



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BSCM4354 :: New Testament Interpretation: Johannine Literature

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The mission of Leavell College of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value

Each academic year, a core value is emphasized. This academic year, the core value is Spiritual Vitality: "We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word."

Course Description

The course is designed to acquaint the student with pertinent information about the Johannine Literature. After an examination of the introductory materials, an exegesis of selected passages (from each book: 1, 2, 3 John, and Revelation) serves as the core of the course. Special attention is given to the development of themes in the books and how to develop those themes into doctrinal and applicable material for a teaching ministry.

Student Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will be able to

1. understand the historical background of the Johannine literature and learn how to interpret the writings in light of that background;
2. understand the major themes of the book;
3. internalize the truths of the text (partly by memorization);
4. correctly interpret the Johannine literature; and
5. apply the truths to real-life situations today.

Course Texts

Akin, Daniel L. *1,2,3 John*. NAC. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2001.

Mounce, Robert H. *The Book of Revelation*. NICNT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997.

Course Requirements and Grading

1. Class Participation

Attendance in class is a necessary part of instruction in this course. Students are allowed a maximum of 9

course hours missed during the semester. Any student missing more than 9 hours will receive an automatic grade of “F” for the source, unless excused by the Dean of Leavell College.

2. Required Reading

Read the books of 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation in three (3) different translations of your choice. Preferably the student should read the entire text through in one sitting in order to comprehend the thematic and literary flow of the book.

The pages in the commentaries pertaining to the biblical texts discussed in class should be read prior to the date we discuss the biblical material in class. One typed page of reading notes, reflecting and summarizing the reading, must be kept for each week of required reading. This assignment completes the third required hour of course instruction.

3. Final Exams

The student will take a comprehensive final exam based upon all the material covered in class and in the readings.

4. Biblical Theology Paper

Each student will write a 10-page paper outlining the thematic theology of the Johannine literature covered in class. Details will be provided in class.

5. Grading

20% -- Class Participation

20% -- Required Reading

30% -- Paper

30% -- Final Exam

Course Outline

Jan 22 – Course Introduction; the Beloved Disciple

1 John introduction; 1 John 1

Jan 29 – 1 John 2,3

Due: Akin, intro, 1 John 1-3

Feb 5 – 1 John 4-5

Due: Akin, 1 John 4,5

Feb 12 – 2,3 John

Due: Akin, 2,3 John

Feb 19 – Revelation, Introduction

Due: Mounce, intro

Feb 26 – Revelation 1-3

Due: Mounce, 1-3

Mar 5 – Revelation 4,5

Due: Mounce, Rev 4,5

Mar 12 – Revelation 6:1-8:6

Due: Mounce, Rev 6:1-8:6

Mar 19 – Revelation 8:7-11:19

Due: Mounce Rev 8:7-11:19

Mar 26 – Spring Break

Apr 2 – Revelation 12-14

Due: Mounce, Rev 12-14

Apr 9 – Revelation 15,16

Due: Mounce, Rev 15,16

Apr 16 – Revelation 17,18

Due: Mounce, Rev 17,18

Apr 23 – Revelation 19, 20

Due: Mounce, Rev 19,20

Apr 30 – Revelation 21,22

Due: Mounce, Rev 21,22
Paper

May 7 – Final Exam

Due: Reading Notes (15 pages)

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