

Student Name

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Written Assignment #1

Date:

Please answer the following questions, remember to cite properly any sources that you use.

- A. Trace out (summarize) the logic of Paul's argument in the Thanksgiving Period (1:2-26). What are his main propositions, section by section, and what is the relationship between propositions that went before and those that follow? English students need to pay attention to conceptual subordination of ideas, while Greek students will also consider the use of coordinate and subordinate conjunctions. *This is the most difficult part of the assignment and requires careful observations. You are not expected to duplicate Schreiner's method perfectly, but you should be familiar enough with it that you can attempt to unpack Paul's message.* (approximately 1 page)

B. Choose a key word from this section to study within the context of Paul's writings. Key Tools: An analytical concordance, Greek-based lexicon such as Louw & Nida, journal articles, etc. (approximately 1/2 page)

C. Articulate 5 strategic questions raised from the biblical passage that you consider worth investigating further, and give your reasons why you chose these 5 (e.g. the theological implications of the answer will affect the kind of disposition one has toward suffering). (approximately 1/2 page)

1. Question 1
  - a. Why?
2. Question 2
  - a. Why?
3. Question 3
  - a. Why?
4. Question 4
  - a. Why?
5. Question 5
  - a. Why?

D. Draw out the significance for today of one of Paul's theological positions.

1. What are the practical or ethical implications of Paul's position for your particular faith communities? (approximately 1/2-3/4 page)
2. What steps would you take to help your faith community become spiritually formed in this area? (approximately 1/2-3/4 page)