

New Testament Introduction II BF 1502

Time: Spring 2012, Thursday 6:00-7:50pm

Credit: 2 credit hours

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Course Description

This course is a general introduction to the New Testament (NT) literature, methods of interpretation, and various issues of critical study. New Testament Introduction II focuses on Acts, the life, and letters of Paul, the Pastoral epistles, the General epistles, and Revelation. This course is designed to familiarize students with critical, historical, and theological issues and the content of the NT from Acts through Revelation.

Course Requirements

1. Attendance and participation in the class (5%).
2. Careful and thoughtful completion of the assigned readings (5%).
3. Students will be required to write a theological exegesis of a key Pauline theme. The paper should be 12-15 pages double spaced using 10-15 scholarly sources. In addition, each student must write a 1 page response to another student's paper topic (40%).
4. Students will be required to submit a written (typed) summary (5-7) pages double-spaced of the text Lewis R. Donelson, *From Hebrews to Revelation: A Theological Introduction*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001 (10%).
5. Each student will be required to present to the class **two** 20 minute introductions to one of Paul's letters and a letter from the later NT. Assignments will be made on the first class period. The student should provide a brief basic introduction, while highlighting any important critical and theological issues for each letter (40%).

Required Texts

1. D.A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, and Leon Morris, *An Introduction to the New Testament* 2nd edition.
2. F.F. Bruce, *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free* 2nd Edition.
3. Lewis R. Donelson, *From Hebrews to Revelation: A Theological Introduction*
4. A copy of the New Testament preferably NASB, NRSV, NIV, HCSB.

Class Schedule and Assignments

- 1/26 Introduction
Introduction to Acts
Reading Assignment: CMM "Acts" and "Romans"
- 2/2 Romans
Reading Assignment: CMM "1 and 2 Corinthians"
- 2/9 Corinthian Correspondence
Reading Assignment: CMM "Galatians" and "Ephesians"
- 2/16 Galatians and Ephesians
Reading Assignment: CMM "Philippians" and "Colossians"
- 2/23 Philippians and Colossians
Reading Assignment: CMM "1 and 2nd Thessalonians"

- 3/1 1 and 2nd Thessalonians
Reading Assignment: CMM “1 and 2nd Timothy”
- 3/8 1 and 2nd Timothy
Reading Assignment: CMM “Titus and Philemon”
- 3/15 Titus and Philemon
Reading Assignment: CMM “Hebrews and James”; Donelson “Hebrews and James”
- 3/22 Hebrews and James
Reading Assignment: CMM “1 and 2nd Peter”; Donelson “1 Peter”
- 3/29 1 and 2nd Peter
Reading Assignment: Prepare for Paper Presentations
- 4/5 Spring Break
Reading Assignment: Prepare for Paper Presentations
- 4/12 Paper Presentations
Reading Assignment: Prepare for Paper Presentations
- 4/19 Paper Presentations
Reading Assignment: CMM “1,2,3 John”; Donelson “The Letters of John”
- 4/26 The Letters of John
Reading Assignment: CMM “Jude”; Donelson “2 Peter and Jude”
- 5/3 Jude
Reading Assignment: CMM “Revelation”; Donelson “Revelation”
- 5/10 Revelation
Donelson book review due.

Pauline Theological Themes:

1. The Old Man
2. Sin and Death
3. Works of the Law
4. The Righteousness of God
5. The New Man
6. The People of God
7. The Body of Christ
8. Ministry and Gifts
9. The Parousia of the Lord