

## BS 102 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

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### **RATIONALE**

New Testament Survey is of supreme importance since it is the story of the New Testament community and how God revealed Himself through Jesus Christ in a more superior way than in Old Testament community. As the letter to the Hebrews puts it: "In many and various ways God spoke of Old to our fore by the prophets, but in this last day He has spoken to us by a Son, whom he has appointed the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world." Hebrew 1:1-2

### **OBJECTIVES**

To study the Background and the key verses and chapters of the New Testament and what the writers teach about who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian.

### **STRATEGY**

The course will focus on:

1. The background to the New Testament
2. Christology
3. Christian Ethics
4. The Key Verses and Chapters of the 27 books of the New Testament.

### **TEXT BOOK**

Conner and Malmin. *New Testament Survey*. 1975 amazon.com

Robert Gundry. *A Survey of the New Testament* 5<sup>th</sup> addition, 2012. Amazon.com

Paul Benware. *Survey of the New Testament*. Amazon.com

### **EVALUATION**

There will be examination or /and term paper 10-15 (undergraduate) 20-25 graduate 1.5 spaced. The paper must be typewritten and submitted to the instructor. The paper must be completed on or before the last day of the Semester.

Write a term paper on one of these topics

1. For the New Testament writers: "Theology is Christology and Christology is Theology." Discuss
2. "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times in various ways, but in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe." Hebrew 1:1-2. Using this statement as a guide, show how the revelation through Christ is superior to how God was revealed in the Old Testament and pre-Christian religions.
3. For the New Testament writers, Jesus was fully human and fully divine. Discuss.