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Catalog description:

Survey of the cultural context and major themes of New Testament teaching, with particular focus on the death and resurrection of Christ and its implications for the believer's faith and life.

Course objectives:

1. Critique current scholarly approaches to New Testament study, and develop a working methodology of how one can better study the New Testament historically and theologically.
2. Survey the historical contexts and purposes of individual New Testament books.
3. Consider major theological themes in the New Testament author by author, and (more particularly) delve into the riches of each New Testament author's understanding of the cross of Christ.
4. Promote appreciation for the organic unity of New Testament theology in the midst of the diversity of its expression.
5. Provide a climate that encourages the practical application of New Testament teaching.

Required textbooks:

Bruce, F. F. *New Testament History*. New York: Doubleday, 1969 (or later printing). (Read pp. 1–430)

Carson, D. A., and Douglas J. Moo. *An Introduction the New Testament*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005. (Read pp. 23–127, 310–325, 354–385, 554–584, 596–615, 697–722, 726–742; total 247 pages)

Ladd, George Eldon. *A Theology of the New Testament*. Revised ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993. (Read pp. 1–28, 170–192, 212–344, 397–683; total 470 pp.)

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