

Week 1 Overview of the New Testament

1. Lecture Objectives

- 1) Understand the structure and overall composition of the New Testament.
 - 2) Identify the purpose and characteristics of the Gospels and Epistles.
 - 3) Highlight the central theme of Jesus Christ and His redemptive work.
 - 4) Grasp the historical and cultural background of the New Testament era.
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2. Lecture Outline

1) Structure of the New Testament

- (1) The Gospels – 4 Books
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
 - (2) Historical Book – 1 Book
Acts of the Apostles
 - (3) Pauline Epistles – 13 Books
Romans to Philemon
 - (4) General Epistles – 8 Books
Hebrews to Jude
 - (5) Prophetic Book – 1 Book
Revelation
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II. Key Themes of the New Testament

1. Incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ
 2. The Kingdom of God and the work of the Holy Spirit
 3. Expansion of the Gospel and establishment of the Church
 4. Righteousness by faith and the Gospel of grace
 5. Eschatological hope: the new heaven and new earth
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III. Historical Background of the New Testament

1. Hellenistic world and the Roman Empire
2. Jewish sects (Pharisees, Sadducees, etc.)
3. Temple-centered worship and Law-centered culture
4. Language context: Greek as the common language

IV. Purpose and Message of the New Testament

1. Fulfillment of God's redemptive plan
2. The New Covenant accomplished through Jesus Christ
3. The identity and mission of the Church
4. Holy living and the eschatological faith of believers

Key Scriptures

- John 20:31

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

- Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...”

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Slide 1:

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Week 1 – New Testament Survey

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Slide 2:

Structure of the New Testament

- Gospels (4)
- Historical Book (1)
- Pauline Epistles (13)
- General Epistles (8)
- Prophetic Book (1)

Slide 3:

Core Themes

- Jesus Christ
- Gospel and Redemption
- Work of the Holy Spirit
- Mission of the Church
- Eschatological Faith