



### **BTS Mission:**

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

2200 Briarwood Way • Birmingham, Alabama 35243 • (205) 776-5650

Semester:	Fall 2020	Course:	NT 2525 New Testament History and Theology
Day & Time:	Tue. 5:30-7:00 pm	Room:	A209
Professor:	Matthew Aernie Ph.D.	Credits:	2 Hours
E-mail:	maernie@gmail.com	Phone:	205-901-4445

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this course is to understand how God has revealed Himself preeminently in the person of Christ organically and progressively throughout the pages of the New Testament. Particular focus will be given to the development of specific, theological themes presented in the Gospels and Acts, the Pauline Corpus, Hebrews, and Revelation. Through readings and seminars, we will also pay special attention to the God-With-Us/Temple theme throughout the Scriptures, culminating in NT revelation. Text-critical issues, dates, authorship, and general historical background of various books of the New Testament will also be examined.

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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

1. Students will be able to explain how certain NT themes arise and develop in the text.
2. Students will understand the various theological contributions, along with historical background information, of some of the various books of the New Testament.
3. Students will be able to demonstrate competence in the formation of biblical theology as a discipline.

### **REQUIRED COURSE TEXTS AND MATERIALS**

Thielman, Frank. *Theology of the New Testament: A Canonical and Synthetic Approach*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005. ISBN: 978-0-310-21132-7

### **OTHER SUGGESTED READINGS**

Beale, G.K. *A New Testament Biblical Theology: The Unfolding of the Old Testament in the New*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011.

Ladd, George Eldon *A Theology of the New Testament*. Rev. ed. By Donald A. Hagner. Grand

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

## COURSE EXPECTATIONS

All work must be submitted on the prescribed due dates. Carefully **proofread** your work before submitting, all submissions must be error free.

This class will meet weekly students are expected to set aside a minimum of 2-3 hours each week in preparation for the 2-hour class time. That figure includes readings, writing assignments, and work on your final paper. Note that each lesson may not require the same amount of time designated for coursework. Read the syllabus thoroughly; Proper Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance

Textbook Readings. Students are expected to accomplish all the required reading for the course. You will be asked to submit a reading report at the end of the semester.

Participation in class discussions. At the graduate level courses are typically conducted in a seminar style format. This means that the professor initiates and facilitates the discussion. Students are expected to actively participate in the class discussion. Failure to engage in class dialogue will be reflected in the student's final course grade.

Four Summary Papers (3-5 pages; 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins; **see course schedule for due dates**)

- a. *Using the method of biblical theology, choose a New Testament theme from your Reading of Thielman NOT discussed in class and trace that theme and its development throughout either one portion of the New Testament (i.e. one Gospel, all four Gospels, the Pauline Epistles, etc.) OR the entire New Testament. On the last page, students must make specific application to a specific ministry context.*
- b. This is a scholarly paper. Students will be expected to interact critically with scholarly sources including books, articles, and the like. Commentaries will provide a needed dialogue on the themes discussed in certain verses.

## GRADING WEIGHT & COMMENTS

COURSE REQUIREMENT	GRADE WEIGHT	COMMENTS
Textbook Readings	20 points	There will be a reading report due at the end of the semester
Participation in class discussions	20 points	
Four summary papers	60 points	
Total	100 points	

