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## BT 606 Theology of the New Testament

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## **Biblical Theology 606 for 2000 January Term**

### **Purpose:**

1. Considers representative theological themes and their historical development in the New Testament, employing methodology of the contemporary Biblical Theology discipline.
2. Considers the inherent co-inherence between Old Testament and New Testament Theology.
3. To set a foundation for understanding the Biblical Canon as witnessing to the self-revelation of the Trinitarian Creator God, Father, Son and Spirit.
4. To focus the Word of God, the Christian Scripture, as authoritative for the daily life of the people of God called to declare the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, throughout the world.
5. To recognize that the New Testament CANNOT be understood without the Old Testament. To clearly recognize that the New Testament, the inspired witness of the apostolic community to Jesus of Nazareth as Christ, completes the revelation of the Hebrew Scriptures unveiling mystery within the Old Testament.
6. To assert the authority of the Christian Scripture for the Church of Jesus Christ acknowledging its historical groundedness and diverse literary forms.
7. To firmly establish an understanding of the theological nature of the Scriptural Narrative of the Old and New Testament.

### **Limitations:**

1. Within a minimum of 39 hours of classes together with the required texts there is no way that a Theology of the New Testament can be covered. Along with the reading this is a foundational theology allowing students to continue to develop their theological understanding of the New Testament.

### **Class Attendance Requirements:**

Under Law the Seminary is required that you attend class to receive funding. For that reason I will be taking a daily class attendance record.

I would hope you would feel free to raise questions or disagreements with the presenter or text in class. I welcome such dialogue both inside and outside the class room.

### **Class Days Discussion: January 12 - 14**

### **Reading Requirements:**

#### **For Extra Credit:**

Adler, Mortimer: How To Read a Book.

If you read this book and pass in the 1-2 page report on it by midnight January 11 [this is a change from the earlier curriculum] you can move your grade up by half a grade up to the level of B+. It will NOT help in moving from a B+ to A- or A- to A.

## Required Reading

1. N. T. Wright, **The Challenge of Jesus**. InterVarsity Press 1999.

On this book a MAXIMUM 12 page book report is required by midnight, Tuesday, January 11. [Please note this is one day earlier than set on the pre-Christmas curriculum].

In this book report you will report on each chapter

- a. What thing/ things you have learned which are new.
- b. What thing/ things you have difficulty with, disagree with.  
Please give reasons as to why you disagree.
- c. How the chapter assists you.

This will count as one third of the semester grade. [Please note this is changed from the earlier curriculum I sent your]

2. N. T. Wright, **The New Testament and The People of God**. Fortress Press.
3. Richard Bauckham, **God Crucified**. Eerdmans, 1998.
4. Richard Hays, **The Moral Vision of the New Testament**. Harper and Collins, 1996.
5. N.T.Wright, *The Prodigal Son*. This tape is on the reserve desk in Media Center
6. Movie: The Miracle Worker: Date to be arranged. Bring your spouse and children if you wish to.

## Requirements:

- 1.

## Study Group

I require you be in a study group. This study group must meet a minimum of one and a half hours each week.

A study group must have a minimum of three persons in it.

These study groups are to be finalized by Wednesday, January 5, 2000. The names of persons in the study group are to be placed in the black basket outside my door by 5 pm.

Recognizing family relationships, church relationships, work responsibility and relaxation, I know it is difficult for you to find the extra 6 hours over four weeks, but I believe this to be a very important part of the program.

- 2.

## Written work

Please do not place your name on each page. Place it either on the cover page or the back page.

Repeat: do NOT place your name on each page. Please do not use fancy print or colored ink in the printing of your paper. I do not want to be aware of the author of the work while marking.

3.

### **Alternatives**

If you wish to present your work in an alternative style – CD Rom, Art Work or Video please feel free to do so.

In the case of Video it will be impossible to be unaware who you are if your appear on it so I will attempt to be as neutral as possible in such marking.

Study Group Discussion:

Week One

1. Each person is to come to the study group with four new things learned in the class, four new things learned from the text.
2. After initial discussion by the half way time please start discussing issues that are unclear, or that you disagree with, from class or text. Please place that list by Monday noon in the black box outside my office. One person is responsible for one week each.

Please place your names of the group on a cover sheet or back sheet, not on the sheet being marked.

Each Tuesday, discussion for the study group will be given to the class, an initial draft will be available outside my door by Monday noon.

### **Terms Assessment:**

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2.

**Final Exam** Two Thirds of Final Grade.

This will be a take home exam. You may prepare for it as long as you like. I do not want you to hand me in more than 2,500 words ABSOLUTELY MAXIMUM on the exam. There will be more than one question but no more than three.

Suggestions:

Please outline the structure of your answers as your prepare. I want to see the logical development of your exam come through as I read your argument. If you wish you can show that outline – not included in the 2,500 words.