



Truth Today

New Testament Exposition

Introduction

Colossians 1:28 says, “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” The goal of *Truth Today* is to grow in a foundational comprehension and working knowledge of Scripture to faithfully proclaim Christ, warn everyone, teach everyone, and present everyone mature in Him.

Class Goals

This class will introduce the culture, context, and content of each book in the New Testament. Unlike a typical survey, the grand storyline of redemption will be the primary focus while implementing the grammatical-historical hermeneutic introduced in the previous courses. This class will provide the members of our church with a foundation for a lifetime of studying, applying, and teaching the New Testament Scriptures. The learning outcomes for this class are as follows:

1. Be able to articulate the purpose and message of each book of the New Testament.
2. Be familiar with the major events, people, and historical background of the New Testament.
3. Be able to discuss the major theological themes of the New Testament.
4. Be able to explain the significance of the New Testament or any of its parts for a contemporary believer.
5. Be able to address the revelatory significance of the New Testament for understanding the Old Testament.

Required Texts

1. Class Notes - Provided by the Instructor
2. *The Bible Expositor's Handbook: Old & New Testaments*
Greg Harris
Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2020

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1. *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament*
Andreas J. Kostenberger, L. Scott Kellum and Charles L. Quarles
Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Academic, 2009
2. *Biblical Doctrine: A Systematic Summary of Bible Truth*
John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue, Editors
Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017
3. *An Introduction to the New Testament (Second Edition)*
D. A. Carson and Douglas J. Moo
Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005
4. *The Moody Bible Commentary*
Michael Rydelnik and Michael Vanlaningham, General Editors
Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2014

Class Requirements (Assessment Indicators)

1. Reading Assignments: Each student is required to read the class notes in preparation for each week's lecture and the entirety of *The Bible Expositor's Handbook: New Testament* (Greg Harris) by week 11. Highlighted sections of each chapter will be discussed in class according to the schedule. Additional details to be provided the first day of class.
2. Book Review: Each student is required to write a 1000-word book review of *The Bible Expositor's Handbook: New Testament* by Greg Harris. This review should include not only an overview of the contents of the book but also a discussion of its strengths and weaknesses. The reading of other reviews or summaries of the book is strictly forbidden. A hard copy of this review is due by week 12. We will discuss our findings from the book throughout the class.

Class Policies

Regular attendance is important for the acquisition and understanding of class material. If a student is aware of a foreseeable absence, they should inform the instructor ahead of time. When emergencies occur, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor, receive materials missed, and make-up the work.

All assignments must be double-spaced with 12pt Times New Roman font.

The following should be brought to every class: The Bible each student uses for personal study, a pen, and their class notes binder. The use of laptops, other electronic devices, and additional notebooks should be limited to the taking of supplemental notes from the class's lecture and discussion.

Class Schedule • Material, Reading, and Assignments Due

Week	Chapters	Material Covered	Reading
1	Ch 1: Approaching the Text		
2	Ch 2: History - The Gospels & The Church	The Background to the Gospels and Acts	Ch 16 & 17 (34 pages)
3	Ch 2: History - The Gospels & The Church	The Background to the Gospels and Acts	Ch 18 & 19 (32 pages)
4	Ch 2: History - The Gospels & The Church	Introduction to the Gospels Matthew	Ch 20 & 21 (40 pages)
5	Ch 2: History - The Gospels & The Church	Matthew Mark	Ch 22 & 23 (58 pages)
6	Ch 2: History - The Gospels & The Church	John Luke/ Acts	Ch 24 (44 pages)
7	Ch 3: The Rest of the Story	The Background to the Epistles	Ch 25 (24 pages)
8	Ch 4: Pauline Letters - The Capital Epistles	Who Is Paul? Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians	Ch 26 (38 pages)
9	Ch 5: Pauline Letters - The Prison Epistles	Ephesians Philippians Colossians Philemon	Ch 27 & 28 (44 pages)
10	Ch 6 & 7: Pauline Letters - The Church Epistles and The Pastoral Epistles	1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus	Ch 29 (50 pages)
11	Ch 8: Non-Pauline Letters	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter, Jude 1, 2, & 3 John	Ch 30 (40 pages)
12	Ch 9: Prophecy Ch 10: The Big Picture	Revelation The Kingdom	Book Review Due