

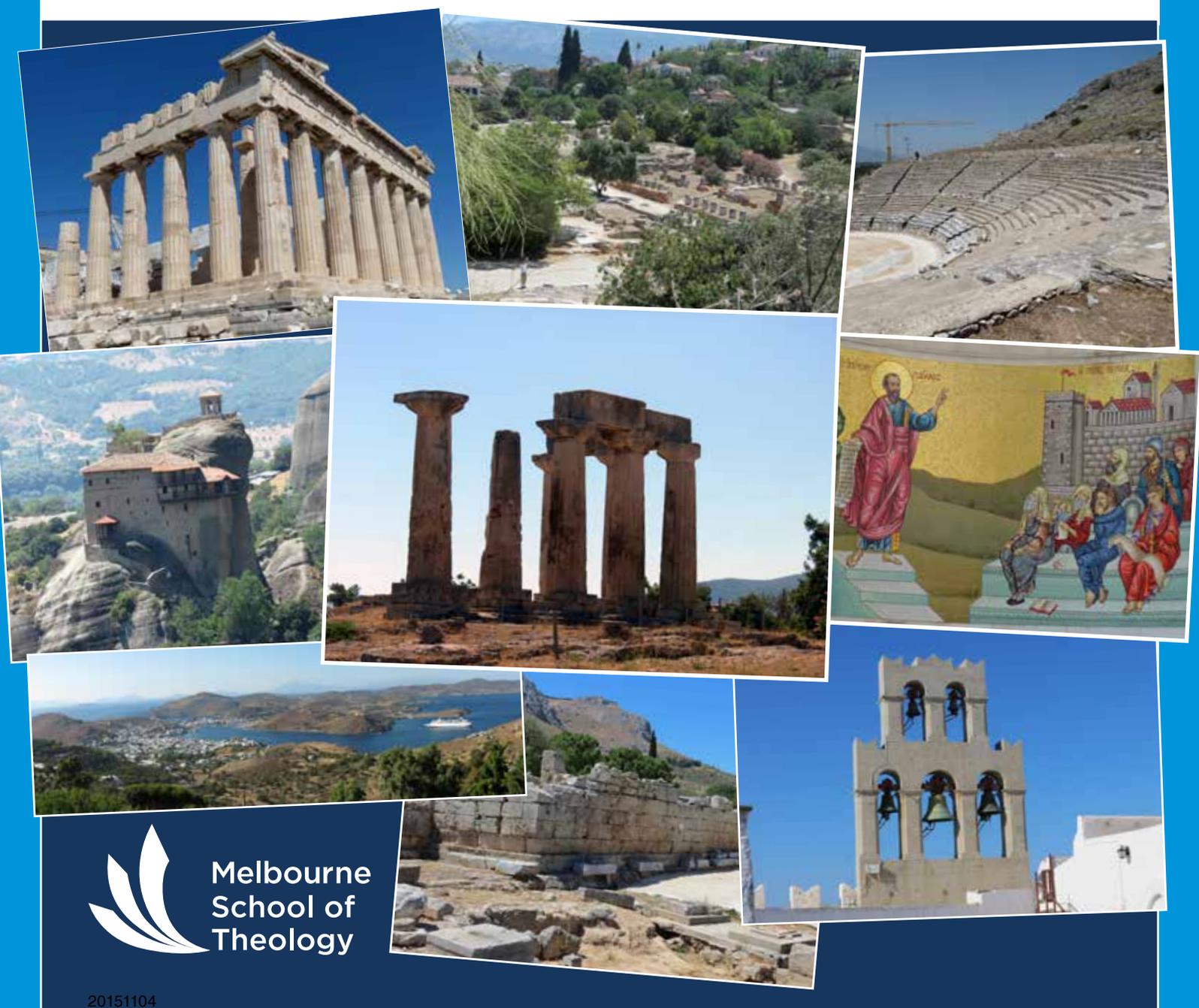


MST Exegesis in Context

Study Tour 2016

Paul and Corinthian Christianity in Greece

With Optional Footsteps of Paul Extension



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Theology



MST is delighted to offer its alumni the opportunity to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime tour to Greece to study the letters of Paul to the Corinthians under Dr Greg Forbes. Brush up on your exegesis of the Corinthian Correspondence for ministry purposes or simply come along for the pure pleasure of learning. You may participate in as many or as few of the lectures as you wish, giving you time to explore Athens or take an island cruise if you prefer.



