



### **BTS Mission:**

**Providing sound Biblical and practical theological training to equip leaders for Christ's Church.**

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Semester: Fall 2020

Date & Time: Thurs. 5:30-7:30 PM

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A study of the books of the New Testament from Romans to Revelation. The study is designed to cause the student 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. The student will engage in the discovery of the themes, theological concepts, major doctrines, and literary genres of each book through methodical outlining of each book and biblical hermeneutics.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the overall purpose of each N.T. book.
2. Declare the themes of each N.T. book.
3. Define and explain the theological concepts of each N.T. book.
4. Articulate an overview of major New Testament doctrines.
5. Distinguish between the genres of the Gospels and Acts, the Epistles, and the Revelation.

### **REQUIRED COURSE TEXTS**

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. InterVarsity Press Academic, 2009

ISBN – 10: 0830814027

ISBN – 13: 9780830814022

The New Testament in one of the following modern translations: 1. NASB; 2. NKJV; 3. ESV

Wilkinson, Bruce; Boa, Kenneth. Talk Thru the Bible: A Quick Guide to Help You Get More Out of the Bible. Thomas Nelson Publishers. ISBN-10: 0840752865 / ISBN-13: 9780840752864

## OTHER SUGGESTED READINGS

Bruce F.F. *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 1977. Reprinted 1999. ISBN: 0802847781

Traina, Robert A. *Methodical Bible Study*. Zondervan. 2002. ISBN: 0310246024 (**Master students only**) Browse for an overall view of methodical Bible study.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. In preparation for class discussion, each biblical book/letter is to be read prior to its scheduled date of discussion.
2. Eight (8) short (2-5 page) papers from designated New Testament books and passage. These papers are short. Be concise and precise. This assignment is about content, but also about the necessary skill of written communication. **(1-4 pages for certificate students.)**
  - In Romans 7:14-25, is the Apostle Paul describing himself as a saved person or an unsaved person? Use the context and theology to explain your answer.
  - Study I Corinthians 13:8-13. Has prophecy been done away? Has tongues ceased? Has knowledge been done away? If yes, why? If no, when will it happen? Please be thoughtful and detailed in your explanation.
  - Write a paper on race relations in the church as a practical outworking of Galatians 2:11-21 and Ephesians 2:11-22.
  - Outline the qualifications for Elders and Deacons in I Timothy and Titus and explain each quality.
  - Explain the message/teaching of Hebrews 6:1-8
  - Explain “the prescription/solution” to each of the ailments/problems mentioned in James 5:13-18
  - Why does Jude write his letter? Please explain.
  - Outline the Book of Revelation under three major headings. Include subpoints.
3. Final Exam: The Final Exam will consist of material derived from the class discussions and reading assignments. A study guide will be provided.

## GRADING WEIGHT AND COMMENTS

Course Requirements	Grade Weight	Comments
Reading Assignments	10%	
Eight (8) Short Papers	80%	Each paper counts for 10% of the final grade
Final Exam	10%	Cumulative

## COURSE SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	AGENDA/TOPIC	DUE ON THIS DAY/DATE
Thurs	9/10	Introduction/Romans	Reading (Guthrie, Chapters 10 & 11; Wilkinson/Romans & Corinthians)
Thurs	9/17	I and II Corinthians	Reading (Guthrie, Chapter 12; Bruce, Chapter 4)
Thurs	9/24	Galatians/Philippians	Reading (Guthrie, Chapters 13 & 16)
Thurs	10/1	Ephesians/Colossians	Reading (Guthrie, Chapters 15 & 17; Wilkinson/Galatians - Thessalonians)
Thurs	10/8	I and II Thessalonians	Reading (Guthrie, Chapter 18; Bruce, Chapter 5)
Thurs	10/15	<b>FALL BREAK</b>	
Thurs	10/22	I and II Timothy/Titus	Reading (Guthrie, Chapter 19; Bruce, Chapter 8)
Thurs	10/29	Philemon/Jude I, II, III John	Reading (Guthrie, Chapters 20, 26, 27; Wilkinson/Timothy - Philemon)
Thurs	11/5	Hebrews	Reading (Guthrie, Chapter 22; Bruce, Chapter 9)
Thurs	11/12	James	Reading (Guthrie, Chapter 23; Bruce, Chapter 20)
Thurs	11/19	I and II Peter	Reading (Guthrie, Chapters 24 & 25; Wilkinson/Hebrews – Revelation)
Thurs	11:26	<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	
Thurs	12/3	The Revelation	Reading (Guthrie, Chapter 28; Bruce, Chapter 29)
Thurs	12/10	Final Exam	

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