

On New Testament Survey (1)

(November 2020 Y C Ip)

The New Testament contains twenty seven books and, for the purpose of this Survey, is grouped into three sections: (1) the Thirteen Pauline Epistles (2) the Four Gospels and (3) the remaining ten other books (Acts, Hebrews, letters from James, Peter, John, Jude, and the Revelation). These books are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrines, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16-17).

In this New Testament Survey (1) course, we will study Paul's thirteen Epistles (see course schedule attached). These Epistles provide a foundation for a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith. Thus we will look into the meaning of Justification by Faith, the true Gospel, and the work of the Holy Spirit. We will also look into the power of the Cross and how Christ's sacrificial death on the Cross delivers us from the "present evil age". One of Paul's Epistles gives a detailed account on Christ's resurrection and points out its importance for the Christian Faith. Christ's resurrection signifies that "the age to come" has invaded the "present evil age". The "new age" has not yet been consummated, and believers are still living in the "present evil age". Paul's Epistles provide guidance on the establishment of Christian homes in pagan(secular) cities, and Christ-centered churches where believers are encouraged to support and bear one another's burdens, so fulfilling the law of Christ. Paul's Epistles also contain warning that all will stand before the Judgment seat of Christ, but those who put their in Christ crucified and risen are free from condemnation(Gal 2:17;5:5).Other important topics to be covered in the course include the meaning our heavenly citizenship, Christ's imminent return and how to live a life which will bring glory to God.

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Course Schedule (November 2020.)

Week_1	Introduction. Paul's life and Ministry. Paul's Theology.
Week 2	Galatians
Week 3	1 and 2 Thessalonians.
Week 4	Philippians.
Week 5	Colossians and Philemon
Week 6	Ephesians.
Week 7	1 Corinthians.
Week 8	1 Corinthians.
Week 9	2 Corinthians.
Week 10	1 Timothy.
Week 11	2 Timothy and Titus.
Week 12	Romans.
Week 13	Romans.

Reference Book: The New Testament and Its World by N.T. Wright
And Michael F Bird. (Zondervan Academic:2019).