

# COURSE DESCRIPTION



## **BIBLICAL ESSENTIALS // BE101 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

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This course presents a general survey of the New Testament (NT) with a special emphasis on its historical content, the life of Christ, and the teachings and development of the early church.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Understand the historical, cultural, and political context of NT times.
- Know the form and function of the major categories of NT literature.
- Identify the audience, purpose, theme, and distinctive features of each NT book.
- Learn the life events and major teachings of Jesus.
- Appreciate the foundational teachings and expansion of the early church.
- Discover life applications of NT truths.

### **COURSE SYLLABUS // 16 HOURS**

**Week 1:** Cultural/Historical/Political Background of NT

**Week 2:** The Gospels

**Week 3:** Life & Teaching Methods of Christ/Passion Narratives

**Week 4:** Formation and Initial Expansion of Early Church (Acts)

**Week 5:** Missionary Outreach/Life of Paul the Apostle

**Week 6:** Key Doctrinal Teachings (Romans/Corinthians/Galatians)

**Week 7:** The Prison and Pastoral Epistles

**Week 8:** The General Epistles/Revelation

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

W. Elwell & R. Yarborough, *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition); Grand Rapids, MI; Baker House 2013