

# Week 12 Themes of the New Testament

## 1. Central Themes Throughout the New Testament

### 1) Jesus Christ:

The New Testament centers on the person and work of Jesus Christ His life, death, resurrection, and return.

### 2) Kingdom of God:

The proclamation of the Kingdom of God is a major theme running through the entire New Testament.

### 3) Salvation:

God's plan of salvation for sinners is consistently revealed from the Gospels to Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation.

### 4) The Holy Spirit:

The descent and ministry of the Holy Spirit are vital for the birth of the Church and the life of believers.

### 5) Faith and Grace:

The truth that salvation comes by grace through faith, not by works, stands as a central doctrine (Ephesians 2:8–9).

## 2. Summary of Themes by New Testament Books

Section	Books	Key Theme
Gospels	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John	Life of Jesus and proclamation of the Gospel
Acts	Acts of the Apostles	Birth and expansion of the Church
Pauline Epistles	Romans–Philemon	Salvation, Church, Holy Spirit, Eschatology
General Epistles	Hebrews–Jude	Christian life, perseverance, discernment
Revelation	Revelation	Final victory and fulfillment of the Kingdom of God

## 3. Major Theological Themes

### 1) Christology

- (1) Who is Jesus? (Fully God, Fully Man)
- (2) The theological meaning of the cross and resurrection

### 2) Soteriology

- (1) How is a person saved?
- (2) Grace, faith, repentance, and new life

### 3) Ecclesiology

- (1) What is the Church?
- (2) The mission of the Church and the life of believers

### 4) Pneumatology

- (1) The personhood and work of the Holy Spirit
- (2) Guidance, gifts, and fruits of the Spirit

### 5) Eschatology

- (1) The second coming of Christ
- (2) Resurrection and judgment
- (3) The new heaven and the new earth

## 4. Modern Application

- 1) The central themes of the New Testament must continue to shape the Church and the lives of believers today.
- 2) The Gospel proclaimed in the New Testament remains unchanging across all ages and must be faithfully preached.