



**School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities
Course Unit Descriptor**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	10
Course Unit Title	New Testament Theology
Unit Code	8323
Unit Level	3
Contact Hours	n/a
FHEQ Level	6
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Pieter J. Lalleman
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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AIMS

To discuss some of the theological highlights of the New Testament (NT), focussing on books not featured in units at levels 4 and 5. In addition to helping students to read the NT theologically, the unit aims to increase their skills in exegesis and application.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

- By the end of this unit students will be able to:
- Understand the main theological ideas of the NT.

- Describe the contribution of the main books of the NT to its message.

Intellectual Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Show that they have considered the role of the NT in contemporary Christian theology and praxis.
- Give evidence of increased skills in areas such as explaining the significance of major textual variants, relating texts and passages to the contexts of the books in which they occur, and showing an awareness of intertextuality.

Practical Skills

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Apply the content of the unit to the construction of teaching material for use in ministry.

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Reach informed and mature conclusions about theological issues
- Manage their study time effectively.

Employability Skills

Students will fine-tune their developed learning skills as they handle a wide range of detailed material. They will be required to think innovatively and to reflect with insight and sensitivity on the views of others. Such skills are valuable in a wide range of employment contexts.

SYLLABUS

1. Introduction
 2. The Plan of Salvation
 3. According to the Scriptures
 4. The Need for Salvation (I)
 5. The Need for Salvation (II)
 6. The Three Tenses of Salvation
 7. The Fact of Salvation (I)
 8. The Fact of Salvation (II)
 9. The Experience of Salvation (I)
 10. The Experience of salvation (II)
 11. The Experience of Salvation (III)
 12. The Experience of Salvation (IV)
 13. The Hope of Salvation (I)
 14. The Hope of salvation (II)
 15. The Hope of Salvation (III)
 16. The Bringer of Salvation (I)
 17. The Bringer of Salvation (II)
 18. The Bringer of Salvation (III)
- Conclusion

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Distance Learning

Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's *Online* to support student learning

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: • An essay plan	750 words	n/a
Summative: • An essay • A learning journal*	3000-3500 words	100% Pass/fail*
* Distance learning students are required to pass this element.		

FEEDBACK METHODS

- Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 15 working days

REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Core unit (UG)
Pre-requisite units	8103 Reading and Using the Bible or equivalent
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

- Caird, George B., *New Testament Theology* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994)
- DeSilva, David A., *An Introduction to the New Testament. Contexts, Methods and Ministry Formation* (Leicester: Apollos, 2004)
- Dunn, James D.G., *The Theology of Paul the Apostle* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998)
- Goppelt, Leonhard, *Theology of the New Testament. 2 vols* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1981-1982)
- Hays, Richard B., *The Moral Vision of the New Testament: Community, cross, new creation: A contemporary introduction to New Testament ethics* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1997)
- Ladd, George E., *A Theology of the New Testament*. Rev. ed. by Donald A. Hagner (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 1993 / Cambridge: Lutterworth, 1994)
- Marshall, I. Howard, *New Testament Theology* (Downers Grove & Leicester: IVP, 2004)
- Schreiner, Thomas R., *New Testament Theology: Magnifying God in Christ* (Nottingham: Apollos, 2008)
- Scobie, C.H.H., *The Ways of our God: An approach to biblical theology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003)
- Thielman, Frank, *Theology of the New Testament: A Canonical and Synthetic Approach* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

n/a

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

100 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	