**COURSE SCHEDULE (Tentative)**

DAY	DATE	AGENDA / TOPIC
Tuesday	9/8	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Review Syllabus</li> <li>• What is New Testament Theology</li> <li>• Begin discussion of the Theology of the Synoptics</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin reading the Synoptic Gospels</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 45-135</li> </ul>
Tuesday	9/15	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclude discussion of Theology of the Synoptics</li> <li>• Theology in the Gospel of John</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue reading the Synoptics</li> <li>• Read the Gospel of John</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 135-216</li> </ul>
Tuesday	9/22	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theology of Acts</li> <li>• Introduction to the Apostle Paul</li> <li>• Theology of Romans</li> <li>• Theology of 1 Corinthians</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Acts</li> <li>• Read Romans and 1 Corinthians</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 219-233; 342-374; 276-306</li> </ul>
Tuesday	9/29	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue discussion on Theology of Romans and 1 Corinthians</li> <li>• Theology of 2 Corinthians</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First summary paper is due</li> <li>• Read 2 Corinthians</li> <li>• Thielman pages 323-341</li> </ul>
Tuesday	10/6	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theology of Galatians</li> <li>• Theology of 1 and 2 Thessalonians</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the epistles of Galatians, 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Thielman pages 262-275</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 234-261</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO CLASS.....Fall Break</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/20</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theology of the Prison Epistles</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Summary Paper Due</li> <li>• Read the Prison Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon)</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 393-407; 307-322; 375-392</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/27</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclude discussion on the Prison Epistles</li> <li>• Theology of the Pastoral Epistles</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the Pastoral Epistles</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 408-437</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin the Theology of Hebrews</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the book of Hebrews</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 585-611</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclude the theology of Hebrews</li> <li>• Begin Theology of James</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the book of James</li> <li>• Third Summary Paper Due</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 496-511</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclude theology of James</li> <li>• Theology of 1-2 Peter and Jude</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read 1-2 Peter and Jude</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 569-584; 522-535; 512-521</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/24</b>	NO CLASS.....Thanksgiving Break

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/1</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theology of 1-3 John</li> <li>• Theology of Revelation</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the epistles of 1-3 John</li> <li>• Begin reading the book of Revelation</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 536-568</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/8</b>	<p><b>In Class Lecture and Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclude theology of Revelation</li> <li>• Final thoughts</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish reading the book of Revelation</li> <li>• Fourth Summary Paper Due</li> <li>• Read Thielman pages 612-650</li> <li>• Reading Report is due <b>Friday December 11 at 5:00 pm central time.</b></li> </ul>

### **BTS FORMAT, STYLE, AND WRITING STANDARDS**

BTS has adopted Turabian as the standard form and style for writing formal papers. However, professors retain discretion in determining how “formal” a paper must be. Students should reference Kate Turabian’s *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 9th Edition*. A Turabian Supplement is available through the seminary. Students should also refer to the BTS Student Handbook on academic integrity/plagiarism. Below is a Paper Grading Rubric for formal papers:

<b>A to A-</b>	<b>B to B-</b>	<b>C to C-</b>	<b>D to D-</b>
Correct spelling and grammar/punctuation	Minor errors in spelling or grammar/punctuation	Many errors in spelling or grammar/punctuation	Difficult to read due to English writing errors
Smooth writing that provides for effective and efficient reading	Writing is acceptable, but not as organized and coherent	Writing is not smooth, sometimes confusing and inconsistent	Writing lacks clarity, focus, structure, and is incoherent
Person and format are proper for assignment	Person and format are inconsistent	Person and format are not appropriate	Person and format are totally inappropriate
Scripture, paraphrases, quotes, and summaries are appropriately used, cited, and clearly supports main argument	Scripture, paraphrases, quotes, and summaries are appropriate but need more depth and use of critical thinking	Scripture, paraphrases, quotes, and summaries are inadequate for main argument and do not reflect understanding	Scripture, paraphrases, quotes, and summaries are improperly used, overused, under used, or cited in error

Paper completely conforms to Turabian's <i>Manual for Writers</i>	Paper generally conforms to Turabian's <i>Manual for Writers</i>	Paper somewhat conforms to Turabian's <i>Manual for Writers</i>	Paper does not conform to Turabian's <i>Manual for Writers</i>
---	--	---	--

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to demonstrate punctuality and attend all class sessions. Any absences should be communicated to the professor and/or seminary office prior to the absence. In the absence of professor approval, a student will be permitted two absences per semester in a course. Tardiness may be recorded and three unexcused tardies will be counted as one unexcused absence. Unexcused absences and tardies exceeding the allowance may result in the student being dropped from the course with an "F" grade.

