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TITLE OF PAPER: Studies in the New Testament II

COURSE CODE : TRS 302

DURATION

: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer three (3) questions in all.

2. Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.

3. The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.

4. All questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

Explain why the majority of scholars strongly believe that the Letters of Paul to Timothy are not genuine at all? [20]

Question 2

Discuss Paul's views about the place of Moses and Abraham in God's plan of salvation in any letter of your choice. [20]

Question 3

Explain the significance of the death of Jesus according to Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. [20]

Question 4

Identify and discuss the main teachings of Paul in the Letter to the Romans. [20]

Question 5

Explain ways in which the writers of the New Testament understand the persecution of the followers of Jesus. [20]

Question 6

Attempt a critical reading on the following passage. [20]

Love One Another

¹¹ For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us. (1 John 3:11-24).