

# BIBLICAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

## NEW TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS II NT 102 (3 credits)

**Adjunct Lecturer: Dr Oh Boon Leong**

Day/Time	:	Year 2012, Friday, 7.15–10.15 p.m.
Dates	:	Mar 2, 9, 23, 30 Apr 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18;
Place	:	37 Jalan Pemimpin, #06-05 Blk B, Singapore 577177 Tel: 62276815
Fees	:	\$375 (for credit) \$260 (for audit)



### LECTURER

Dr Oh completed his Ph.D in New Testament at King's College, University of London, in June 2001. His special area of studies is the writing and theology of the Apostle Paul, especially the study of Galatians. Earlier he had received the M Div from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and the M Th from the University of Aberdeen. He is married and serves as an Assistant Pastor at the Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church. He provides leadership for the third worship service of his church, the Saturday Evening Service.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

NT 102 is the sequel to NT 101 and both are foundational to the study of the NT at BGST. NT 102 covers the Epistles and Revelation. This course is a general survey of the message of the NT books, their relationships to each other, introductory issues (author, date, occasion, content, etc.), and factors in the first century (e.g. history and religions) that influenced the life and ministry of the early church.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To be familiar with the historical setting, occasion, literary genre, and purpose of the NT books.
2. To examine the basic theological arguments in each of the epistles and Revelation.
3. To apply principles within the NT books to the church's life today.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are to read all the relevant NT epistles (NRSV, NASB, NIV) and all required readings (to be indicated in a statement and submitted with the final paper) (10%)
2. Do a theological or an exegetical study of the assigned 4 Bible passages. Use at least two commentaries and consider carefully alternative interpretations of key themes or phrases held by different scholars (20%)

3. Reading reports based on your reading of the Epistles and Revelation (30%)

Students will write 5 reading reports:

Report #1 Reading of Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Written report on Galatians

Report #2 Reading of Romans, 1-2 Corinthians.

Written report on 1 Corinthians

Report #3 Reading of Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon.

Written report on Ephesians

Report #4 Reading of 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews and James.

Written report on Hebrews

Report #5 Reading of 1 & 2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude and Revelation.

Written report on Revelation

Your report should focus on:

- (a) A 300-word summary of the message of each book. Ask yourself: What is the distinctive message of this NT book?
- (b) A 300-word reflection on what God is saying to the church and to you as a Christian.

4. Written essay *or* Creative Project (40%)

- (i) Write an exegetical or a topical paper (2000-3000 words). This will be on a subject approved by the Lecturer, reflecting research and reading of books and journals.

Suggested topics:

church leadership; spiritual gifts; prophecy; church discipline; women in ministry; Israel & the Church; baptism & Holy Spirit, etc.

*Or*

- (ii) Creative Project  
Your task is to present the content and main idea of a NT book in the most memorable and interesting way possible. Use music, slides, charts, games, handouts, or even write a play - whatever it takes to help us learn the book and apply its message to our lives.  
Make sure it has good teaching content - not just entertainment.

## **COURSE REGISTRATION & ASSIGNMENT POLICIES**

Please note that with effect for courses commencing from Jan 2012 (AY2011 Term 3) onwards:

- i. A student will only be registered for the course after he has submitted ***both his course registration form and course fees.***

- ii. The 1- and 3- month deadline for Full Time and Part Time Students respectively will still apply. After the first deadline, students will be granted a further 3 months deadline extension automatically. **The specific overdue assignment, however, will incur a penalty of a 1/3 grade deduction.** For example, an overdue essay submitted by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> month, will be downgraded from B+ to B. At the end of this deadline extension, no further extensions will be allowed. **The status of the incomplete course will be converted from Credit to Audit. This conversion will not affect the student's GPA.**

### **REQUIRED READINGS**

1. Read Pauline and General Epistles and Revelation.
2. Travis, S, Marshall, I.H., and Paul, I., *Exploring the New Testament II* (SPCK, 2002)

### **RECOMMENDED READINGS**

1. Merrill, C. Tenny, *New Testament Survey* (Eerdmans, 1961, 1985).
2. Guthrie, G., *New Testament Introduction* (IVP, 1965).
3. Carson, D.A., Douglas, J. Moo & Morris, L. *An Introduction to the New Testament* (Zondervan, 1992).
4. Bruce, F.F., *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free* (Eerdmans, reprint, 1989).