

**ADVANCE Ministry Preparation**  
Sponsored by Gateway Seminary  
CLS1314 New Testament Survey – 3 Hours  
Fall, January 7, 2024 – May 21, 2024  
Sundays 6:30p-8:00p & Tuesdays 8:00p-9:30p

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This class meets for fifteen weeks for periods of two hours and fifty minutes including two 10-minute breaks. Each center must meet the 45 hours of seat time required for this course.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is a foundational introduction to the background, content, careful examination, and interpretation of the New Testament, with a survey and study of each of the books of the New Testament.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a deepened grasp of the content of the books of the New Testament.
2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the nature of the Greek, Roman and Jewish worlds into which Christianity came.
3. Understand the most essential elements of hermeneutics.
4. Appreciate the various genres of New Testament literature such as gospels, history, parables, miracle stories, and narrative.
5. Apply the content in such ways as to promote personal Christian growth and further the individual's mission and ministry.

## **REQUIRED RESOURCES**

Fee, Gordon and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. 4th ed. Zondervan, 2014.

Gundry, Robert H. *A Survey of the New Testament*. 5th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

## **HELPFUL RESOURCES**

Brisco, Thomas. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Holman Reference, 2014.

Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020.

Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*. Revised and expanded ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2010.

Gundry, Robert H. Learn the New Testament Pack:

A Survey of the New Testament

A Survey of the New Testament Video Lectures

A Survey of the New Testament Laminated Sheet

\*Zondervan plus includes materials for instructors and students

Köstenberger, Andreas J., L. Scott Kellum, and Charles L. Quarles. *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament*. B&H Academic, 2016.

LOGOS Bible Software. (This software is a helpful research tool for biblical languages and exegesis. Students are eligible for a discount upon request – [advance@gs.edu](mailto:advance@gs.edu).)

Gateway Library Online: [library.gs.edu](http://library.gs.edu) has a number of online lexicons, commentaries, and language resources (use eBooks tab and Research Guides link)

Other Online Biblical Language Study Resources:

<https://biblehub.com/> (lexicon, interlinear, concordance)

<https://www.scripturedirect.com/index.php> (interlinear)

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/> (lexicon, interlinear, commentary)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/> (study tools)

<http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/> (Greek lexicon, sources)

## GRADING AND ASSIGNMENTS

Over the course of the semester the following evaluation exercises will be used to determine the level of mastery of course content achieved by each class participant:

### 1. ***Class attendance and participation*** (10%)

Each student is expected to attend and participate in class faithfully. This course covers a lot of material in a very short time. Attendance is vitally important. If a student must be absent, he/she must notify the instructor and is responsible for obtaining class notes.

### 2. ***Reading and Summaries*** (10% reading; 15% for summary, 5% for creativity)

Students will read several books from the NT during this semester. Students must read: ***Matthew (or Luke), Acts, Romans (or Corinthians), Hebrews, and Revelation***. Also, students will write a short paper on each book. These will consist of 5 specific areas: a summary of the book(s), its main idea or purpose, some major themes, and how it fits into the history and theology of both the OT and NT. Each book summary should be about 1 page. Creativity is 5%.

### 3. ***Book Outlines*** (30% - 10% ea)

Students will produce book outlines for **three of the biblical books read** and summarized for the reading assignment. Outlines should be thorough and not merely based on headings found in a particular English version but thoughtful analysis. Outlines should account for important literary movements and changes throughout the book, showing at least three levels of outline. **Outlines will be about 3-5 pages for each book.**

### 5. Exams (30%)

The midterm and final exam will be comprehensive for each section, focusing on the material presented in the class lectures, biblical books, and discussion throughout the semester. **Each exam will be 15%.**

### Semester Grades

<i>Attendance &amp; Participation</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Reading (5 books – 2% ea)</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>1 page Summary (3% ea)</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Reading &amp; Summary Creativity (1% ea)</i>	<i>5%</i>
<i>3 Outlines (3-5 pages, 10% ea)</i>	<i>30%</i>
<i>Midterm Exam</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Final Exam</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>

### GRADING SCALE

		<b>B+</b>	87-89	<b>C+</b>	77-79	<b>D+</b>	67-69		
<b>A</b>	94-100	<b>B</b>	84-86	<b>C</b>	74-76	<b>D</b>	64-67	<b>F</b>	0-60
<b>A-</b>	90-93	<b>B-</b>	80-83	<b>C-</b>	70-73	<b>D-</b>	60-63		

### COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Lectures & Assignments	Resource
1	Jan 7	Introduction to the course	Gundry: Introduction, chs. 1, 2, 3 Fee: ch. 1
2	Jan 14 & 16	Introductory Matters, Political History New Testament Background	Gundry: Introduction, chs. 1, 2, 3 Fee: ch. 1
3	Jan 21 & 23	Canon and Text, Introduction to Hermeneutics	Gundry: ch. 4 Fee: ch. 2
		<b>THE GOSPELS &amp; ACTS</b>	
4	Jan 28 & 30	Life and Public Ministry of Jesus Mark	Gundry: chs. 5, 6, 7 Fee: chs. 7-8
5	Feb 4 & 6	Matthew	Gundry: ch. 8 Fee: chs. 7-8
6	Feb 11 & 13	Luke <b>Summary of Matthew/Luke DUE</b>	Gundry: ch. 9 Fee: chs. 7-8
7	Feb 18 & 20	John	Gundry: ch. 10 Fee: chs. 7-8
8	Feb 25 & 27	Acts	Gundry: ch. 11 Fee: ch. 6

