



NT102 New Testament Foundations II

Blended Learning

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Course Purpose

NT102 is the sequel to NT101 and both are foundational to the study of the NT at BGST. NT102 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.

Dates (2022)

Feb 15

Mar 1, 22, 29

April 12, 26

Location

TBC

Time

(7:15pm – 10:00pm)

Credits

3CR

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)

S\$240 (Audit)

Class Format

- ☐ Self-Paced+Live (In-Person)
- ✓ **Self-Paced+Live (Online)**
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About the Lecturer

Rev Dr Oh Boon Leong completed his PhD 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 MDiv from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and the MTh from the University of Aberdeen. He is married and serves as Senior Pastor at the Mount Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church.



Learning Outcomes

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 Format & Schedule

Date	Lecture	Topics	NT Book(s)	ENT	Lecture/Tutorial Discussion
Feb 15	1	Course Introduction NT Canon The Graeco-Roman World of Apostles		3-20	Welcome: Introduction to the course and requirements
	2	Paul: The Man & His Letters Paul & His Missionary Journeys		23-45	Lecture: Overview of Galatians, Romans.
Mar 1	3	The Beginnings of the Gentile Church	Galatians I-II Thessalonians	47-72	Lecture: Overview of I-II Thessalonians, I-II Corinthians.
	4	Paul the Theologian The Church at Corinth (I)	Romans I Corinthians	105-127 73-90	Group Discussion: "Friendships in Philippians"
Mar 22	5	The Church at Corinth (II) Letters from Prison (I)	II Corinthians Philippians Philemon	91-104 129-150	Lecture: Overview of Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Hebrews, James.
	6	Letters from Prison (II)	Ephesians Colossians	151-173	Submit Galatians report
Mar 29					Class discussion: Study Text (1) on Philippians 2:5-11 (see Course Requirements)
April 12	7	The Institutional Church	I-II Timothy Titus	175-190	Class discussion: Study Text (2): I Tim 2:11-15 (see Course Requirements)
	8	The Church and its Jewish Origins Introduction to General Epistles	Hebrews James	231-259	Submit Hebrews Report

Date	Lecture	Topics	NT Book(s)	ENT	Lecture/Tutorial Discussion
Apr 26	9	The Christian in a non-Christian World The Enemies Within	I-II Peter I-III John	261-301	Lecture: The Church and the Future
	10	The Church and the Future	Jude Revelation	305-329	Students to indicate essay or project topic Submit Revelation Report (by Apr 26)

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). Students are also expected to participate actively in class discussion (5%).
2. Do a theological or an exegetical study of the assigned 2 Bible passages (Phil. 2:5- 11; 1Tim. 2:11-15). Use at least two commentaries and consider carefully alternative views and interpretations of key themes or phrases held by different scholars. After having done their own study, students will then come to class for discussion. Papers will be graded based on class participation and the student's own work. Bibliography & references may be found in the *ENT* (30%).
3. Reading reports based on your reading of the Epistles and Revelation (15%).

Students will write 3 reading reports:

Report #1 Written report on Galatians
 Report #2 Written report on Hebrews
 Report #3 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 (50%)

(i) Write an exegetical or a topical paper (3000-4000 words).

This will be on a subject approved by the Lecturer, reflecting research and reading of books and journals.

The essay/project must be within the scope of NT102.

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 (covered in NT 102) 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 ASSIGNMENT POLICIES

1. For **style and formatting** of assignments, please refer to the document “General Formatting for all Assignments” available on your course Moodle page.
2. ALL assignments are to be submitted by uploading via Moodle.
3. *Unless otherwise indicated*, students must submit their assignments 3 months after the first day of the month following the last class/session (“first deadline”). After the first deadline, students will be granted a further 3-month extension automatically (“second deadline”). However, students who submit after the first deadline will incur the **penalty of a one-third grade deduction** on the specific late assignment (e.g., B+ will be downgraded to B). After the second deadline, the status of the incomplete course will be **converted from Credit to Audit**. This conversion will *not* affect overall GPA.

First Deadline: 1 August 2022

Second Deadline: 1 November 2022

NOTE FOR STUDENT PASS HOLDERS: The first and second deadlines are shortened to 1 month and 2 months respectively.

Students are advised that BGST **strongly discourages plagiarism**. For more information on this point (what plagiarism is, how BGST penalises it), please consult the BGST 'Guidelines for Academic Papers'.

Course Bibliography

Required Texts

1. Read Pauline & General Epistles & 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): a very thorough and detailed conservative response to critical issues (content is not their primary concern).*
4. *Bruce, F.F., Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free (Eerdmans, reprint, 1989).*
5. *Brown, R.E. An Introduction to the New Testament, Anchor Bible Reference Library (New York- London: Doubleday, 1997): an outstanding Catholic scholar, representing a middle of the road perspective; deals with content and more important critical issues, good introduction to key writings.*
6. *Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, How to Read the Bible Book by Book (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002): an accessible overview of the content and themes of each biblical book.*
7. *Fee, G. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, NICNT (Eerdmans, 1995)*
8. *Hawthorne, G. F. Philippians, WBC (Waco, 1983)*
9. *O'Brien, P. T. Commentary on Philippians, NIGTC (Eerdmans, 1991)*
10. *Knight III, G. W. The Pastoral Epistles, NIGTC (Eerdmans, 1999)*
11. *Mounce, W. D. The Pastoral Epistles, WBC (Waco, 2000)*
12. *Towner, P. H. The Letters to Timothy and Titus, NICNT (Eerdmans, 2006)*

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