

The New Testament

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- * What's in it?
- * What's it all about?
- * What are we going to learn in this class?
- * How are we going to learn?

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- * Which of the following statements is true?
- * The Bible is written by God. —TRUE, every word on every page is placed there by God.
- * The Bible is written by Men. —TRUE, every word on every page was written there by a man (possibly a woman?)

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- * The word we use is "inspired". God inspired men to write the words He wanted in the Bible.
- * You are familiar with lots of the information in the New Testament, and you have/had a Confirmation Class which does a fantastic job of explaining the material of the New Testament.

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- * We will look at SOME of what is in the New Testament--SOME of the stories, and teachings, and philosophies.
- * We will not look at it ALL.
- * We instead spend a lot of time looking at the LITTLE things in the New Testament. What are the little things?

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- * Our foci: the people, the places, the history, the geography, the social studies of the New Testament.
- * We'll look at the authors of letters, their recipients; their intentions and their stories.
- * We'll learn what they want to talk to YOU about, and what THEY want YOU know.

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- * Of course, along the way, we'll hit all the highlights--the story of Jesus, his life and teachings, his death and resurrection.

Epistles

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- * Also, we'll spend a lot of time looking at Epistles.
- * Do you know which NT letter is all about slavery?
- * Which one is an instruction manual for Pastors?
- * Which one was written from a cold, dark dungeon?

Textual Analysis

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- * We do a lot of "textual analysis". We study the words in the Bible to learn about the SITUATION, in addition to studying what the words are SAYING.
- * For example, look up Matthew 5:3 and Luke 6:20.
- * "Blessed are the poor in spirit." (Matthew 5:3)
- * "Blessed are you who are poor." (Luke 6:20)
- * We'll study WHY the words are different—is there a REASON Luke uses different words?

So, your responsibilities:

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- * A. TAKE NOTES. This is NOT 6th Grade Religion. It is MUCH harder. I give A LOT of notes. You need to write them ALL down. When I mention a verse, you'll want to look it up, and write down what it says. Seriously. Notes. Lots. You.
- * B. STUDY. This is not 6th Grade Religion. There will be quizzes and tests. You'll have to STUDY your notes to make sure you understand them.

Your Responsibilities:

- * C. ASK QUESTIONS. I will love explaining and answering any questions you have. Ask me. Ask during class, before or after school. Email me. peter@pdmz.com Call me. 206 351 5975.
- * D. Behave yourself & Have a positive attitude. Last year, this was my favorite class. I enjoy teaching this, and it's interesting. You'll learn a lot if you try.

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Your Responsibilities

- * E. Be prepared for class. You must have your Religion Book, YOUR Bible, pencil, and paper ready at the beginning of every class.

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