



“RE-APPROACHING PAUL”
Salem’s new Wednesday Evening eight-week series
7:15 - 8:30 pm, beginning APRIL 11

Apart from Jesus, no man in history has shaped so much of Western civilization as the Apostle Paul. And today, no person in church history is so controversial. He is loved; he is hated. How much can we learn of Paul’s personal life and history from his Letters? What about Acts? How did Paul interact with women—really? And what did he mean when he wrote, “Owe no one anything but to love one another, for whoever loves the other has fulfilled the law.” (Romans 13:9)

Our guest presenter will be Henry Fliegel, who has led various Bible classes, most recently at Lutheran Church in the Foothills. Henry has been 44 years a professional in astronomy and engineering and has also studied Hebrew literature and Semitic languages. He loves the Bible and his fascination these days is with Mike Sholer’s Thursday morning group here at Salem. Many years a member of the Lutheran Church, Henry is currently a member of All Saints Church in Pasadena.

The course outline for the first four weeks is as follows:

APRIL 11 The Sources for the Life of St. Paul: His Letters

Paul did and experienced many things that are not recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. How much can we learn about Paul from his letters, apart from Acts?

APRIL 18 The Sources for the Life of St. Paul: The We-passages in Acts

By far the most valuable historical record in Acts is the one now called by scholars the “We-Source.” What was it? What does it reveal about Paul and the Jerusalem speakers?

APRIL 25 Early Christian Interpretation of the Old Testament

Modern readers find Paul’s use of Biblical prophecy confusing. Why? What were the principles of Old Testament interpretation used in the New Testament? What was “the secret of the Kingdom of God?”

MAY 2 Paul’s Hope in the Face of Death

Johannes Munck once wrote a book entitled “Paul and the Salvation of Mankind.” Did Munck overstate his case? How did Paul get from the apocalyptic visions of the Old Testament to his final, grand conception in Romans 9-11?

Bring your comments! Bring your questions! Please come!