### CLASS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Refer to Student Handbook:

<https://bts.education/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Student-Handbook-2016-Current.pdf>

### ANNOTATED SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

#### NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

- Beale, G.K. *A New Testament Biblical Theology: The Unfolding of the Old Testament in the New*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011.
- Beale, GK. *The Book of Revelation*. The New International Greek Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999.
- Balla, Peter. *Challenges to New Testament Theology*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1997.
- Baukham, Richard. *The Theology of the Book of Revelation*. New Testament Theology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.
- Blomberg, Craig L. *A New Testament Theology*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2018.
- Boers, Hendrikus. *What is New Testament Theology? The Rise of Criticism and the Problem of a Theology of the New Testament*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1992.
- Childs, Brevard S. *Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments: Theological Reflection on the Christian Bible*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1992.
- Crowe, Brandon D. *The Last Adam: A Theology of the Obedient Life of Jesus in the Gospels*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2017.
- Crowe, Brandon D. *The Message of the General Epistles in the History of Redemption: Wisdom from James, Peter, John, and Jude*. Philipsburg: P&R Publishing, 2015.
- Clowney, Edmund P. *Preaching and Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1961.

Gaffin, Richard B, Jr. *By Faith, Not by Sight: Paul and the Order of Salvation*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2013.

Gaffin, Richard B., Jr. "Systematic and Biblical Theology." *Westminster Theological Journal* 38 (1976): 281-99.

Goppelt, Leonhard. *Theology of the New Testament*. 2 vols. Translated by John E. Alsup. Edited by Jurgen Roloff. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981, 1982. ET of *Theologie des Neuen Testaments*. 2 vols. Edited by J. Roloff. Gottingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 1976.

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1981.

Hasel, Gerhard F. *New Testament Theology: Basic Issues in the Current Debate*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978.

Hunter, Archibald Macbride. *Introducing New Testament Theology*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1958.

Jeremias, Joachim. *New Testament Theology: The Proclamation of Jesus*. Translated by J. Bowden. New York: Scribner's, 1971. (ET of *Neutestamentliche Theologie I. Teil: Die Verkündigung Jesu*, 1971.)

Knudsen, Ralph Edward. *Theology in the New Testament: A Basis for Christian Faith*. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 1964.

Marshall, I. Howard. *New Testament Theology: Many Witnesses, One Gospel*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004.

Morgan, Robert, ed. *The Nature of New Testament Theology: The Contribution William Wrede and Adolf Schlatter*. Studies in Biblical Theology, 2d series, v. 25 [London]: SCM, 1973. Reprint, Naperville, IL: Allenson, n.d. (This book includes English translations of major essays by Wrede and Schlatter, with an extensive introduction by Morgan.)

Morris, Leon. *New Testament Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1986.

Motyer, Steve. "Two Testaments, One Biblical Theology." In *Between Two Horizons: Spanning New Testament Studies and Systematic Theology*. Edited by Joel B. Green and Max Turner, 143-64. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Owen, John. *Biblical Theology: The History of Theology from Adam to Christ*. Orlando: Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 2007.

Poythress, Vern Sheridan. *Inerrancy and the Gospels: A God-Centered Approach to the Challenges of Harmonization*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Ridderbos, Herman. *Paul: An Outline of His Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997.

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

Schreiner, Thomas R. *The King and His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Paul, Apostle of God's Glory in Christ: A Pauline Theology*. 2d ed. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2020.

Stagg, Frank. *New Testament Theology*. Nashville: Broadman, 1962.

Stevens, George Barker. *The Theology of the New Testament*. New York: Scribner, 1899.

Strauss, Mark L. *Four Portraits, One Jesus: A Survey of Jesus and the Gospels*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

VanGemeren, Willem. *The Progress of Redemption: The Story of Salvation from Creation to the New Jerusalem*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988.

Vos, Geerhardus. *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1948.

Vos, Geerhardus. *The Pauline Eschatology*. Philipsburg: P&R Publishing, 1979.



### **BTS Mission:**

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

2200 Briarwood Way • Birmingham, Alabama 35243 • (205) 776-5650

Semester:	Fall 2020	Course:	NT 2525 New Testament History and Theology
Day & Time:	Tue. 5:30-7:00 pm	Room:	A209
Professor:	Matthew Aernie Ph.D.	Credits:	2 Hours
E-mail:	maernie@gmail.com	Phone:	205-901-4445

### **STUDENT SIGNATURE**

Your signature below indicates that you have read this syllabus, understand it, and willing accept the requirements and responsibilities for successfully completing this course.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_