

Textbook List for NT451 New Testament Introduction F2019

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DESCRIPTION:

This course surveys the contents, message, form, and socio-historical backgrounds relative to the four Gospels, the Johannine Epistles and the book of Revelation (a.k.a., the Apocalypse). Particular attention will be given to major theological themes as well as to Jewish backgrounds that inform interpretation and application.

TARGET STATEMENTS:

- A. Knowledge – Students will be able to:
1. Articulate an understanding of the historical and cultural background of the New Testament.
 2. Understand and assess some of the methods used in biblical studies today and the views of contemporary scholars concerning some of the important issues in New Testament studies.
 3. Explain the context, form, distinctive features and themes of each book of the New Testament.
 4. Understand the correlation in themes between the Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles and the book of Revelation
- B. Character – Students will:
- Grow in their own spiritual formation as they submit to the authority of the transforming power of Scripture.
 - Participate in class conversations as a way to encourage and edify fellow classmates.
 - Reflectively read, note and incorporate truths from the New Testament into their life.
 - Appreciate how God has communicated and continues to communicate through these Scriptures.
- C. Ability – Students will be able to:
- Interpret the New Testament using some exegetical tools.
 - Explain the relevance of the New Testament for personal spiritual formation, contemporary society, and for God’s ongoing mission in the world.

TEXTBOOKS:

1. Powell, Mark Allan. *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018.
Hardcover, ISBN 9780801099601
Ebook (ePub format), ISBN 9781493413133
There is a web site related to this textbook at <http://www.introducingnt.com/>. The site has many helpful materials including study questions, flash cards, and practice quizzes. There are also hyper-links to resources that supplement the material in the textbook.
2. Duff, Paul B. *Jesus Followers in the Roman Empire*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017.
Softcover, ISBN 9780802868787