



On-Campus Course Syllabus

NTS 602 L00.A

New Testament Theology

FALL 2020

Class Information

Day and Time: Wed, 1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Room Number: E201

Contact Information

Instructor Name: R. Alan Streett, PhD

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Course Description and Prerequisites

A study of the principal religious themes of the New Testament from the perspective afforded exegetical studies of the Greek text. Recognizes diversity in the New Testament, and suggests methodological resolutions to the issue of unity within diversity, including definitions; the history of biblical theology; the relationship of New Testament theology to other disciplines; the relationship between history, revelation, and kerygma; biblical authority; and the hermeneutical question. (Prerequisites: NTS 501, NTS 601, or equivalents)

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course the student should be able to:

- A. Distinguish between the various schools of biblical theology and their historical progression;
- B. Understand the difference between NT theology and Systematic Theology;
- C. Recognize the relationship of NT theological approach to proper hermeneutics;
- D. Discuss each NT authors' understanding of key theological concepts and categories: salvation, Holy Spirit, kingdom of God, baptism, judgment, etc;
- E. Explain the development in the quest for the historical Jesus;
- F. Identify the key 20th and 21st NT theologians and articulate their contributions to NT studies.

Required Textbooks

Streett, R. Alan. Heaven on Earth. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2013. 9780736949149

Powell, Mark Allan. Jesus as a Figure in History. Louisville, KY: WJK, 1998. 9780664257033

Alexander, Rosner, et.al. New Dictionary of Biblical Theology. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2000. 9780830814381

Course Requirements and Assignments

- A. RESEARCH: The student will prepare a 15 page paper on a leading NT theologian. Must include primary resources. Counts 30% of course grade.
- B. QUIZZES: Weekly reading will be assigned out of Powell, Jesus as a Figure in History. Quizzes covering the assigned reading for the week will be administered at the beginning of each class. COUNTS 20% OF COURSE GRADE.
- C. ATTENDANCE: Each student is expected to attend all class sessions in the classroom or online, both arriving on time and not leaving until the session is over. An attendance grade will be given.
- D. One absence per semester is allowed without penalty. Two absences, 90; 3 absences, 80; four absences, 60; 5 absences, 50, etc. Counts 10 of course grade.
- D. SCRIPTURE AWARENESS. The student will read through the assigned books of the NT and note how the authors deal with key theological concepts, noting similarities and differences. Then the student shall read the corresponding chapters in the New Dictionary of Biblical Theology and be ready to discuss the reading in conversation with the professor. Counts 20% of course grade.
- E. STUDY GUIDE: The student will read the assigned chapters out of Heaven on Earth and answer the study guide questions. Due weekly. Counts 20% of course grade.

Course/Classroom Policies and Information

All computers, iPads, and cell phones must be put away by the start of the class to insure students can engage wholeheartedly in discussion with professor and peers. Students have permission to record the class.

Class Attendance

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to attend every class session on the day and time appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. When unavoidable situations result in absence or tardiness, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Instructors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual instructors may determine how attendance affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether attendance affects course grades.

Grading Scale

Assigning grade definitions (i.e., above average, average, below average) is optional. Please delete the last column below if not assigning definitions. Additionally, delete these instructions when completing syllabus.

			Grade Definitions (optional)
A	93-100	4.0 grade points per semester hour	
A-	90-92	3.7 grade points per semester hour	
B+	87-89	3.3 grade points per semester hour	
B	83-86	3.0 grade points per semester hour	
B-	80-82	2.7 grade points per semester hour	
C+	77-79	2.3 grade points per semester hour	

C	73-76	2.0 grade points per semester hour	
C-	70-72	1.7 grade points per semester hour	
D+	67-69	1.3 grade points per semester hour	
D	63-66	1.0 grade point per semester hour	
D-	60-62	0.7 grade points per semester hour	
F	0-59	0.0 grade points per semester hour	

Incomplete Grades

Students requesting a grade of Incomplete (I) must understand that incomplete grades may be given only upon approval of the faculty member involved. An “I” may be assigned only when a student is currently passing a course and in situations involving extended illness, serious injury, death in the family, or employment or government reassignment, not student neglect.

Students are responsible for contacting their instructors prior to the end of the semester, plus filing the appropriate completed and approved academic request form with the Registrar’s Office. The “I” must be removed (by completing the remaining course requirements) no later than 60 calendar days after the close of the term or semester in which the grade was awarded, or the “I” will become an “F.”

