BN1001W  Interpreting the New Testament

Offered:  2017: Semester 1   (Also offered online – see BN1701W)
          Semester 2   (Also offered online – see BN1701W)

BN1001W serves as an introduction to New Testament studies and as a pre-requisite for all other BN units. The unit is based on inductive exegetical workshops that introduce a range of exegetical methods, together with readings and lectures on the genres, background and interpretation of the New Testament. The exegetical exercises sample the Synoptic Gospels, Fourth Gospel, Letters of Paul and Revelation.

Upon successful completion of the unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Describe the contents of the New Testament: the types of literature, their particular interpretive demands, their place in the development of the canon, their theological outlook;
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the historical and social world of the New Testament era;
3. Use appropriate interpretive approaches to the New Testament in the writing of an exegetical essay;
4. Access and use the tools of New Testament interpretation: lexicons, dictionaries, commentaries, primary sources, on-line resources, and others;
5. Illustrate the relationship of the New Testament to the texts and message of the Old Testament; and
6. Demonstrate progress in making the transition from text to life, particularly in terms of theological, hermeneutical, and homiletical application.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time:    Three hours per week

Assessment:   Two 1,000 word workshop papers (50%)
                  One 2,000 word exegetical essay (50%)

Faculty:   Semester 1: Keith Dyer
                    Semester 2: Oh-Young Kwon

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase

Fee, G D and D K Stuart, How to read the Bible for all it’s worth. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.