

NT2023 — New Testament II: Romans–Revelation
Birmingham Theological Seminary (Birmingham Campus)
Briarwood Presbyterian Church

SYLLABUS
Spring Semester 2020

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Class Day/Time: Friday, 6:00–8:00am
Semester Dates: January 21–April 24
Room: A201

COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the books of the New Testament from Romans to Revelation. It is to cause them to know and understand the content of each book, its overall message, and its relationship to the rest of Scripture. The student should know how to outline each book, to declare the themes of each book, to show the major divisions of each book, and to know where to find key subject matters in each book.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- The student will be able to identify the overall purpose of each N.T. book .
- The student will be able to declare the themes of each book N.T. book.
- The student will be able to define and explain the theological concepts of each N.T. book.
- The student will be able to articulate an overview of major New Testament doctrines.
- The student will be able to describe the covenantal approach to understanding the New Testament.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Croteau, David A. **Urban Legends of the New Testament: 40 Common Misconceptions.** B&H Academic (August 1, 2015) / ISBN-10: 9781433680120 / ISBN-13: 978-1433680120

Elmer L. Towns (Editor), Ben Gutierrez (Editor) **The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey.** B&H Academic; 2 edition / ISBN-10: 1433644908 / ISBN-13: 978-1433644900

Certificate students are required only to read **The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey.**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING

1. Class attendance and participation, including homework assignments, surprise quizzes [25%]: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade by one letter grade. Completion of reading assignment on time is mandatory.

2. Twenty Two Short (2 page) papers: [25%]

These papers are short. There is no room for “smoke blowing.” Be concise and precise. This assignment is about content, but also about written communication (a necessary skill for ministry today). The course texts are the primary resources used in crafting the papers.

- **Early Epistles:** Galatians, 1 Thessalonians, and 2 Thessalonians.
- **Major Epistles:** 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, and Romans.
- **Prison Epistles:** Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.
- **Pastoral Epistles:** 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus.
- **General Epistles:** Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Revelation.

3. Urban Legends of the New Testament: 40 Common Misconceptions Book Critique: [25%]

This is to be a **critique** of the book. Do not merely summarize the contents; rather evaluate the book’s strengths and weaknesses. As you read, ask yourself and answer these questions, read **critically**:

- ☞ Begin your critique with **the bibliographic information** (Title, author, publisher, place and date of publication) of the book.
- ☞ Write a **brief summary** of the **main** theme and any **major secondary themes** of the author. I do not want a book review. I already know the content. Just give me enough to show you have read and digested the material.
- ☞ Include your **analysis** of the arguments the author sets forth. Your analysis should be focused primarily upon **how faithfully you think the author has interpreted and applied the Scripture.**
- ☞ Evaluate how he has either **succeeded or failed** in taking into account **all** of Scripture (in other words, is it a systematic argument or simply a use of some isolated proof texts?) **citing instances** from the book to support your evaluation.
- ☞ Tell me **why you agree or disagree** with his conclusion(s), using the Scriptures to support any differing views you may hold.
- ☞ Conclude with a paragraph that states **what you have gained personally AND professionally** from reading this book.

Certificate students are not required to read Urban Legends of the New Testament: 40 Common Misconceptions nor required to write a Book Critique.

4. Final Exam: [25%]

Class lectures, reading, and the papers you write will help you prepare for the final exam.

****Certificate students** will only be required to read Wilkinson, Bruce; Boa, Kenneth. Talk Thru the Bible.

****Certificate students** will only be required to write one short paper summarizing the major themes and concepts found in each of the New Testament books Romans thru Revelation. The format of the paper is one paragraph for each book.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Week</u>	<u>Class Lecture</u>	<u>Assignment Due</u>
1/24	Orientation, Galatians	
1/31	Orientation, Galatians, 1 Thessalonians	
2/7	1 & 2 Thessalonians	
2/14	1 & 2 Corinthians	Early Epistles Papers due
2/21	Romans	
2/28	NO CLASS Briarwood Missions Week	
3/6	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon	Major Epistles Papers due
3/13	NO CLASS – Professor out of Town	
3/20	1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus	Prison Epistles Papers due
3/27	Hebrews, James	
4/3	1 Peter, and 2 Peter	Pastoral Epistles Papers due
4/10	NO CLASS Holy Week	
4/17	1 John, 2 John, 3 John	
4/24	Jude, and Revelation	General Epistles Papers due Book Critique due
Final Exam	Electronically via Email	Due April 29, 2020

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