

NTEN5306 Romans Exegesis (English)
Spring 2022
Introducing Your Flex Instructor

As most of you know, this class includes an NOBTS Flex section of students. To accommodate the special needs of Flex students, a special Flex instructor has been assigned. I want to introduce our Flex instructor and indicate why I am delighted to be working with her.



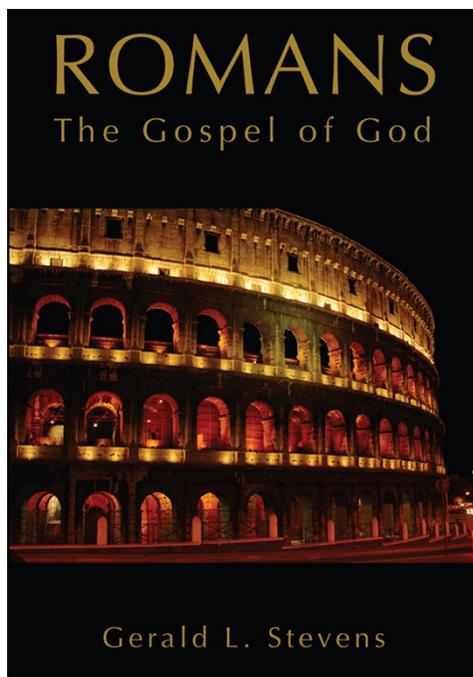
Your flex instructor for this semester is Dr. Allyson Nance. Dr. Nance received her PhD degree in New Testament from NOBTS in 2017. Dr. Nance did outstanding work as a doctoral student. I have known Dr. Nance since she started our master's program as a single student. She graded for me for many years, so knows me like the back of her hand.

While she was at seminary, Allyson met and married Andy Nance, another of our fine NOBTS students. Both Allyson and Andy intend to become IMB missionaries to China. Before they plan to go overseas, Andy is working to finish his own PhD in Old Testament. Andy is quite gifted musically and currently serves as worship pastor at Bluff Creek Baptist Church near Clinton, LA. They have three beautiful girls, Rhea, Aeryn, and Eliyana.



Let me tell you why I am excited that Allyson is helping out as a Flex Instructor for this class. Not only did Allyson grade for me for many years, she also took my Romans seminar while she was a doctoral student. Thus, she knows my thoughts on Romans quite well. Even further, Allyson also





was one of the main proofreaders for my commentary on Romans before the work was published. I mention her in the preface to the commentary if you want to read the interesting story of how Allyson was involved in inspiring me to write this commentary. Thus, Allyson knows not only this course well but also the course textbook itself backwards and forwards. Dr. Nance is fully capable of speaking authoritatively in representing faithfully what I would say and think on any question you might have about the letter of Romans or a study of the apostle Paul.

Dr. Nance's ability to represent me faithfully is important, because Dr. Nance will be your real time class liaison for our Flex students. Flex class video is not a two-way street like a CIV class. Instead, Flex class video is a one-way street, just like watching a YouTube video. You have no

real time interaction (except partially if you watch in real time on Wednesdays from 8:00–11:00 am). You can see me, but I cannot see you. Even if as a Flex student you happen to attend class by video link in real time, I will be lecturing but I will not have a way to communicate directly with you, since I will not be seeing you on any monitor in the classroom. However, if you attend live, you will be able to use the chat board during live class sessions to communicate. Here is where Dr. Nance comes in. Dr. Nance will be monitoring the chat board and will be able to respond. She also will be able to relay significant questions you have at break times.

As another option for this Flex class, if you do not attend class real time but instead watch the lecture video at a later time and have questions, Dr. Nance will be your on-going instructor to help you. You can email Dr. Nance with your questions. Dr. Nance also will be monitoring your viewing statistics to make sure as a Flex student you are keeping up with the class. Of course, you are welcome to communicate with me too, but realize that talking with Dr. Nance is the equivalent of talking with me.

I cannot think of another Flex class we offer that has this built-in rapport between professor and Flex Instructor of which you can take full advantage. Thank you, Dr. Nance, for helping us out with this Flex class this semester. We are so grateful for your role as Flex Instructor for our class and your leadership in assisting our Flex students along the way.