

## M.Th. in NEW TESTAMENT

### SEMESTER-I

| <b>Course Code</b> | <b>Course Title</b>                        | <b>L - T - P</b>  | <b>Credits</b> |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| MTh/GPT-700        | Research Methodology                       | 2 - 0 - 0         | 2              |
| MTh/NT-705         | Critical Introduction to the New Testament | 4 - 0 - 0         | 4              |
| MTh/NT-706         | A Detailed Study of Pauline Theology       | 4 - 0 - 0         | 4              |
| MTh/PM-701         | Practical Ministry                         | 0 - 0 - 4         | 2              |
|                    | <b>Total Credits</b>                       | <b>10 - 0 - 4</b> | <b>12</b>      |

### SEMESTER-II

| <b>Course Code</b> | <b>Course Title</b>                  | <b>L - T - P</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| MTh/NT-707         | Synoptic Gospel - Matthew (in Greek) | 4 - 0 - 0        | 4              |
| MTh/NT-708         | History of New Testament times       | 3 - 0 - 0        | 3              |
| MTh/PM-702         | Practical Ministry                   | 0 - 0 - 4        | 2              |
|                    | <b>Total Credits</b>                 | <b>7 - 0 - 4</b> | <b>9</b>       |

### SEMESTER-III

| <b>Course Code</b> | <b>Course Title</b>            | <b>L - T - P</b>  | <b>Credits</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| MTh/NT-805         | The Book of Romans (in Greek)  | 4 - 0 - 0         | 4              |
| MTh/NT-806         | Theology of Johannine Writings | 4 - 0 - 0         | 4              |
| MTh/ID-800         | Inter-Disciplinary Seminar     | 2 - 0 - 0         | 2              |
|                    | <b>Total Credits</b>           | <b>10 - 0 - 0</b> | <b>10</b>      |

### SEMESTER-IV

| <b>Course Code</b>            | <b>Course Title</b>   | <b>L - T - P</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| MTh/NT-807                    | The Work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament  | 3 - 0 - 0        | 3              |
| Relevant Course Code & Number | <b>Any one course from the existing courses from any of these branches:</b><br>OT/Theology/Religion/Christian Ministry/<br>History of Christianity/Missiology | 2 - 0 - 0        | 2              |
| MTh/NT-899                    | <b>Thesis</b>   |                  | 15             |
|                               | <b>Total Credits</b>  | <b>5 - 0 - 0</b> | <b>20</b>      |

## Course Title: Research Methodology

Course Code: MTh/GPT-700

Credits (2-0-0) 2

**Course Objective:** To help students with the preparation of Course Research Assignments, Theses and Dissertations.

### Course Outlines:

1. Research and the Researcher.
2. Basic Elements of a Research Proposal.
3. Collecting and Organizing Materials.
4. Analysis and Evaluation of Materials.
5. Interrogation of a Text.
6. Footnotes, Endnotes, Text notes, Bibliographical Entries and Reference Abbreviations.
7. The Use of Quotations.
8. Illustrative Materials and Tables.
9. Format of the Research Report.
10. Preparation of Book Reviews/Reports.

### Reference:

1. Anderson, Jonathan, Berry H. Durston & Millicent Poole (1970), *Thesis and Assignment Writing*, Wiley Eastern, New Delhi.
2. Booth, Wayne C, Gregory G. Colomb and Joseph M. Williams (1995), *The Craft of Research*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
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4. Denzin, Normank and Yvonna S. Lincoln, (eds). 1994, "*Handbook of Qualitative Research*," Thousand Oaks/London/New Delhi, Sage.
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6. Joseph, A. Antony (1986), *Methodology for Research, Guide for Writing Dissertations, Theses and Scientific Papers*, Theological Publications of India, Bangalore.
7. Mabry Hunter, P (2004), *A Manual for Researchers and Writers of Course Assignments, Theses, Dissertations and Other Research Reports*, The Board of Theological Education of Senate of Serampore College, Miller's Road, Bangalore, 560046.
8. Mauch, James E and Jack W. Birch, (1998), "*Guide to the Successful Thesis and Dissertation-A Handbook for Students and Faculty*," Marcel Dekker, Inc, New York.
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## **Course Title: Critical Introduction to the New Testament**

**Course Code: MTh/NT-705**

**Credits (4-0-0) 4**

### **Objectives:**

- To understand the core of New Testament theology and its history.
- To understand how the New Testament theologies should form the basis of the Church theology today.