		PAUL & THE CHURCH	
9	Mar 3 & 5	Romans	Gundry: chs. 12-13 Fee: chs. 3-4
10	Mar 10 & 12	Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians <b>Summary of Acts DUE</b>	Gundry: ch. 12-13 Fee: chs. 3-4
11	Mar 17 & 19	1 & 2 Corinthians <b>Mid-Term Exam (Matt – Rom)</b>	Gundry: chs. 12-13 Fee: chs. 3-4
12	Mar 24 & 26	Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians	Gundry: ch. 14 Fee: chs. 3-4
13	Mar 31 & Apr 2	BREAK	
14	April 9	Prison Epistles: Colossians & Philemon	Gundry: ch. 14 Fee: chs. 3-4
15	April 14 & 16	Pastoral Epistles: 1-2 Tim & Titus <b>Summary of Romans/Corinthians DUE</b>	Gundry: ch. 15 Fee: chs. 3-4
		GENERAL EPISTLES & REVELATION	
16	April 21 & 23	Hebrews	Gundry: chs. 16 Fee: chs. 3-4
17	April 28 & 30	General Epistles: James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, & Jude <b>Summary of Hebrews DUE</b>	Gundry: chs. 17 Fee: chs. 3-4
18	May 5 & 7	Revelation <b>Summary of Revelation DUE</b>	Gundry: ch. 18 Fee: ch. 13
19	May 12 & 14	Exam Review <b>Book Outlines DUE</b> <b>Final Exam</b>	

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### NT Introduction

Carson, D.A. and Douglas J. Moo. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Zondervan Academic, 2005.

Elwell, Walter A. and Robert W. Yarbrough. *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Encountering Biblical Studies. Baker Academic, 2013.

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. IVP Academic, 2015.

Tenny, Merrill C. *New Testament Survey*. Revised ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985.

### **NT Studies**

- Carson, D.A. and G.K. Beale. *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*. Baker Academic, 2007.
- DeSilva, David A. *An Introduction to the New Testament: Contexts, Methods & Ministry Formation*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. IVP Academic, 2018.
- Evans, Craig A. and Stanley E. Porter, eds. *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2000.
- Ferguson, Everett. *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.
- Keener, Craig S. *The IVP Biblical Background Commentary: New Testament*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Downers Grove: IVP, 2014.
- Schreiner, Thomas R. *Handbook on Acts and Paul's Letters*. Handbooks on the New Testament. Baker Academic, 2019.
- Schreiner, Thomas R. *Interpreting the Pauline Epistles*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Baker Academic, 2011.
- Wright, N.T. and Michael F. Bird. *The New Testament in Its World: An Introduction to the History, Literature, and Theology of the First Christians*. Zondervan Academic, 2019.

### **NT Hermeneutics**

- Balz, Horst and Gerhard Schneider, eds. *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*, 3 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990, 1993.
- Blomberg, Craig L. and Jennifer Foutz Markley. *A Handbook of New Testament Exegesis*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010.
- Brown, Colin, ed. *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1976-1984.
- Bruce, F. F. *The New Testament Documents Are They Reliable?* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.
- Dockery, D. and D. Black., eds. *New Testament Criticism and Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991.
- Erickson, Richard J. *A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis. Taking the Fear out of the Critical Method*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2005.
- Kittel, Gerhard and Gerhard Friedrich, eds. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. 10 vols. Translated by G.W. Bromiley. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964-76.

Klein, W.W., C.L. Blomberg, and R.L. Hubbard Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Dallas: Word, 1993.

Köstenberger Andreas J. and Richard D. Patterson. *For the Love of God's Word: An Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Abridged and revised ed. Grand Rapids: Kregel Academic, 2015.

Silva, Moisés. *Biblical Words and Their Meaning. An Introduction to Lexical Semantics*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Silva, Moisés, ed. *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology and Exegesis*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014.

Spicq, Ceslas. *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*, 3 vols. Translated and edited by James D. Ernest. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1994.

Wegner, Paul D. *Journey from Texts to Translations: The Origin and Development of the Bible*. Baker Academic, 2004.

Wegner, Paul D. *A Student's Guide to Textual Criticism of the Bible: Its History, Methods and Results*. IVP Academic, 2006.

### **NT Theology**

Bock, Darrell L. *A Theology of Luke and Acts: God's Promised Program, Realized for All Nations*. A Biblical Theology of the New Testament. Zondervan, 2012.

Dunn, James D.G. *The Theology of Paul the Apostle*. Eerdmans, 2006.

Ladd, G.E. *A Theology of the New Testament*. Revised ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993.

Morris Leon. *New Testament Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *New Testament Theology: Magnifying God in Christ*. Baker Academic, 2008.

Thielman, Frank. *Theology of the New Testament: A Canonical and Synthetic Approach*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Zondervan Academic, 2005.