

COURSE SYLLABUS

New Testament Basics

Course Lecturer: Sid Buzzell, PhD

Course Description

“How to Get Out of the World Alive” might be a better title for the New Testament. The main theme of the New Testament is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners and to give you a quality of life that would be absolutely impossible if He hadn’t come. How does this good news affect you? What will you do with this amazing gift that God offers you through Jesus Christ? The *New Testament Basics* course will show you the importance of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and how to get out of this world alive.

Course Objectives

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

1. Name the different categories of New Testament books.
2. Summarize the New Testament’s divine love story and explain the role of Christ in this part of the Bible.
3. Identify the uniqueness of each gospel and its writer and show how the corporate witness of all four gives an in-depth picture of the Person and work of Christ.
4. Answer the question: “Who is Jesus Christ?”
5. Give characteristics of miracles and parables and apply principles for correctly interpreting a parable.
6. Explain the major themes of the book of Acts.
7. Give a brief biographical sketch of the apostle Paul, including his missionary journeys, and understand his compelling spiritual passion.
8. Understand key themes and apply important spiritual truths from each of the Epistles.
9. Give an overview of the book of Revelation and apply spiritual truths from it.

Course Lecturer



Dr. Sid Buzzell is the Dean of Christian University GlobalNet and former Dean of the School of Theology at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado, where he taught Bible courses, leadership, and homiletics. He received a BS from Philadelphia College of Bible, a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a PhD from Michigan State University.

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage the students in learning and processing information, interacting with other students (when possible), and applying the learning to their lives.

Lesson Structure

Each lesson is organized in a similar structure. It is important that students review the lesson objectives for each lesson so they will be familiar with the learning outcomes for that lesson. The lesson lectures are available in video or text format. Lessons are structured as follows:

- **Lesson Objectives:** The Lesson Objectives describe the learning outcomes students should achieve by the end of each lesson.
- **Lecture:** Each lesson in this course includes a lecture of approximately 10-25 minutes in length. These instructional lectures can be watched as many times as needed. The same content is available in the lesson transcript (PDF), for students who can benefit from this alternative medium.
- **Quizzes:** Short, interactive quizzes within each video lesson help students test their knowledge along the way.

Course Requirements

Course requirements will be provided by the student's course facilitator, instructor, or leader. For students taking this course independent of a facilitator, this is a self-study course and there are no requirements; students may do as much, or as little work in the course as they like.