### **Outline:**

#### 1. Political History of Palestine

- 1.1. From Alexander the Great to the fall of Jerusalem (A.D. 70)
- 1.2. The First Jewish revolt
- 1.3. The second Jewish revolt
- 1.4. The Roman Provincial system

#### 2. The text of the New Testament

- 2.1. Nature of the New Testament
- 2.2. How the first Christian books were written, preserved and collected.
- 2.3. Manuscript evidence for the text

#### 3. Methods of Interpretation (Hermeneutics).

#### 4. Issues in New Testament Theology

### ***References:***

- Stauffer, E.                *New Testament Theology* (SCM, London, 1955).
- Hunter, A.M.              *Introduction to NT Theologies* (SCM, London, 1963).
- Richardson, A.          *An Introduction to NT Theology* (SCM, London, 1977).
- Bultmann, R.             *Theology of the New Testament* (SCM, London, 1971 2vols).
- Ladd, G.E.                *Theology of the New Testament* (Lutterworth press, London, 1977).
- Conzelmann, H.         *An Outline of the Theologies of the New Testament* (SCM, London, 1969).

## Course Title: A Detailed Study of Pauline Theology

Course Code: MTh/NT-706

Credits (4-0-0) 4

### Objectives:

- To have a clear understanding of Paul's background and realize the significance of his work.
- To identify the Pauline Churches and the various situations under which Paul wrote his letters, thereby apply to our situation today.
- To understand how Paul's teaching on various theological and doctrinal issues helped to solve many of the Church's problem.

### Outline:

1. The world of Paul.
  - The social, political and religious situation of Graeco-Roman world during the time of Paul.
2. Paul against his background.
  - His Jewish background - Influence of Greek culture and thought
3. Paul's conversion –the meaning and significance of Paul's conversion.
4. Practical issues in Paul – e.g. Jews and non-Jews; male and female; circumcised and uncircumcised; question of unity; ecology; family relationship; attitude towards state and administration; place of woman; issue of slavery, etc.
5. Pauline Christology.
6. Important themes: Adam Christology – salvation, redemption and reconciliation, Justification by faith – Eschatology – New being, new creation – Church=body of Christ – The risen Christ=mediator- Law and Grace.
7. Issues in Pauline theology.

### Reference:

- Baker, J.C.                *Paul The Apostle* (Philadelphia, 1980).
- Bruce, F.F.                *Paul: Apostle of the Free Spirit* (Exeter, 1977).
- Bornkamm, G.            *Paul* (ET, London, 1971).
- Furnish, V.P.            *Theology and Ethics in Paul* (Abingdon, Nashville, 1968).
- Ridderbos, H.            *Paul: An Outline of his Theology* (ET, London, 1977).
- Sanders, E.P.            *Paul and Palestinian Judaism* (London, 1977).
- Paul, the Law and Jewish People* (Philadelphia, 1983).

## **Course Title: Practical Ministry**

**Course Code: MTh/PM-701**

**Credit (0-0-4) 2**

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Introduction:**

- 1 What is Practical Ministry?**
- 2 The Importance of Practical Ministry.**
- 3 The Goal of Practical Ministry.**
- 4 The Scope of Practical Ministry.**

#### **Activities of Practical Ministry:**

- 1. Ministry of Preaching:**  
Preaching from the Scriptures for Spiritual, Moral and Ethical upliftment of the people.
- 2. Ministry of Feeding:**  
Involving in the Food distribution service of Yeshu Darbar Ministry.
- 3. Ministry of Visiting the Sick:**  
Hospital Visitation and House Visitation.
- 4. Ministry of Counseling:**  
Youth Counseling, Personal Counseling, Family Counseling, Marriage Counseling etc. to the students and the families in the campus and in the neighboring localities.
- 5 Ministry of Prayer:**  
Conducting Prayer Meetings and Individual Prayer Sessions.
- 6. Ministry of Social Action:**  
Campus Cleaning, Plantation and Environmental Care.

