

New Testament Survey
(Making the NT Scriptures Come Alive)
Course Book: “A Popular Survey of the New Testament”
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Course Overview

The world in which the people who lived in New Testament times was totally different from the world in which we live today. The culture of those to whom Christ came as Messiah and those of the people reached with His gospel through the apostles was quite different than most modern day readers of the Bible.

This New Testament survey course is intended to help bridge the historic and cultural chasms that sometimes make biblical studies hard to comprehend. When one has a basic knowledge of when, where, why, and how ancient writings clearly communicated the will of God to the original recipients, it is easier to ascertain timeless truths that can be applied to our lives today.

To have a resource like the text for this course helps to bring the Scriptures of God alive with new knowledge of the geographical, spiritual and historical events in which the Bible actually happened. A better understanding of these things should not only help a student appreciate more God's holy Word, but it should also help him or her become more creative in their teaching of the Bible and more sensitive to extending the gospel to other people groups in the world today. This NT survey course will provide important background information on every NT Scripture that will benefit all teachers and students alike for many years to come.

Course Objectives

- To study the life, times and background of all 27 New Testament Books of the Bible.
- To become more than a casual reader of Scripture, to an engaged lover of God's Word.
- To memorize applicable Bible verses relevant to particular sections of the NT Scriptures.
- To become familiar with maps, charts and other resources in perceiving NT texts better.
- To have a greater confidence in the Bible and the faith by in-depth study of Bible settings.
- To become a more interesting, creative communicator of Bible truth (home, church, work).

Course Obligations

- Weekly readings in the course book (*PSNT*) (*usually 2-3 chapters/ about 20-40 pages*)
- Weekly attendance (as faithful as possible) to supplement readings and for class interaction
- Scripture memory of assigned verses pertinent to the course reading assignment under study
- Periodic quizzes on course readings and a final comprehensive examination for certification
- Small group discussion of the weekly readings of each week and supplemental teaching
- A 3-5 page approved research paper/ any aspect of this study you want to know better.
- Teacher availability for questions and clarification:

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Class Schedule

SEPT.	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading Assignment</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Memory Verses</i>
	5	Course introduction	Overview of text book and plenary class review of Chapter 1	
	12	Chapters 2 & 3 (pp. 19-48)	'Gospel Record' & 'Intro to the Gospels'	<i>1 Peter 1:10-12</i>
	19	Chapters 4, 5, 6 (pp. 49-102)	'Synoptic Gospels' (<i>Matthew, Mark & Luke</i>)	
	26	Chapters 7 & 8 (pp. 103-138)	'John's Gospel' & 'Acts' Section Quiz / Gospels & Acts	

OCT.	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading Assignment</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Memory Verses</i>
	3	Chapters 9 & 10 (pp. 139-159)	Intro to the Epistles' & 'Romans'	<i>2 Peter 2:19-25</i>
	10	Chapters 11 & 12 (pp. 160-181)	1 & 2 Corinthians' (research paper approval/ deadline)	
	17	Chapters 13 & 14 (pp. 182-200)	'Galatians' & 'Ephesians'	
	24	Chapters 15 & 16 (pp. 201-220)	'Philippians', 'Colossians' & 'Philemon'	
31	Chapters 17 & 18 (pp. 221-232)	1 & 2 Thessalonians' Section Quiz / Paul's Epistles		

NOV.	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading Assignment</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Memory Verses</i>
	7	Chapters 19, 20, 21 (pp. 233-251)	'1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy'	<i>2 Timothy 2:1-7</i>
	14	Chapters 22 & 23 (pp. 252-270)	'Hebrews' & 'James' Section Quiz / Pastoral Epistles	
	21	Chapters 24 & 25 (pp. 262-287)	'1 & 2 Peter'	
28	Chapters 26 & 27 (pp. 288-309)	'1, 2, 3 John' Section Quiz / General Epistles		

DEC.	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading Assignment</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Memory Verses</i>
	5	Chapter 28 (pp. 310-323)	'Revelation' Research paper due	<i>Revelation 1:1-3, 22:12-13</i>
12		Course completion/ Comprehensive Final Exam		