

Ridgeway Bible Institute

New Testament Survey: The Gospel Realized

Mondays, 7-9 PM

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Course Description

This course will provide a general overview of the New Testament, emphasizing each book's major themes, and exploring how each book fits into the overarching Biblical story.

Objectives

1. Students will learn and understand the basic content, overall message, and major themes of each NT book.
2. Students will gain a better appreciation of how the New Testament unfolds God's promise of redemption in Christ Jesus.
3. Students will discover the beauty, power, and continual relevance of the New Testament for their spiritual growth and discipleship.

Required Text (must be purchased by the student)

- Kenneth Berding and Matt Williams, eds. *What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About: A Survey of Their Writings*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2015.

Recommended Study Bibles (any one of the following is highly recommended)

- *NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2018.
- *CSB Study Bible*. Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2017.
- *The ESV Study Bible*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Publishers, 2008.

Course Requirements

1. Attendance and class participation. The student must make every effort to attend each of the 10 classes and actively participate in class discussions.
2. Weekly readings (40%). Reading assignments are to be completed prior to each class as indicated per the class schedule below. Reading completion will be documented.

3. Quizzes (30%). Quizzes will be based on the assigned readings and class discussions.
4. Essay (30%). The student is to write a 2-3-page reflection on the importance of the New Testament for Christians today. It should incorporate material covered in the readings and class discussions. This assignment is due on the last day of class. Suggested essay format: double spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font.

Class Schedule

Date	Week	Class Topic	Assigned Reading	Total Pages
9/14/20	1	Introduction	Berding & Williams, ch. 1,2,6	23
9/21/20	2	Matthew, Mark	Berding & Williams, ch. 2,3	39
9/28/20	3	Luke, Acts	Berding & Williams, ch. 4,5	36
10/05/20	4	Quiz 1 John, Letters of John	Berding & Williams, ch. 6,7	28
10/12/20	5	Introducing Paul, Romans, 1 Corinthians	Berding & Williams, ch. 9,10,11	34
10/19/20	6	2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians	Berding & Williams, ch. 12,13,14	18
10/26/20	7	Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians	Berding & Williams, ch. 15,16,17	18
11/02/20	8	Quiz 2 1 Timothy & Titus, 2 Timothy, Philemon	Berding & Williams, ch. 18,19,20	12
11/09/20	9	Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter	Berding & Williams, ch. 21,22,23,24	24
11/16/20	10	Quiz 3 Essay due Jude, Revelation	Berding & Williams, ch. 25, 8	18

Supplemental Articles (optional reading)

Articles on topics related to the study of the NT will be provided to help broaden the student's knowledge and understanding. A link to access these articles from Google Drive will be emailed to each student.

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New Testament Survey: The Apostolic Witness to Jesus Christ is a 12-week course surveying the message of the New Testament, both at the individual book level and at the canonical level. This course is an attempt to present, book-by-book, the message of Jesus Christ through his Apostles. That is, students will grasp the main message of each individual book of the New Testament as it bears witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Emphasis will be given to considering the author, audience, structure, and major themes of each New Testament book. The first three Gospels are traditionally labeled the Synoptic Gospels. They present the life and ministry of Jesus from different, though complementary, vantage points. Studying the New Testament as One Book. A study of the New Testament books including "Introductions, Key Passages, Key Verses, Key Doctrines, and Key Persons. For years, we have practiced several different types of study: Verse by Verse and Topical. In this study, we will take a "bird's eye view" of the entire New Testament. We will view the New Testament as a single "book" study. We will look at the major divisions, as well as the books themselves. This is the first in our Survey of the New Testament. This handout will cover the importance of the two testaments, the four hundred years between the Testaments, the political, social, and religious scene. Hand Out - Introduction to the New Testament. New Testament Survey "Gospels. Gain a detailed overview of the gospels. Dr. Robert Stein. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The lecture notes you can download (to the right) are for both NT Survey I and II. In some of the lectures, Dr. Stein does not cover all the points in his outline, but we include the additional outline points for your benefit. Thank you to Charles Campbell and Fellowship Bible Church for writing out the lecture notes for both sections of Stein's NT Survey class (to the right). Note that they do not cover every lecture. Lectures. Lecture 1. Synoptic Problem. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke record some of the same stories and even use the same wording in sections. New Testament Survey.pdf - Free download as PDF File (.pdf), Text File (.txt) or read online for free. Roman Christianity found in the Gospel an account peculiarly appropriate to its life and problems. (William L. Lane, The Gospel According To Mark, pp. 2425). New Testament Survey. David Padfield. The Canon Of Mark 16:9-16. 1. It is claimed it is not authentic because it is not found in two of the oldest manuscripts (Vatican and Sinaitic). It is in practically all of the othersome 500 of themincluding the Alexandrian, which is next to the Vatican and Sinaitic in age and accuracy. 2. The passage was quoted by Irenaeus in the second century. New Testament Survey. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). © 2001 David Padfield www.padfield.com. Scripture taken from the New King James Version. Copyright ©1982 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by permission. windows and the like the gospel writers are represented in symbol by the figures of the four beasts whom the writer of the Revelation saw around the throne (Revelation 4:7). The emblems are variously distributed among the gospel writers, but a common allocation is that the man stands for Mark, which is the plainest, the most straightforward and the most human.