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Exploring the New Testament: CTI 101

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide a survey of the New Testament. The study consists of a brief overview of each book, including pertinent geographical and historical information in order to encourage students toward a more contextual biblical interpretation.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of New Testament history;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of themes found in the New Testament;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose and message of each book of the New Testament;
4. The student will be challenged to make modern applications of New Testament truths in order to internalize these truths for personal growth and ministry.

COURSE TEXTS

The following textbooks are required:

1. Thomas Nelson Publishers. *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts: Old and New Testaments* 3rd ed. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2010.
2. The Bible. Any of the following translations are acceptable: NASB, NASB95 Update, KJV, NKJV, RSV, ESV, NIV, NLT, or HCSB.

Recommended Textbook (not required):

3. Lea, Thomas D. and David Alan Black. *The New Testament: Its Background and Message* 2nd ed., Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2003.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Assignment #1	Read the assigned chapters according to the Class Schedule. These chapters should be read before we discuss the biblical books in class. Fill in the Reading Log as you finish reading the assigned pages weekly.	35%
Assignment #2	Write a 1-2 page mini biography of any New Testament author	35%
Participation		30%
Total		100%

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 August 4	○ Introduction/Orientation/Intertestamental Period and Background of the New Testament ○ Read Nelson's pp. 276-280; 297-299. & Malachi 1-4
Week 2 August 11	○ How The NT was compiled and criterion used ○ The 4 Gospels/Synoptic Problem/Harmony of Gospels ○ Read Nelson's pp. 282-296 ○ Read The Gospel of Luke 1-11
Week 3 August 18	○ Study of the Four Gospels ○ Read Nelson's pp. 300-343 ○ Read the Book of Luke 12-24
Week 4 August 25	○ Survey of Acts ○ Introduction of Paul and His Epistles ○ Read Nelson's pp. 344-360 Acts 1-28
Week 5 Sept. 1	○ Pauline Epistles: General, Prison, Pastoral ○ Read Nelson's pp. 361-416 ○ Read Romans 1-16; Ephesians 1-6; Titus 1-3
Week 6 Sept. 8	○ General Epistles (Non-Pauline Epistles) ○ Read Nelson's pp. 417-446 ○ Read Hebrews 1-13; 1 John 1-5
Week 7 Sept. 15	○ Survey of Revelation ○ Read Nelson's pp. 447-455 ○ Read Revelation 1-22
Week 8 Sept 22	○ Review ○ Mini Biography due ○ Reading Log due

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New Testament Summary Chart

NT Book	Theme	Author
1. MATTHEW	Jesus the Messiah Matt. 16:16-17	Matthew The Tax Collector Matt. 9:9
2. MARK	Jesus the Servant Mark 10:45	John Mark Cousin of Barnabas Acts 12:25; Col. 4:10
3. LUKE	Jesus the Son of Man Luke 1:1-4; 19:10	Luke The Physician Col. 4:14
4. JOHN	Jesus the Son of God John 20:30-31	John The Disciple Jesus Loved John 13:23
5. ACTS	The Growth of the Church Acts 2:41-47	Luke The Physician Col. 4:14
6. ROMANS	The Righteousness of God Rom. 1:16-17	Paul/Tertius Apostle to the Gentiles Rom. 1:1-7; 16:22
7. 1 CORINTHIANS	Correction of Carnal Living 1 Cor. 6:19-20	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 1 Cor. 1:1-3
8. 2 CORINTHIANS	Defense of Apostolic Authority 2 Cor. 4:5-6	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 2 Cor. 1:1-2
9. GALATIANS	Freedom from the Law Gal. 2:20-21; 5:1	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles Gal. 1:1-5; 5:2; 6:11

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10. EPHESIANS	Building the Body of Christ Eph. 4:1-3, 11-16	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles Eph. 1:1-2
11. PHILIPPIANS	To Live is Christ Phil. 1:21; 2:5; 3:8; 4:13	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles Phil. 1:1-2
12. COLOSSIANS	The Preeminence of Christ Col. 1:15-18; 2:9-10	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles Col. 1:1-2, 23; 4:18
13. 1 THESSALONIANS	Holiness in Light of Christ's Return 1 Thess. 3:11-13; 5:23-24	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 1 Thess. 1:1
14. 2 THESSALONIANS	The Day of the Lord 2 Thess. 2:1-2	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 2 Thess. 1:1-2; 3:17
15. 1 TIMOTHY	Leadership Manual for Church Organization 1 Tim. 3:14-15	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 1 Tim. 1:1-2, 12-16
16. 2 TIMOTHY	Endurance in Pastoral Ministry 2 Tim. 2:1-7	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 2 Tim. 1:1-2
17. TITUS	Conduct Manual for Church Living Titus 1:5; 2:1	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles Titus 1:1-4
18. PHILEMON	From Bondage to Brotherhood Philemon 1:15-17	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles 1:1-3, 19
19. HEBREWS	The Superiority of Christ Heb. 4:14-16	Anonymous Heb. 13:18-24

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20. JAMES	Faith that Works James 2:14-18	James “the Just” Brother of Jesus James 1:1; Mark 6:3
21. 1 PETER	Suffering for the Cause of Christ 1 Pet. 4:12-19; 5:10-11	Peter/Silvanus (Silas) Leader of the 12 1 Pet. 1:1-2
22. 2 PETER	Guard Against False Teachers 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2:1-3; 3:14-18	Peter Leader of the 12 2 Pet. 1:1-2
23. 1 JOHN	Fellowship with God 1 John 1:1-4	John “the Elder” The Disciple Jesus Loved
24. 2 JOHN	Avoid Fellowship with False Teachers 2 John 1:7-11	John “the Elder” The Disciple Jesus Loved
25. 3 JOHN	Enjoy Fellowship with the Brethren 3 John 1:11-12	John “the Elder” The Disciple Jesus Loved
26. JUDE	Contend for the Faith Jude 1:3-4	Jude Brother of Jesus Jude 1:1-2; Mark 6:3
27. REVELATION	The 2 nd Coming of Christ Rev. 1:7-8; 19:11-16	John “the Elder” The Disciple Jesus Loved Rev. 1:1, 4, 9; 22:8-9

READING LOG

Date	<i>Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts</i> NT Books/Chapters	Pages Read Nelson's Pages Read NT
Week 1	Read Nelson's pp. 276-280; 297-299 Malachi 1-4	
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Week 7	Read Nelson's pp. 447-455 Read Revelation 1-22	
Week 8	Read the NT Summary Chart NT Writer Biography Due Reading Log due	