

**Guidelines for Second Half of Paper**  
**Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation**  
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**5-7 pages (this includes the first half of the paper)**

***Format and Structure***

What is required of the writer is a critical and prayerful exercise of the mind and heart that should result in an intelligent, thoughtful, penetrating exegesis into Scripture. Aside from that, you should observe the following:

- (1) Papers should be typed and stapled.
- (2) Observe proper grammar, syntax, spelling and proofread for typos.
- (3) Demonstrate critical thinking through analysis, synthesis and clear conclusion.
- (4) Turabian.

***First half (2-3 pages)***

Reflecting upon *Dei Verbum*, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *Interpretation of the Bible in the Church* (see Vatican Website), and class notes, write an essay that discusses the meaning and interrelation of the senses of Sacred Scripture. How does this meaning and interrelation provide for the foundation of reading Sacred Scripture?

***Second Half of Paper (3-4 pages)***

Building upon your first two-three pages, most notably *Typology*--defined as "*history's rhyme scheme*"-- select a figure from the Old Testament that prefigures Christ and establishes a strong biblical foundation into a teaching of the Catholic Church (***a title of Christ or other pre-eminent figure is acceptable***). Your selection can also treat a core doctrine of the faith: The Trinity, Resurrection, Incarnation, etc...If you decide to go with a doctrine be sure to pass it by me first so we can discuss your treatment of the Old Testament. ***I highly encourage you to use Jesus of Nazareth as a primary resource into your research on your selected topic.***

I will be particularly interested in your ability to incorporate a clear understanding of a spiritual exegesis. Here I will look for you to draw from your readings and discussion in class. Utilize typology as the critical science, which uncovers the relationship between the Old Testament and New Testament unveiling God's divine causality in salvation history. Thus your paper should offer a balanced treatment of both the OT and NT respectively to supplement the direction of your chosen topic.

*Suggested Topics (see outline to syllabus to be sure you are not repeating subject matter or motifs that have already been analyzed).*

*--Any one of the Parables (apply to the senses of Sacred Scripture)*

*--Christ as "The Son of Man"*

*--Christ as "The Good Shepherd"*

*--Christ as "The Son"*

*--Christ as "I Am"*

*--Mary as "The Ark of the New Covenant"*

*--Peter's Primacy*

*--Any one of the sacraments (be sure to lay a biblical foundation drawing from the unity of the OT and NT)*

*--Any Core Doctrine: Trinity, Incarnation, Creation, etc... (again, be sure to draw out in your exegesis the symmetry of the OT and NT)*

*Resources (see syllabus)*