams

These Th.M. students have had their prospectuses approved:

Rob Evans Matt Harrison James Smyrl
 David Beckner Jon Sherrill

Congratulations!

DOCTORAL SEMINARS

Fall 2004

0580	Introduction to Research Dates: Aug. 19 and 20	Köstenberger	1	9-4
0581	Intro to Teaching in Higher Education Dates: Aug. 19 and 20	Buchanan	1	9-4
0116	Introduction to Theological German Class begins Aug. 23, then meets every Friday except Integrative Seminar dates	Williams	2	1-5 (F)
0575	Integrative Seminar Dates: Aug. 27, Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 12	Köstenberger	3	1-5 (F)
1375	Seminar in Old Testament Theology	Sailhamer	3	12:30-3 (W)
1897	Theological Foundations	Nelson	3	1-3:30 (T)
2185	Seminar in Baptist History	Harper	3	7:30-10 (W)
1875	Seminar in Biblical Hermeneutics	Köstenberger	3	9-11:30 (F)
3280	Christian Faith and Modern Science	Bush	3	2-4:30 (R)
3385	Seminar in Contemporary Moral Theology	Heimbach	3	7:30-10 (T)
2390	The Modern Church Planting Movement	Brown	3	7:30-10 (R)

Spring 2005

0112	Introduction to Theological Latin Class begins Jan. 28, then meets every Friday except Integrative Seminar dates	Williams	2	1-5 (F)
0586	Integrative Seminar Dates: Feb. 25, Mar. 18, Apr. 22; Student Conference: May 6 and 13	Köstenberger	3	1-5 (F)
1176	Seminar in Hebrew Prophetic Literature	Rooker	3	12:30-3 (W)
xxxx	Contemporary Approaches to the NT*	Black	3	1-3:30 (R)
3097	Seminar on a Selected Doctrine: Soteriology	Hammett	3	7:30-10 (R)
1485	Seminar in Selected Greek Texts: Gospel of John	Köstenberger	3	9-11:30 (F)
3283	Current Topics in Philosophy of Religion I	Little	3	7:30-10 (T)
3380	Seminar in Christian Ethics: Natural Law	Liederbach	3	1-3:30 (T)
2385	Seminar in Southern Baptist Foreign Missions (1880-1920)	Eitel	3	7:30-10 (W)
4190	Seminar in Expository Preaching	Akin	3	7-9:30 p.m. (R)

