



Syllabus

BIB 106: Reading the New Testament

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the New Testament with special emphasis on how the Old Testament is revealed in the New. Students explore the purpose, themes and key events in each book, focusing on God's eternal design to redeem a wrecked and ruined world through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Explain the four different ways Jesus is presented in the four gospels;
- Identify the overarching theme of each New Testament book;
- Explain the purpose and intended audience for each New Testament book;
- Identify the known and likely authors of each New Testament book;
- Describe how the Old Testament is illuminated in the New;
- Describe the different occasions for which Paul wrote his epistles;
- Discuss the work of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts;
- Discuss the second coming of Christ and the purpose of his return;
- Recite all 27 books of the New Testament from memory.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 30 points / 30% of grade)
The Study Guide consists of six units. You will reply to 10 short-answers questions in each unit for a total of 60 questions. While there is no word-length requirement for your answers, your responses must thoroughly and succinctly address each question.
- *Assignment 1: Jesus' Teaching on Love* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
Love is a unifying theme of Scripture. In this assignment, you will study the teaching of Christ surrounding the call to love God wholeheartedly and to love others genuinely.
- *Assignment 2: The Synagogue Epistle* (worth 15 points / 15% of grade)
In this assignment, you will write your own epistle to a Jewish Synagogue to prove that Jesus is the Messiah of the Old Testament. Using the structure of an epistle, you will choose ten Old Testament prophecies and their fulfillment to argue that Jesus Christ is the Messiah who was prophesied in Old Testament Scripture. Your epistle must be a minimum of 500 words.
- *Assignment 3: Peter's Personal Journal* (worth 15 points / 15% of grade)
Students of Genesis College keep a Spiritual Growth Journal to chronicle their spiritual

growth and development. Imagine that Peter also kept such a journal. What might he say? In this assignment you will write five entries from Peter's perspective. Each entry must be a minimum of 100 words for a total of 500 words (minimum).

- *Final Exam:* (worth 30 points / 30% of grade)
The Final Exam will help measure your knowledge of course concepts and will be based on material in the Study Guide and the New Testament passages you are assigned to read. You will also be asked to list all 27 books of the New Testament from memory.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	30 points	30%
Jesus' Teaching on Love	10 points	10%
The Synagogue Epistle	15 points	15%
Peter's Personal Journal	15 points	15%
Final Exam	30 points	30%
Total	100 points	100%