



**NT 507 – NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**  
**Online Syllabus • 2 Semester Hours**  
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**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

In biblical theology, God's revelation of himself and his purposes in Scripture is often compared to the gradual blossoming of a flower, with the New Testament presenting that flower in full bloom. This course provides an overview of New Testament theology, noting in particular the ways in which the key themes of God's revelation throughout the various epochs of Old Testament redemptive history have blossomed to fulfillment in Christ and his Church. The course will also examine the essential theological unity of the New Testament within the rich diversity of its writers' personalities and modes of expression. Prerequisite: At least two of the three course, NT 501-503.

**II. LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. To gain a deeper appreciation for the unity of God's Word within the rich diversity of its revelation;
2. To appreciate the progressive nature of Scripture as it reveals God's nature and his will for his people throughout the various epochs of redemptive history;
3. To grasp the distinctive character and unique focus of the various portions of the New Testament canon;
4. To appreciate the difference between the partial and shadowy revelation of the Old Testament and the more complete and substantial revelation in the New Testament;
5. To reflect deeply on particular theological themes as these have been progressively revealed from one redemptive epoch to another;
6. To grow in our commitment to grasping and obeying God's Word in its New Testament fullness as it is understood in the light of the foreshadowing of the Old Testament revelation.

**III. COURSE STRUCTURE**

**Modules:** This online course is divided into thirteen modules, designed to be completed in order over the course of 13-15 weeks. To see a detailed outline of the structure, click the "Modules" link on the left side of this page.

**Conferences:** Your course instructor will want to meet with you during the semester via Skype or the conferencing capabilities of Canvas. Contact your instructor about setting up your first conference within the first couple of weeks of the course.

**Mentor:** As you proceed through this course you will need to obtain the services of a course mentor who will meet with you three times during the semester to interact with you regarding your studies and to proctor the course exams. (The quizzes may be taken without supervision.) Ideally, your course mentor will be a pastor, youth pastor, or other spiritual authority in your church who can guide and counsel you as you pursue biblical and theological training. In the course materials there is a mentor agreement form that your mentor will need to sign and return to New Geneva Seminary before you begin the course.

**IV. LECTURES AND READING ASSIGNMENTS**

The lectures and assigned readings from the Vos and Ladd texts are crafted to work together in leading you through theological treatments of the major portions and themes of New Testament revelation. Thus the timely completion of each assigned reading is essential to fulfilling the learning goals of the course. Completion of the reading assignments will be assessed by alternating reading

summaries and quizzes throughout the semester, each covering the week's reading assignment. See the course calendar below for the specific weekly reading assignments.

## V. RESEARCH PAPER

Each student will have the opportunity to reflect in greater depth on a particular theological theme and to trace its development throughout the Bible, culminating in the New Testament era. While the paper should reflect on how the theme unfolded throughout the various periods of Old Testament redemptive history, its focus should be on how the theme developed within and reached its culmination during the New Covenant era. For example, your paper could trace the theme of sacrifice from the offering made by Abel and Cain to the believer's current obligation to offer himself or herself as a living sacrifice to God (Rom. 12:1-2). An "A" paper will be approximately 5,000 words in length (all told) and will interact with at least 5 outside sources of published scholarly research (books or articles) that deal with biblical theology.

## VI. STUDENT PRESENTATION

Each student will be responsible to present a twenty-minute biblical-theological overview of the theme chosen for the exegetical paper. The presentation should focus on how the theme unfolds through the various periods of redemptive history and culminates in a full revelation in the era of the New Covenant. You should provide your fellow students with an outline of the presentation. The use of audio-visual media is optional.

## VII. GRADING

Letter grades will be assigned using the scale presented in the seminary catalog. Your grade for this course will be weighted as follows:

1. Lecture Notes: 20%
2. Reading Quizzes and Summaries: 30%
3. Research Paper: 25%
4. Student Presentation: 15%
5. Participation: 5%

## V. RESOURCES

### Required Reading:

George Eldon Ladd, *A Theology of the New Testament* (rev. ed., Eerdmans, 1993).

Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments* (Banner Of Truth, 1994).

### Recommended Reading:

Herman Ridderbos, *Redemptive History & the New Testament Scriptures* (P & R, 1988).

Leon Morris, *New Testament Theology* (Zondervan, 1991).

**Lecture and Reading Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Reading Assignment</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Lect. 1: Introduction to NTBT	Ladd 1-30, 684-720; Vos 3-18, 299-304
<b>Week 2</b>	Lect. 2: The Synoptic Vision: 3-D Gospel	Ladd 31-88; Vos 299-329
<b>Week 3</b>	Lect. 3a: The Synoptic Vision: Mark and Matthew	Ladd 89-142; Vos 330-342
<b>Week 4</b>	Lect. 3b: The Synoptic Vision: Luke	Ladd 143-192; Vos 343-356
<b>Week 5</b>	Lect. 4: Jesus through John's Eyes	Ladd 193-248; Vos 357-371
<b>Week 6</b>	Lect. 5: The Worldwide Gospel in Acts	Ladd 249-305; Vos 372-384
<b>Week 7</b>	Lect. 6: Paul's Early Epistles	Ladd 306-346
<b>Week 8</b>	Lect. 7a: Paul's Major Epistles: Romans	Ladd 347-396
<b>Week 9</b>	Lect. 7b: Paul's Major Epistles: Galatians	Ladd 397-447
<b>Week 10</b>	Lect. 8: Paul's Later Epistles: The Pastorals	Ladd 448-498
<b>Week 11</b>	Lect. 9: The General Epistles	Ladd 499-554
<b>Week 12</b>	Lect. 10: The Book of Revelation	Ladd 555-616
<b>Week 13</b>	Student Presentation	Ladd 617-683