



New Testament Survey - Syllabus

Course Text(s): **The Bible**
 ***A Popular Survey of the New Testament*, Norman L. Geisler**

Course Description:

This course is a survey of the history, literature, structure, and content of the New Testament, with an emphasis on the historical background of the New Testament. The course will consist of reading and studying the whole of the New Testament. Students will continue reading the New Testament throughout the extent of the school year, ultimately completing the entire New Testament.

Course Objectives and Goals:

To enable the student:

- to gain knowledge of the content of the various books of the New Testament and their identifying characteristics
- to gain knowledge of the chronology of New Testament writings and events
- to gain knowledge of the various types of literature in the New Testament
- to gain knowledge of the cultural settings of the New Testament World (economic, political, social, and religious), with particular reference to the Roman, Greek, and Jewish cultures
- to strengthen reading and literary skills by exposure to a variety of genres, including poetic, epistolary, narrative, and apocalyptic forms
- to develop skills in moral reasoning by reading and reacting to the foundational texts of New Testament ethics
- to do reflective self-analysis by applying personal experience and critical thinking to the development of individual values

Class Methodology of Teaching:

- Class lectures
- Student interaction
- Interaction with the biblical text
- Question and answer opportunities

Course Requirements:

1. Participate in group discussions.
2. Outside assignments (homework):
 - a. Reading: The text of the New Testament
 - b. Practical study assignments including creating an outline of the New Testament via student's notes
 - c. Textbook: ***A Popular Survey of the New Testament*** by Norman L. Geisler
3. Class attendance and punctuality is required.
4. In case of an absence:
 - a. ***The student*** must view the missed lecture before the next class.
 - b. ***The student*** is responsible for obtaining any handouts, homework assignments, etc. that were given when the student was absent.
 - c. ***The student*** is to be current on all assignments by the next class, keeping the same pace with the instructor and other students.
 - d. The textbook quiz and New Testament reading quiz are due each week, regardless of an absence.

Textbook reading and quiz assignments are in your Intro Course. All quizzes must be completed by Monday at 11:59pm EST prior to the next class on Tuesday.