



**NT 302 The Early New Testament Church**

Semester 2, 2013

Time allowed: 2 hours

Weighting: This exam is worth 50% of the total semester marks.

All candidates are to be supplied with an unmarked copy of the RSV, NRSV, NIV or ESV.

Answer four questions, two from each section.

All questions are of equal value.

## SECTION A

1. 'They had all things in common.' Discuss the need for this for the Jerusalem church and the seriousness of the incident of Ananias and Sapphira.
2. In light of the great commission of Jesus in Acts 1 discuss the incident of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch.
3. What was the Jerusalem Council's decision and how would this impact the inclusion of Gentile Christians into the kingdom of God and their fellowship with Jewish Christians?
4. How appropriate was the address of Paul to the worldviews of the members the Council of the Areopagus?
5. What might have been the purpose of Luke in including such details of the storm at sea and the subsequent events on the island of Malta?

## SECTION B

1. Why does Paul not want the Galatians to submit to circumcision?
2. In 1 & 2 Thessalonians, why does Paul go into so much detail about the parousia?
3. What is Paul's purpose in his depiction of Jesus' Lordship in Colossians 1:15–23?
4. Is it likely that the book of Hebrews was written to Christians in Jerusalem during the persecutions of Nero?