When the apostle Paul planted the church in Corinth, the earliest converts brought many of their pagan perspectives with them into their Christian life. This resulted in a number of problems in the church for Paul to address in terms of believers' relationships with each other, with Paul and with God.

Come with us to Greece to experience first-hand the material remains left behind by this ancient culture. We'll stay in Athens and see the Greco-Roman temples that were so important in everyday life. We'll stand in the ancient agora where Paul debated with the philosophers of his day, and visit Mars Hill where he was taken to explain this new and strange teaching. We'll explore the ancient city of Corinth and see why its geographical location contributed so much to the ethos of the city.

An optional extension will offer the opportunity to visit other cities in the footsteps of Paul – Berea, Thessalonica and Philippi. We'll also visit the tomb of King Philip (father of Alexander the Great) and see the exquisite articles buried with him. On the way we'll stop at Meteora, where centuries-old monasteries cling to the side of craggy precipices.

This is a trip to Greece with a unique focus. Experience first-class teaching from Dr Greg Forbes supplemented by the local knowledge of fully qualified Greek tour guides.

The tour has been planned so that participants in the Biblical Archaeology Tour can fly straight from Israel to join this tour in Athens. See the application form for more details.



The unit will be available as both an English and Greek exegetical subject. It comprises two parts, both of which are available to alumni:

Part A (Lecture Intensive at MST):

26-29 April 2016 (Research Week)

Lecturer: Colin Kruse

Content: Thematic examination of the Corinthian Correspondence

Part B (Lecture Intensive and Study Tour in Context in Greece)

30 June – 16 July 2016

Lecturer: Greg Forbes

Content: Exegesis of the Corinthian Correspondence (Greek and English)

Itinerary

Thursday 30 June

We'll depart Melbourne tonight on our Emirates flight to Athens. After a short transit in Dubai, we'll head for Athens.

Friday 1 July

We'll arrive in Athens this afternoon and transfer to our city-centre hotel. There'll be time to soak up the atmosphere of the city and find a good restaurant for dinner.

Saturday 2 July

What better way to get over jet lag than by embarking on a three-island-hopping boat cruise? We'll head across the sparkling Aegean to explore some quaint seaports and beautiful beaches. After a day of sun and sea, we'll be ready for a big dinner out before retiring to our hotel in Athens.

Sunday 3 July

We start our orientation to Paul in Athens with a trip to the Acropolis to visit the Parthenon. We'll visit Mars Hill and the ancient forum. This afternoon we'll head into the classroom at our Greek hotel for the first exegesis lecture of Paul and Corinthian Christianity. Later in the evening we'll go out to find another fine example of Greek cuisine for dinner.

Monday 4 July

This morning we will immerse ourselves in ancient Greek culture at the Athens Archaeological Museum. After a street-food lunch, we'll have Lecture 2 back at the hotel. The evening is free to revisit your favourite restaurant or sample a new one.

Tuesday 5 July

We'll leave the centre of Athens behind and transfer to the campus of the Greek Bible College, a short drive out of the city. This will be our home and study centre for the next few days. After settling into our rooms, we'll have Lecture 3 in the afternoon.

Wednesday 6 July

Lecture 4 will take place in the morning, leaving the rest of the day free for exploring our new surroundings and finding a good local restaurant for dinner. Greg Forbes will deliver an optional lecture in the afternoon on Paul and Graeco-Roman culture.

