

Symposium on Biblical Scholarship

In cooperation with the Theological Seminary of the ELCROS at Novosaratovka the "Department of Biblical Studies" of the Helsinki University organized a "Symposium on Intertextuality and Reception History of the Bible" which was held on the 18.02 2005. Invited by the Department of Biblical Studies Dr. Rainer Reuter, professor of Biblical



Theology at Novosaratovka, and Stefan Loetzke, student at Novosaratovka took part in this conference. Four different biblical scholars read their papers, and their presentations were followed by some very lively discussions. Dr. Outi Leppä presented a paper titled "'Believers' and 'Unbelievers' in 2 Corinthians 6:14-15". Then followed Dr. Niko Huttunen's presentation on "The Effective History and the Reception History of the Bible: Methodological questions". It was dealing with the reception of biblical texts for the purposes of political polemics

on the example from the History of Finland. After lunch together two papers followed. Dr. Rainer Reuter read his paper titled "The expression 'those of the circumcision' in Gal 2:12. Meaning, Reference and Origin" and Dr. Heikki Leppä presented a paper on the depiction of Paul in 2 Timothy and other post-Pauline scriptures. In addition to the discussions and academic exchange there was enough time for friendly fellowship among the colleagues. This was the third time when the teachers and students from the Helsinki University and the Theological Seminary in Novosaratovka met in a conference like that. Thus many participants knew each other quite well. The Theological Seminary of the ELCROS is looking forward to the continuation of this exchange and is planning to welcome the Finnish colleagues in Novosaratovka at the next symposium.

The photo shows our student Stefan Loetzke (right) together with Professor Dr. Lars Ajmelaesus (left), New Testament scholar from Helsinki University.