*pending Faculty and Trustee approval

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Chapel Schedule
Fall, 2004

<p style="text-align: center;">August 24 <i>Convocation</i> Dr. Danny Akin President SEBTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 25 Dr. L. Russ Bush, III Academic Vice President/ Senior Professor of Philosophy of Religion SEBTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 26 Dr. Bruce Ashford Assistant Professor of Philosophy and History of Ideas SEBTS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">August 31 Dr. Al Jackson Lakeview Baptist Church Auburn, AL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 1 Dr. Waylan Owens Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness/Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries SEBTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 2 Dr. Tommy Green First Baptist Church Brandon, FL</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 7 Rev. Al Gilbert Calvary Baptist Church Winston-Salem, NC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 8 Dr. Danny Akin President SEBTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 9 <i>Shepherding Conference</i> Dr. Johnny Hunt First Baptist Church Woodstock, GA</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 14 Dr. Craig Blaising Executive Vice President and Provost Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Fort Worth, TX</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 15 Dr. Craig Blaising Executive Vice President and Provost Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Fort Worth, TX</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 16 <i>Women's Fellowship Day</i> Dr. Rhonda Kelley Women's Ministry Director New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary New Orleans, LA</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 21 Rev. Charles Lyons Armitage Baptist Church Chicago, IL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 22 Dr. Gary Galeotti Senior Professor of O.T. SEBTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 23 Dr. Thom Rainer Dean of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville, KY</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 28 <i>Sandy Creek Revival Week</i> Dr. James Merritt Cross Pointe Church Duluth, GA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 29 <i>Sandy Creek Revival Week</i> Dr. James Merritt Cross Pointe Church Duluth, GA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 30 <i>Sandy Creek Revival Week</i> Dr. James Merritt Cross Pointe Church Duluth, GA</p>
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<p>October 12 Dr. Stephen Davis Executive Director/Treasurer State Convention of Baptists Indianapolis, IN</p>	<p>October 13 Dr. Danny Akin President SEBTS</p>	<p>October 14 Dr. Timothy George Dean, Beeson Divinity School Birmingham, AL</p>
<p>October 19 Rev. Don Chasteen Ridgecrest Baptist Church Durham, NC</p>	<p>October 20 Dr. Danny Akin President SEBTS</p>	<p>October 21 Dr. Joe Brown Hickory Grove Baptist Church Charlotte, NC</p>
<p>October 26 Dr. James Merritt Cross Pointe Church Duluth, GA</p>	<p>October 27 <i>Inauguration of President Danny Akin</i> Dr. Paige Patterson President Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary</p>	<p>October 28 Dr. Chuck Kelley President New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary New Orleans, LA</p>
<p>November 2 Dr. Jay Strack President Student Leadership University Orlando, FL</p>	<p>November 3 Dr. David Beck Professor of New Testament and Greek SEBTS</p>	<p>November 4 Dr. James Royston Executive Director/Treasurer Baptist State Convention of NC Cary, NC</p>
<p>November 9 Dr. Paul Tripp Christian Counseling and Education Foundation Glenside, PA</p>	<p>November 10 <i>Faculty Lecture</i> Dr. Greg Lawson Associate Professor of Christian Education SEBTS</p>	<p>November 11 Rev. Michael Whitson Indian Trail First Baptist Church Indian Trail, NC</p>
<p>November 16 Dr. Stephen Rummage Associate Professor of Preaching, Director of D.Min. Program SEBTS</p>	<p>November 17 Dr. Stephen Rummage Associate Professor of Preaching, Director of D.Min. Program SEBTS</p>	<p>November 18 Dr. J.D. Greear The Summit Church Durham, NC</p>
<p>November 23 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i></p>	<p>November 24 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i></p>	<p>November 25 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i></p>
<p>November 30 Rev. Hampton Drum South River Baptist Church Statesville, NC</p>	<p>December 1 Rev. Junior Hill Evangelist Hartselle, AL</p>	<p>December 2 Rev. Shannon Scott Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Raleigh, NC</p>
<p>December 7 Dr. Bobby Welch First Baptist Church Daytona Beach, FL</p>	<p>December 8 Dr. Stephen Davey Colonial Baptist Church Cary, NC</p>	<p>December 9 Dr. Danny Akin President SEBTS</p>

from President Daniel L. Akin . . .

Excerpted from: "The Never-Changing Christ for an Ever-Changing Culture."

Southern Baptist Journal of Theology 1, no. 1 (1997) 32-41.

If the church is to maintain fidelity to "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3) . . . the twenty-first century Jesus must be the Jesus of the first century. Our ever-changing culture needs the never-changing Christ who alone can provide both the foundation and direction for Christian faith and practice as the Church faces the challenges of a new era. Four pillars from the New Testament can provide a stability for the Church at the dawn of a new millennium . . . Drawn from the comprehensive revelation of the New Testament, these four key Christological texts show how to know and worship the One whom Augustine described as the "beauty ever ancient, ever new."¹

I. Pillar One: Logos Christology (John 1:1-18) By using *Logos*, John takes a familiar first-century term and fills it with new meaning . . . He is the member of the trinitarian Godhead who is the agent of creation and the source of both life and light.

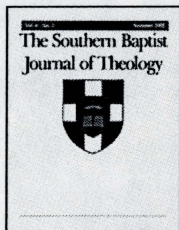
II. Pillar Two: Servant Christology (Philippians 2:6-11) A servant Christology shows a better way, and the text itself adequately addresses what is involved in self-emptying (*kenoo*): (1) He took the form (*morphe*, "essential nature") of a slave (*doulos*); (2) He was made in the likeness (*homoioima*) and fashion (*schema*) of a man; (3) He humbled himself (c.f. 2:3); (4) He became obedient unto death; and (5) He died on the cross.

III. Pillar Three: Cosmic Christology (Colossians 1:15-20) For the church on the threshold of a new millennium, the import of a Cosmic Christology is staggering. Christ is to have first place in all things. In all things, and in each individual, He and He alone is to be supreme.

IV. Pillar Four: Revelational Christology (Hebrews 1:1-3) In these last days He has spoken and disclosed Himself decisively, climactically, even finally and for all time in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of God's determination to be known, we can genuinely and "truly truthfully" know God.

These four pillars . . . form the solid foundation upon which any Christian orthodoxy must stand.