Thursday 7 July

Today is the long-awaited visit to Corinth itself. We'll drive across the narrow isthmus that connects the Peloponnese with the Greek mainland. We'll explore the ancient site of Corinth and see the archaeological artefacts displayed in the museum there. We'll see the Erastus pavement and the bema where Paul was brought before Gallio's court. On the way home we'll stop first at Mycenae to see the famous bee-hive tomb and the Lion Gate, then at Epidaurus, the ancient centre of healing. After a long day, we'll be ready for a dining experience at the Greek Bible College and a good night's sleep.

Friday 8 July

Back in the classroom this morning for Lecture 5, followed by a free afternoon for reflection, note-taking or exploring. There will be another optional lecture, this time given by Gillian Asquith, on an aspect of Graeco-Roman culture that intersects with the Bible.

Saturday 9 July

Today marks the last day of lectures. We'll have two sessions in the classroom, but there will still be time to find somewhere nice for dinner.

Sunday 10 July

Today is our free day. You may wish to find a church and worship God with some local Christians. Or you could



head into the centre of Athens for one last poke around. We'll pack up our belongings tonight, but not before we've enjoyed one last restaurant meal in this part of Greece.

Monday 11 July

We'll say good-bye to those of our group who are returning to Melbourne today. The rest of us will embark on our optional Footsteps of Paul extension to Northern Greece. Today we'll travel as far as Kalambaka, visiting the ancient site of the oracle of Delphi on the way. We'll also visit some of the tiny monasteries that cling precariously to the mountainsides in Meteora. Dinner and bed will be in our hotel at Kalambaka.

Tuesday 12 July

We'll visit the tomb of King Philip (Alexander the Great's father) at Vergina today, followed a brief stop in Berea to see the monument that commemorates Paul's association with the Berean Christians. We'll travel on to Thessalonica and visit the ancient agora where Jason was dragged before the city officials. The ancient city-port of Thessalonica has much to see and we'll have some free time in the evening to walk along the sea-front. Dinner and bed at the Hotel Capsis in Thessalonica.

Wednesday 13 July

Today we'll visit Philippi, where Paul baptized Lydia. The archaeological site includes a magnificent theatre and substantial portions of the Via Egnatia. We'll head back to Thessalonica for our final meal in our hotel.

Thursday 14 July

Our driver will pick us up at the hotel for our transfer to Thessalonica Airport. We'll fly to Athens to catch our connecting flight to Dubai, then on to Melbourne.

Saturday 16 July

We'll arrive home at Tullamarine at 1.00am.

Costs:

Exegesis in Context Tour (Athens and Corinth only)
\$4899*

Exegesis in Context Tour plus Optional Footsteps of Paul Extension
\$6399*

Cost Includes:

- All flights and taxes.
- 7 nights' twin-share hotel accommodation.
- 6 nights' accommodation at the Greek Bible College.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Lunches while at the Greek Bible College.
- Entrance fees to all sites in the program.
- Transport for all tours and transfers in the program.
- English-speaking guide for the mainland tours.
- Deluxe air-conditioned vehicle for tours.
- Tips for guides and drivers.

Cost excludes:

- Compulsory travel insurance.
- Tips to porters.
- Meals not listed above.
- Drinks.
- Items of a personal nature: laundry, internet etc.

To secure your place on this tour, please complete the attached application form and return it with a \$600 deposit to Melbourne School of Theology by **December 1, 2015. Upon approval of your application, the deposit will become non-refundable.** If you have any queries, please email Iona Kroussoratsky (ikroussoratsky@mst.edu.au) or call her on (03) 9881 7800.

*These prices are dependent on the availability of airfares and the stability of the Australian dollar. If the cost of airfares increases by 8 December 2015 you will be notified and given the opportunity to withdraw from the tour without loss of your deposit.

For further terms and conditions, please refer to the application form.

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