Academic Honesty

Absolute truth is an essential belief and basis of behavior for those who believe in a God who cannot lie and forbids falsehood. Academic honesty is the application of the principle of truth in the classroom setting. Academic honesty includes the basic premise that all work submitted by students must be their own and any ideas derived or copied from elsewhere must be carefully documented.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating of any kind,
- submitting, without proper approval, work originally prepared by the student for another course,
- plagiarism, which is the submitting of work prepared by someone else as if it were his own, and
- failing to credit sources properly in written work.

Institutional Assessment

Material submitted by students in this course may be used for assessment of the college’s academic programs. Since programmatic and institutional assessment is done without reference to specific students, the results of these assessments have no effect on a student’s course grade or academic standing at the college. Before submitting a student’s work for this type of assessment, the course instructor redacts the work to remove anything that identifies the student.

Institutional Email Policy

All official college email communications to students enrolled in this course will be sent exclusively to students’ institutional email accounts. Students are expected to check their student email accounts regularly and to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all communications from faculty and administrative departments.

Students are permitted to setup automatic forwarding of emails from their student email accounts to one or more personal email accounts. The student is responsible to setup and maintain email forwarding without assistance from college staff. If a student chooses to use this forwarding option, he/she will continue to be responsible for responding appropriately to all communications from faculty and administrative departments of the college. Criswell College bears no responsibility for the use of emails that have been forwarded from student email accounts to other email accounts.

Disabilities

Criswell College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and similar state laws, which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Criswell College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualifying students, faculty, and employees with disabilities as required by applicable laws. For more information, please contact the Student Services Office.

Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise specifically instructed in writing by the instructor, students must neither materially nor digitally reproduce materials from any course offered by Criswell College for or with the significant possibility of distribution.

Resources and Supports

Canvas and SONIS: Criswell College uses Canvas as its web-based learning tool and SONIS for student data. Students needing assistance with Canvas should contact the Canvas Help Support line at (844) 358-6140. Tech support is available at this number, twenty-four hours a day. Students needing help with SONIS should contact the Campus Software Manager at studenttechsupport@criswell.edu.

Student Services: The Student Services Office exists to foster and encourage success in all areas of life—physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance by contacting the office at 214.818.1332 or studentservices@criswell.edu. Pastoral and certified counseling services are also available to Criswell students. Appointments are scheduled through the Dean of Students, at deanofstudents@criswell.edu.

Wallace Library: Students can access academic resources and obtain research assistance by contacting or visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, email the Wallace Library at library@criswell.edu. Offsite login information is available in Canvas in the “Criswell Student Training Course” under “Library Information.”

Tutoring Center: Students are encouraged to consult with tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence in any subject matter taught at the college. Tutors have been recommended by the faculty to ensure that the tutor(s) are qualified to serve the student body. Every tutor brings experience and expertise in an effort to provide the proper resources for the subject matter at hand. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Tutoring Center located on the second floor in room E203, or schedule an appointment by emailing tutoringcenter@criswell.edu or by calling 214.818.1373.

Course Outline/Calendar

Class One	Introduction
Class Two	Historians Discover Jesus, Powell Chap 1, Quiz; New Dict. of Bib. Theo. (NDBT)
Class Three	Snapshots Contemporary Images of Jesus, 3, Q; NDBT
Class Four	Crossan and Borg, 5, 6, Q; NDBT
Class Five	E. P Sanders, 7, Q; NDBT
Class Six	NT Wright, 9, Q; NDBT
Class Seven	Heaven on Earth, Chap 1, Study Guide; NDBT
Class Eight	Heaven, 2–3, SG; NDBT
Class Nine	Heaven, 4–5, SG; NDBT
Class Ten	Heaven, 6, SG; Research Paper due
Class Eleven	Heaven, 7, SG; Research Paper due
Class Twelve	Heaven, 8, SG; NDBT
Class Thirteen	Heaven, 9, SG; NDBT
Class Fourteen	Heaven, 10, SG; NDBT
Class Fifteen	Heaven, 11 SG; NDBT
Class Sixteen	Summary of Course



On-Campus Course Syllabus ADDENDUM FOR FA-20 NTS 602 L00.A NT Theology

In the event that Criswell College has to close the campus to on-campus classes in during the FA-20 semester, this addendum specifies how your instructor intends to adjust the course in order to allow students to meet the course objectives.

The course requirements, assignments, calendar, and attendance requirements from the syllabus for this course are replicated below/.

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Remote Class Sessions: Identity and Participation Verification

All Students must attend Zoom class sessions at the designated hour and will participate throughout the entire session. You should join via video, if possible, and audio, if necessary. To assure attendance throughout the professor will call upon students to contribute to the conversation.