

COS 521 – Bible V: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation

Alps/Memphis/TN/Holston Course of Study

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Course Content and Learning Goals

This course focuses on the content and the context of these writings, and the theological emphases of their writers. In addition to Acts and Revelation, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Hebrews, James, and 1 John will receive special attention.

By the completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Distinguish the genres of biblical literature represented by these books.
2. Understand the major theological themes in these writings.
3. Demonstrate faithful and fruitful exegesis of selected portions of these biblical books.
4. Apply the fruits of exegesis to preaching, to other pastoral responsibilities, and to issues of the present day.
5. Articulate an informed understanding of the unity and authority of Scripture as a whole.

Required Texts

Warren Carter and Amy-Jill Levine, *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings* (Abingdon, 2013) ISBN 978-142674190-6

Jouette Bassler, *Navigating Paul: An Introduction to Key Theological Concepts* (Westminster John Knox, 2007) ISBN 978-0-664-22741-8

Supplementary Texts

Victor P. Furnish, *The Moral Teaching of Paul: Selected Issues, Third Edition*
(Abingdon, 2009) ISBN 978-0-687-33293-9

Mark Allan Powell, *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and
Theological Survey* (Baker Academic, 2009) ISBN 978-0-8010-2868-7

Required Written Work

1. A pre-course paper
2. A mid-course paper
3. Final exam

Grading System

The pre-course paper	30 %
The mid-course paper	30 %
The final exam	30 %
Class participation	10 %

The Pre-Course Paper Assignment

Summarize the major themes in the Book of Acts, including such things as: the Holy Spirit; God's role in history; the meaning of salvation; the importance of Jerusalem; worship, prayer, and meal fellowship in the Christian community; generosity and the sharing of resources; joy as a characteristic of the early church; and the mission to the Gentiles. The paper should be approximately 1500 words (five typed, double-spaced pages). It is due at the beginning of the first session of the class.