

NT 321 Prison Epistles

Learning Tasks for Week 1

Learning Task 1: In 5-7 sentences, share your experience with the prison epistles and how they have impacted your life and Christian experience. Share the central idea from the Brief 7-10 Minute Lecture and one thing Pastor Crenshaw said about his experience with Prison Epistles.

Learning Task 2: Read pages (15-23)

Learning Task 3: The course textbook is produced by the Assemblies of God denomination. Use the following link to peruse the background of the Assemblies of God denominational beliefs. Afterward, in 5-7 sentences, share how the Assemblies of God denominational beliefs might influence some of the doctrines found within the book of Ephesians.

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Assemblies-of-God.html>

Learning Task 4: In 5-7 sentences, use the words “redemption” and “response” to explain the two-part division of Ephesians.

Learning Task 5: In 5 sentences, share the potential outcome of a believer not resting in the spiritual riches found in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3).

Learning Task 6: In 5 sentences, share the blessings of Paul’s imprisonment.

Learning Task 7: McGhee states that 2 Timothy was written from prison, “but it is not grouped among Paul’s pastoral letters.” Locate two scholarly sources that argue why 2 Timothy is not grouped in the Prison Epistles, and in 5-7 sentences, formulate an argument using the sources.

Learning Task 8: Research the meaning of “encyclical letter” and, in 5 sentences, note whether Ephesians could be considered an encyclical letter (be sure to state a few reasons briefly).

Learning Task 9: In 5-7 sentences, explain how Ephesus was the center of God’s strategy for Gentile missions.

Learning Task 10: Read the following critical phrases from Ephesians and state two main principles that one should draw from each key phrase.

- “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God” (Eph. 1:1a)
- “The saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 1:1b).
- “In Christ” (Eph. 1:3b)
- “Grace and peace to you” (Eph. 1:2).
- “From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 1:2).

Please note the following:

- Before submitting your Week 1 Learning Tasks for the Week 1 Quiz 1, review and reread your responses for grammatical errors, clarity, and correct in-text citations for information taken from the course textbook (only cite the page number). Correct in-text citation is required when using information from other sources (e.g., Crenshaw 2018, 17).
- No contractions (e.g., instead of writing “won’t,” “will not)
- Use Grammarly to check your work (The Premium Version is awesome www.Grammarly.com).
- Do not expect the instructor or reader to edit your work. Become proficient in proofreading your work.