

New Testament Introduction II BF 1502

Time: Fall 2009, Thursday 6:00-8:00pm

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 the life, and letters of Paul, the Pastoral epistles, the General epistles, and Revelation. This course is designed to familiarize students with the history (political, religious, and cultural) of the Greco-Roman world and of Judaism during the Second Temple period, and the contents of Romans 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 submit a written (typed) summary (5-7) pages double-spaced of the text Thomas R. Schreiner, *Interpreting the Pauline Epistles*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1990 (15%).
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 (15%).
5. 3 exams including the final (60%). Exams will cover the material from lectures and assigned readings.

Required Texts

1. D.A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, and Leon Morris, *An Introduction to the New Testament* 2nd edition.
2. Thomas R. Schreiner, *Interpreting the Pauline Epistles*
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

- 8/27 Introduction
Paul's life and ministry
Reading Assignment: CMM "Galatians"
- 9/3 Galatians
Reading Assignment: CMM "1 and 2 Thessalonians"
- 9/10 Thessalonian Correspondence
Reading Assignment: CMM "1 and 2 Corinthians"
- 9/17 Corinthian Correspondence
Reading Assignment: CMM "Romans"
- 9/24 Romans
- 10/1 **First Exam**
Reading Assignment: CMM "Philemon, Colossians"
- 10/8 **Fall Reading Days (No class)**

- 10/5 **1st Paper Due (Schreiner)**
The Prison Epistles
Reading Assignment: CMM “Ephesians and Philippians”
- 10/22 The Prison Epistles (cont.)
Reading Assignment: CMM “1 and 2 Timothy, Titus”
- 10/29 The Pastoral Epistles
Reading Assignment: CMM “James”
- 11/5 **Second Exam**
James
Reading Assignment: CMM “Hebrews”
- 11/12 Hebrews
Reading Assignment: CMM “1 and 2 Peter, Jude
- 11/19 1 Peter, 2 Peter and Jude
Reading Assignment: CMM “1,2,3 John
- 11/26 **Thanksgiving (No class)**
- 12/3 1,2, 3 John
Reading Assignment: CMM “Revelation”
- 12/10 Revelation
- 12/17 **Final Exam**
2nd Paper Due (Donelson)