

BIBL660 First Corinthians

Instructor	Dr. Michael J. Gorman
Schedule	Monday/Thursday, 6-9 pm (May 21, 28; June 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 & 25)
Description	A careful historical/social, literary/rhetorical, and theological analysis of Paul's first canonical letter to the Corinthians as a letter that addresses both the ancient and the modern church, with special attention to such topics as Christ crucified as divine power and wisdom, Christian identity, counter-imperial existence, church unity, social status and social justice, holiness and sexual ethics, freedom and responsibility, love, worship, spiritual gifts, and the resurrection of the dead.
Prerequisite	BIBL500 or permission of instructor
Requirements	<p>Reading: Students will complete approximately 750 pages of secondary reading (required texts and articles on Canvas), plus the text of 1 Corinthians, and should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned.</p> <p><i>Note: there will be assigned reading to be completed before the first class meeting on May 21.</i></p>
	<p>Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one one-page single-spaced paper to present orally to the class • one 8-page (2,500 words) theological interpretation of a text or theme in 1 Corinthians (final paper)
	Other Assignments: occasional exegetical worksheets (marking up of a specific passage in 1 Corinthians)

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
J. Brian Tucker, <i>Reading 1 Corinthians</i> (Cascade, 2017)	\$13.54 pb	143 (all)
Matthew R Malcolm, <i>The World of 1 Corinthians: An Exegetical Source Book of Literary and Visual Backgrounds</i> (Cascade, 2013)	\$28.00 pb	164 (all)
*Michael J. Gorman, <i>1 Corinthians: A Theological, Pastoral, and Missional Commentary</i> (Eerdmans, 2025)	\$11.90 cl	417 (all)

* Note 1: a limited number of these commentaries are available from the instructor for \$10 cash or check. Contact Dr. Gorman directly to obtain a copy: mgorman@stmarys.edu

Note 2: Dr. Gorman and Dr. Poling will offer an audit-only one-credit Greek reading class on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:15 beginning the first day of class, May 21.

Note 3: CAS students may take this course, with additional academic work, as BIBL760.