¹ Augustine, *Confessions*, as quoted in Jaroslav Pelikan, *Jesus Through the Centuries* (New Haven: Yale, 1985): 223.



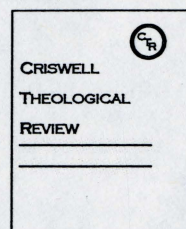
Excerpted from: "Triumphalism, Suffering, and Spiritual Maturity: An Exposition of 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 in its Literary, Theological, and Historical Context." *Criswell Theological Review* 4, no. 1 (1989) 119-114.

Within 2 Cor 12:1-10 and its immediate context several important theological motifs are present which assist us in our exposition. These include the development of a weakness Christology, the foundation of apostolic authority, a rebuke of an over-realized eschatology, the Christian life, and the proper place of boasting.

- (1) *Weakness Christology*. In 2 Cor 12:1-10 Paul reluctantly "boasts" about visions and revelations though he finds little benefit in such activity. Though he has been "raptured into Paradise" and heard ἀόρητα ῥήματα, "unutterable utterances," he could not and would not boast in his present self (vv2-5) after the manner of his opponents.
- (2) *The Foundation of Apostolic Authority*. The basis of Paul's apostolic authority, as we see, is closely related, indeed rooted in his weakness Christology . . . Forbes identifies, I believe, the crux of the matter when he comments on 12:8-9 by saying, "This is why Paul will not boast of anything except his 'weakness,' his humiliations and sufferings: they are to him the surest marks of his commendation by the suffering Messiah."¹
- (3) *Correcting Overrealized Eschatology*. The triumphalism of Paul's opponents . . . gives evidence of an over-realized eschatology in Corinth. . . . 12:6 embodies the essence of Paul's thinking on this issue when he informs the Corinthians that it is his present and continuous public life and proclamation . . . which is his critical concern, and also his criterion for vibrant and genuine Christian experience.
- (4) *Legitimate boasting in the Christian life*. McCant points out that Paul's: "'Boasting in weakness' is a parody of boasting and is thus ironical. Under no circumstances does Paul wish to engage in what Plutarch calls περιαιτολογία (Paul uses καυχῆσις); it is not pleasing to the Lord (11:17)."²

¹ Forbes, "Comparison," 552; cf. also Carson, *Triumphalism*, 16-27.

² McCant, "Paul's Thorn," 558-59; cf. Plutarch, *Moralia*, "On Praising Oneself Inoffensively".



COVER ARTICLE CONT.

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most frequently asked questions from students who are considering the Ph.D. degree: Which professors are eligible to serve as my academic mentor? This **Faculty** page lists, according to the three major fields by which degrees are offered, those eligible professors. And just as the Fields of Study page is divided into available concentration areas, so this page also allows students to choose the field in which their concentration is found. Students can then quickly locate a list of all professors who are eligible to mentor in a particular area. Links are also provided that will take viewers to the seminary's main site where more detailed contact information is available.

The sixth page allows browsers to view the current cover article from the Ph.D. program's quarterly newsletter, **Academicus**. *Academicus* will still be distributed in its current form, but this on-line version will provide easy and permanent access to the articles that we hope Ph.D. students will find relevant and helpful. An archives link will lead viewers to past editions of the newsletter.

The Ph.D. program is pleased to be the first academic program on the campus at Southeastern as well as the first doctoral program among our Southern Baptist Seminaries to pursue this form of advisement and communication. For this we acknowledge the Information Technologies Department at SEBTS for their help. Such websites are becoming an increasingly important means of informing students of important events and useful resources. We look forward to continuously updating and improving the site and welcome your comments and suggestions concerning the features you believe are valuable.

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Keep Up to Date: Students, if you suspect that your mailing or e-mail address or phone number may need to be updated please contact Mrs. Hellard, and let her know what those changes might be. You may contact our Administrative Assistant at 761-2491 or jhellard@sebts.edu. Or if you are not receiving the occasional e-mail messages and reminders about events and happenings in the Ph.D. program, please send an updated e-mail address to buschbrian@hotmail.com.

How Can We Minister to You? We hope *Academicus* is serving your needs. Feel free to send an e-mail concerning the news and issues you would like to hear more of in the future. Include ideas for topics that you believe should be addressed or material that you want to contribute. Send those message to jhellard@sebts.edu or brian.busch@sebts.edu. Please type "Academicus" in the subject heading.

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