



TRINITY  
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

"Preparing People for Effective Christian Service"

## Suggested reading and texts

### First Year Units 2009

#### **CH301/501 Church History**

Allison, C.F., *The Cruelty of Heresy*, 1994, London: SPCK

Bettenson, H., & Maunder C. (eds.), *Documents of the Christian Church*, 3rd ed. 1999, Oxford :OUP.

Gonzales, J.L., *The Changing Shape of Church History*, 2002, St Louis, MO: Chalice

**OR**

Gonzales, J.L., *Church History: An Essential Guide*, 1996, Nashville: Chalice Abingdon

**OR**

Shelley, B.L., *Church History in Plain Language*, 2nd Edition, 1995, Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

#### **EM324/524 Evangelism Principles**

There is no prior reading required for these units.

#### **IBT Introduction to Biblical Theology**

The set text for this unit is:

Goldsworthy, Graeme. *According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*. Leicester / Homebush West: IVP / Lancer, 1991. (=ATP)

## **LA004 New Testament Greek**

Wenham, J.W        *The Elements of New Testament Greek* (Cambridge: C U P, 1965, 1991)

The recommended book for purchase is Wenham. As this an out of print book your options to access a copy are:

1. It is available through Amazon or second hand on the net
2. You may be able to borrow from past students/your minister.
3. A copied and bound edition is available from the College for the cost of printing which is approximately \$20.

### **Recommended reading**

Aland, B & K, Karavidopoulos, J, Martini, C.M., Metzger, B.M.  
*The Greek New Testament\_\_Fourth Revised Edition*  
(Stuttgart: UBS, 1993)

F.W. Danker (editor) *A Greek – English Lexicon of the New Testament & Other Early Christian Literature* Third Edition (Known as BDAG)  
(Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000).

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

### **To all OT301 and OT501 students**

#### **Book purchases**

For academic study of the Old Testament in English, students should own at least one of the following translations:

- \* New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
- \* Today's New International Version (TNIV)

They should also have a contemporary language version for reading large sections at a time. Probably the best is Today's English Version (TEV; also known as Good News Bible), but other useful ones are Contemporary English Version (CEV) and New Living Translation (NLT2, second edition).

#### **Suggested reading**

Read several books of the Old Testament, including at least one from the Pentateuch (Genesis to Deuteronomy) and at least one from the first collection of historical books (Joshua to Kings). Better still, if you have time during the summer, read right through these two sections of the Old Testament. It is worth making brief notes as you go along, for example interesting points you weren't aware of, or difficult texts you wish to follow up during your studies.

## NEW TESTAMENT

### To all NT301/302 and NT501/502 students:

Here are some suggestions about how you can get ready for these 'Introduction to the New Testament' units. The first will introduce you to *Jesus and the Gospels*, and the second will introduce you to *Jesus and the Apostles* (that is, Acts–Revelation).

There is no *required pre-reading*.

Yet it is a good idea to make sure that you are ready to get as much as possible out of your studies. So go through one of the books listed below if ...

... you don't have a basic understanding of what is in the NT books:

GD Fee & D Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book* [2002], 267-436.

DF Leschert, *The Flow of the New Testament* [2002]

... you don't have a basic idea of the NT story:

J Stott, *Understanding the Bible* [1984: 2<sup>nd</sup> ed], ch.4

... you don't have a basic idea of the NT message:

FF Bruce, *The Message of the New Testament* [1972]

D Guthrie, *The Teaching of the New Testament* [1983]

... you're not sure what studying the NT at depth is all about:

CL Blomberg, *Making Sense of the New Testament* [2004]

GE Ladd, *The New Testament and Criticism* [1967]

... you want to get a feel for the world Jesus and the apostles belonged to:

G Theissen, *The Shadow of the Galilean* [1987] (for NT301/501)

BW Longenecker, *The Lost Letters of Pergamum* [2003] (for NT302/502)

... you don't have a basic understanding of both the story and the message of the OT: D Burke, *Genesis to Jesus* [1991]

J Job, *The Teaching of the Old Testament* [1984]

G McConville, *Teach Yourself the Old Testament* [1996], chs.2, 5, 6

JA Motyer, *A Scenic Route through the Old Testament* [1994]

R Youngblood, *The Heart of the Old Testament* [1971]

This is especially important, because the NT is built on the foundation of the OT.

It is essential that your studies lead to a clearer and stronger grasp of how the Bible fits together as one coherent whole. Developing such a 'big picture' understanding of the Bible will make a very big difference to every part of your Christian life and ministry. If you have never had the opportunity to look at the Bible this way, work carefully through one of the following:

*Bible Overview [1999]*

This excellent course was written by three of our students—Matt Brain, Matt Malcolm, and Matt Malcolm—and has been used in Sunday schools, youth groups, high school Christian education programs, university groups, adult study groups, and churches. This is what decorates our entrance on the ground floor.

S Austen, *A Better Way: Jesus and Old Testament Fulfilment [2003]*

T Chester, *From Creation to New Creation [2003]*

G Goldsworthy, *According to Plan [1991]*, chs.8-25

V Roberts, *God's Big Picture [2003]*

There are no *set text-books* that you are required to buy.

All the books that are suitable as text-books are either in the Reference section of the library or will be on Closed Reserve. This means that you can have access to them at any time, as they cannot be borrowed or removed from the library. These books are as follows.

**Those that are suitable for both units:**

CE Arnold (ed), *The Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*, 4 vols (2002)

PW Barnett, *Jesus and the Rise of Early Christianity* (1999)

DA Carson & DJ Moo, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, revised ed. (2005)

DA de Silva, *An Introduction to the New Testament* (2004)

WA Elwell et al, *Readings from the First Century World* (1998)

CA Evans et al (es), *Dictionary of NT Background* (2000)

GE Ladd, *Theology of the New Testament*, revised ed. (1993)

IH Marshall, *New Testament Theology: Many Witnesses, One Gospel* (2004)

F Thielman, *Theology of the New Testament* (2005)

**Those that are suitable for 301/501:**

DL Bock, *Jesus according to Scripture* (2002)

DL Bock & GJ Herrick (eds), *Jesus in Context* (2005)

CL Blomberg, *Jesus and the Gospels* (1997)

JB Green et al (eds), *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels* (1992)

ML Strauss, *Four Portraits, One Jesus: An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels* (2007)

**Those that are suitable for 302/502:**

CL Blomberg, *From Pentecost to Patmos* (2006)

MJ Gorman, *Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul & his Letters* (2004)

GF Hawthorne et al (eds), *Dictionary of Paul and his Letters* (1993)

RP Martin et al (eds), *Dictionary of the Later New Testament* (1997)

JB Polhill, *Paul and his Letters* (1999)

TR Schreiner, *Paul, Apostle of God's Glory in Christ* (2001)

I'm looking forward very much to studying the New Testament with you.

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