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ανηρ ὃς εμπροσθεν μου γεγονεν, οὐ πρωτος
μου η̄ν. 31 κᾱγω οὐκ η̄δειν αῡτον, ᾱλλ' ἵνα
φανερωθῆ τῷ Ἰσραηλ διᾱ τοῡτο η̄λθον ἐγω̄
ἐν ὕδατι βαπτίζων. 32 Καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν
Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι Τεθέαμαι τὸ πνεῦμα.



SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 1 NT101

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SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT I

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Textbook for the Course:
Survey of the New Testament
by Paul Benware

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SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: PART ONE

COURSE ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a course designed to give the student an overview of the historical, political, and social contents of the New Testament books. Attention is given to authorship, dates, canonicity, structure, styles and themes with analysis and exposition of key passages and their doctrinal significance.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

- A. Be able to demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the New Testament as a whole, and especially the Gospels and their contents and purposes.
- B. Be able to delineate the general message and purpose of the New Testament, especially the four Gospels.
- C. Be able to state and explain the purpose and content of each Gospel and its author.
- D. Be able to show the unity of the New Testament, its connection with the Old Testament and its place in the development of the New Church.

III. TOOLS OF STUDY

- A. The Bible: King James Version and others
- B. This study guide
- C. Major textbook of the course: *Survey of the New Testament* by Paul Benware (Chicago: Moody Press, 1990)
- D. Optional: Teaching tapes by the instructor: *Survey of the New Testament: Gospels*

IV. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Menzies, William W. *Understanding the Times of Christ*. Springfield: Gospel, 1969.
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- Streeter, B. F. *The Four Gospels*. New York: McMillan, 1925.
- Thiessen, H. C. *Introduction to the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1943.
- Wilkins, Chester. *The Four Gospels Arranged as a Single Narration*. Barttesville: Wilkins, 1974.

V. SUGGESTED STUDY HABITS

- A. Read through the Gospels.
- B. Study the textbook for the course thoroughly.
- C. Be familiar with the study guide.
- D. Do NOT miss a single class session unless absolutely necessary. Should you miss a session, get the tape for the class you missed.
- E. Take many notes. TIP: Sharing notes at the end of each session with a study partner will help you with the coursework.

VI. CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY

- A. Primarily lecture followed by class participation and discussion.
- B. Time will be permitted for in-class instruction and discussion.

VII. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

TBA by instructor during the class.

VIDEO CLASS

Please read the following important information.

BINT115: SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT I
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This course was originally recorded for use by both Beacon University and CLST/CLEN. Dr. Cottle's audience consisted of Beacon University students for this taping. CLST/CLEN students are to disregard the reference to New Testament Survey Bible 102, Beacon Weekend and two textbooks for the course.

The textbook has been revised since the course was originally taped. In revising the textbook, the chart was moved from page 45 to page 48.

NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY: PART ONE

OVERVIEW AND THE GOSPELS

I. INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE

A. Chart of New Testament Chronology (Handout 2)

B. Chronological Chart: New Testament Period (Handout 3)

C. Contents of the New Testament

1. Volume Two in the story of salvation

2. Nature of the New Testament: Covenant

3. Books of the New Testament

a. Classification

1.

2.

3.

4.

b. Authors

II. BACKGROUND OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. Introduction

B. Hebrew Preparation

1. "A holy nation"

a. Monotheism

b. The law of God

2. Dispersion

a. Septuagint

b. Judaism

C. The Greek Preparation: One language/One world

1. Alexander the Great

2. A single vocabulary

D. The Roman Preparation: Law and order

1. Military: Caesar Augustus

2. Roads

3. Moral/ religious degeneration

III. HOW THE GOSPELS CAME TO BE WRITTEN

A. Gospel—*EVAGGELION*

1. Meaning

2. Evolution of the word's meaning

B. "Life Precedes Literature"

1. Inception

2. Expansion