In this course we will study Paul in his first-century context and investigate the diverse communities in which he preached. We will explore the specific problems that Paul addressed in his letters. Why did some Jews and some Gentiles find his message so controversial? What did Paul really say about God, Jesus, the Jewish law, the Gentiles, and the afterlife in light of Jesus’ death and resurrection? How influential were Paul’s letters in shaping ancient and contemporary Christian theology?

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