

Week 13 The Integration of Pauline Theology and the New Testament

1. Overview of the Topic

- 1) Pauline theology is the central theological framework that runs through the entire New Testament.
- 2) Although each book of the New Testament addresses different contexts and communities, they are all unified around the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's plan of salvation.
- 3) Pauline theology serves as the core axis for understanding the whole New Testament.

2. Relationship between the New Testament and Pauline Theology

Category	Main Content
Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)	Life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
Acts	Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, birth and expansion of the Church
Pauline Epistles (Romans–Philemon)	Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Pneumatology, Eschatology
General Epistles (Hebrews, James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude)	Faith, practice, preparation for the end times
Revelation	Final victory of Christ and the new heaven and new earth

3. Key Concepts for Integrating the New Testament

1) Christocentric Focus

- (1) The New Testament is entirely centered on Jesus Christ.
- (2) Paul emphasizes, "I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

2) New Covenant

- (1) Established by the blood of Jesus (Luke 22:20, 2 Corinthians 3:6).
- (2) Paul recognizes himself as a minister of the New Covenant.

3) Redemptive History

- (1) God's plan flows from creation→fall→redemption→ consummation.
- (2) Paul contrasts Adam and Christ (Romans 5).

4) Work of the Holy Spirit

- (1) The New Testament highlights new life and the Church through the Spirit.

- (2) Paul describes the Spirit as a "pledge" and "law of life" (Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 1:22).

5) Kingdom of God

- (1) Jesus proclaimed the coming of God's Kingdom.
- (2) Paul describes it as "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

6) Ecclesiology

- (1) The Church as the body of Christ.
- (2) Paul portrays the Church as a Spirit-unified community (Ephesians 4:4-6).

7) Eschatology

- (1) The New Testament reveals an already-but-not-yet tension of the end times.
- (2) Paul explains this "already" and "not yet" dynamic (Romans 8:23, 1 Corinthians 15).

4. Integrated Structure of the New Testament through Pauline Theology

1) Proclamation of the Gospel

Death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

2) Application of the Gospel

- (1) Justification by faith
- (2) New life through the Holy Spirit

3) Formation of the Gospel Community

The Church: the unity of Jews and Gentiles

4) Consummation of the Gospel

The Second Coming and the new heaven and new earth

Summary Sentence

Pauline theology integrates the entire New Testament as a Christ

centered, New Covenant theology,

organically linking the work of the Spirit, the Kingdom of God, the formation of the Church, and the consummation of all things.
