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The information below is provided as a guide for course selection
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Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

BT6604 Biblical Theology of the New Testament, 3 credit hours

Course Description

This course is an analysis of the New Testament from the perspective and methodology of contemporary biblical theology.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Understand some of the primary emphases of the various New Testament authors
2. Employ the method of deriving biblical theology to various topics in the New Testament
3. Apply the results of biblical theology to life and ministry

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supporting Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

NOTE: Additional content or links to Internet content may be required and will be provided in the course.

Assignments

Guideline for the Discussion Board: Post a discussion on a topic in biblical theology in the Discussion Board. Each student will be assigned a number that relates to a question from the textbook reading and/or lecture for that specific week. The initial post should summarize the theology presented in the textbook and then develop that theology after interaction with additional sources. The post should be between 150-250 words, and the word count should be included at the end of the post. See the grading rubric for assessment expectations.

Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Friday, 11:59pm CT). Then read and respond to at least **TWO** of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CT). At least one of these posts should respond to a different question than the one assigned to you. Responses should advance the theological discussion in some way, and the responses should be between 75-100 words with the word count included at the end of the post. You must make your initial post before you are allowed to interact with the posts of others in the class. Initial posts made after the due date will receive a 20% reduction in grade, and no posts will be received after the Monday deadline.

Standard for Written Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page

paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.) Here is a guide to Turabian style: http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html

Audio Lectures: Listen to the assigned audio lectures on biblical theology by Dr. Frank Thielman. Comprehension of the lectures will be assessed by interaction in the Discussion Board.

Assignment 1-1 Paper Preparation – Choose Topic: Choose a paper topic from the list of approved topics and identify biblical texts that relate to this theme. Each paper topic comes with a major New Testament text that forms the basis of the study. Additional texts might include (a) Old Testament texts that point toward the topic, (2) gospel parallels, (3) additional texts from the same author, or (4) other New Testament texts that discuss related themes.

Assignment 2-1 Paper Preparation - Translation: Translate the main assigned passage and comment on any issues related to punctuation, textual criticism, grammar or syntax.

Assignment 3-1 Paper Preparation – Historical and Literary Context: Develop any background issues and place the assigned text in its historical and literary context.

Assignment 4-1 Paper Preparation - Theology: Describe the theology of the assigned paper theme.

Assignment 5-1 Paper Secondary Literature Research: Research the secondary literature on the assigned topic. Include significant journal articles and works devoted to biblical theology.

Assignment 6-1 Paper Preparation – Theological Development: Interact with the theological development of your assigned topic in at least two different sources from your bibliography. Do they support or challenge your initial theological description?

Assignment 7-1 Research Paper - Final: You should demonstrate your ability to derive a biblical theology on a specific topic. Paper topics are related to some aspect of newness in the New Testament. Other topics on the theme of newness may be accepted if permission is granted by your professor. The following topics are acceptable topics for the paper. The Scripture passages indicate the key passage for the development of this theology, but parallel passages and other passages on the related topic should also be considered.

- 1) New Wine and New Wineskins (Luke 5:33-39)
- 2) Pentecost and the Giving of the Spirit (Acts 2:16-21)
- 3) New Covenant (2 Corinthians 3:1-6)
- 4) New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:16-17 and Galatians 6:15)
- 5) New Humanity: Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 2:11-22)
- 6) New Humanity: Ethics (Ephesians 4:20-24)
- 7) New Commandment (John 13:31-35)
- 8) New Heavens and New Earth (Revelation 21:1-5)

Assignment 7-2 Research Paper - Presentation: Create a 30-minute presentation of your assigned topic on newness in biblical theology. Include a one-page handout for the class.

Assessments

Assessments (# in parentheses)	% of Total
Discussions (6)	30
Paper Preparation (6)	12
Assignment 7-1 Research Paper - Final	38
Assignment 7-2 Research Paper -Presentation	20
Total:	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work