



COURSE PROSPECTUS: INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION: NTS0510

PROFESSOR: Charles L. Quarles

OVERVIEW

This course will offer an introduction to principles of New Testament interpretation, the background and contents of the New Testament, and foundational studies such as the inspiration, selection, preservation, and reliability of the New Testament in order to equip students to respond to contemporary challenges to the Christian faith.

OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the most important principles for the interpretation of the major genres of the New Testament: historical narrative, parable, epistle, and apocalypse (Revelation).
- Introduce the background and contents of the New Testament
- Introduce foundational studies such as inspiration, canonicity, preservation, and reliability of the New Testament

CORE COMPETENCIES

Spiritual Formation: Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue an authentically Christian way of life, manifested by trust in God, obedience to Christ's commands, and love of God and neighbor.

Biblical Exposition: Demonstrate the ability to properly and effectively interpret, apply, and communicate the Scriptures.

Theological Integration: Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the doctrines of Christianity to life and ministry.

Ministry Preparation: Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and Christian disposition necessary for ministry and leadership in the church and the world.

Critical Thinking and Communication: Demonstrate the ability to think critically, argue persuasively, and communicate clearly.

REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Meetings

Participants will meet with the professor from 5:45-7:00 pm on the following dates:

March 19	April 9	April 23
March 26	April 16	April 30

Meeting Location:

Crenshaw Consulting Engineering
3516 Bush Street
Raleigh, NC 27609

Online Lectures

Participants will watch three 20-minute online lectures per week. All lectures must be viewed in their entirety.

Week 1: Is the NT Really the Word of God?
Week 2: Who Chose the Books to be Included in the New Testament?
Week 3: What About Those Other Gospels?
Week 4: Is What We Have Now Really What Was Written Back Then?
Week 5: Why Are Some Scholars So Skeptical Toward the New Testament?
Week 6: Is There Any Other Evidence to Support What the NT Claims about Jesus?

Class Lectures

Week 1: Interpreting Historical Narratives I
Week 2: Interpreting Historical Narratives II
Week 3: Interpreting Parables I
Week 4: Interpreting Parables II
Week 5: Interpreting New Testament letters
Week 6: Interpreting Revelation

Reading Assignments

The required textbook is:

Köstenberger, Andreas, Scott Kellum, and Charles L. Quarles. *The Lion and the Lamb: New Testament Essentials from The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2012.

The textbook is available in both a hardcover print edition and a digital format (Kindle). Careful reading of the textbook is very important for this class since the 12-hour format does not provide adequate time to offer a meaningful and informative introduction and survey of each New Testament book. Objective 2 for the course will be fulfilled almost entirely through the assigned reading.

Week 1: pages 1-52

Week 2: pages 53-120

Week 3: pages 121-149

Week 4: pages 150-206

Week 5: pages 207-286

Week 6: pages 287-396

Writing Assignments

As you read *The Lion and the Lamb*, select three of the study questions at the end of each chapter and write answers for the selected questions. Keep all answers compiled in a single Word document. Submit the answers to the professor by hand on the last day of class (April 30) or by email no later than May 7.

Course Grading

Answers to study questions from *The Lion and the Lamb* - 100% of final grade

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