## **Course Title: Synoptic Gospels – Matthew (In Greek)**

**Course Code: MTh/NT-707**

**Credits (4-0-0) 4**

### **Objective:**

- To study the three Gospels and identify the materials which are unique to each and those which are common to all.
- To determine the theological contribution of each of the three Gospel writers and explain how different theologies could be applied to different situation.

### **Outline:**

1. What is synoptic? Origin and development– Synoptic problem.
2. Tools applied to the study of synoptic gospels:
  - i. Form Criticism.
  - ii. Source criticism.
  - iii. Redaction criticism, Literary and Textual criticism.
3. The synoptic gospels.
  - i. Origin of the gospel genre, the three stages of Gospel formation.
  - ii. The existence of ‘Q’
4. Method and messages of Matthew, Mark and Luke.
5. Critical Evaluation of Matthew’s gospel.
  - i. Background and composition of Matthew’s gospel.
  - ii. The sermons: Jesus instructs the community.
  - iii. Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law.
  - iv. Discipleship in Matthew.
6. The theology of Matthew.

Exegesis of selected passages (Matthew) in English/Greek.

### **Reference:**

- Carne, Thomas E. *The Synoptics: Mark, Matthew and Luke, Interpret the Gospel* (London, Sheed & Ward, 1982).
- Nickle, Keith. *The Synoptic gospel: An Introduction* (London, SCM, 1982).
- Strecker, George. *The Sermon on the Mount: An Exegetical Commentary*. Tr. By O.C. dean From the German edition, 1985. (Edinburg, T & T Clark, 1985).
- Hill, D. *The Gospel of Matthew* (London, 1972).
- Best, Ernest. *Disciples and Discipleship: Studies in the Gospel According to Mark* (Edinburg, T&T Clark, 1986).

## Course Title: History of New Testament Times

Course Code: MTh/NT-708

Credits (3-0-0) 3

### Objectives:

- To have a clear overview of the Greco-Roman world against which background the New Testament is set.

### Outline:

1. The world of the New Testament
  - i. Political and Social world
  - ii. Jewish Religious world
  - iii. Non-Jewish Religious world
  - iv. Greco-Roman philosophies, & Gnosticism
2. The world of Jesus
  - i. Galilee, Samaria and Judea
  - ii. Herod and his kingdom
  - iii. Jerusalem; a pilgrimage city
3. The world of Paul
  - i. Christianity in urban environment
  - ii. Religions and Philosophies
  - iii. Social status of Pauline Christians.
4. Intertestamental Jewish Literature
  - i. Sects, Parties and Classes
  - ii. Scribes & Rabbis: Their duties and methods of teaching
  - iii. The temple and its ritual
  - iv. The synagogue and its worship

### *Reference:*

Stambaugh, J. and Balch, D. The New Testament in Its Social Environment. Philadelphia: Westminster/London: SPCK, 1986.

Meeks, W.A. The Moral World of the First Christians. Philadelphia: Westminster, SPCK, 1987.

Gruen, E.S. The Hellenistic World and the Coming of Rome. Berkeley: University of California, 1984.

E. Hengel, Jews, Greeks, & Barbarians. Aspects of the Hellenization of Judaism in the Pre-Christian Period. Philadelphia: Fortress, SCM, 1980.

N. Avigad. Rediscovering Jerusalem. Nashville: Nelson, 1980.

## **Course Title: Practical Ministry**

**Course Code: MTh/PM-702**

**Credit (0-0-4) 2**

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Introduction:**

- 1 The Importance of Practical Ministry.**
- 2 The Goal of Practical Ministry.**
- 3 The Scope of Practical Ministry.**

#### **Activities of Practical Ministry:**

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**Course Title: The Book of Romans  
(In Greek)**

**Course Code: MTh/NT-805**

**Credits (4-0-0) 4**

**Objectives:**

- To know the social context of the new testament during the time of paul and in the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D.
- To see how the theology of Romans form the core of the New Testament theology and the relevance for our context today.

**Outline:**

1. Background of the book
  - i. Integrity, Literary history and text
  - ii. Audience, purpose, theme
2. Gospel as the Revelation of God's righteousness (1:1-17).
3. Justification by faith (1:18-4:25).
4. Hope of salvation (5:1-8:39).
5. Rejection of Israel (9:1-11:36).
6. God's righteousness in everyday life (12:1-16:27).
7. Exegesis of selected passages in English/ Greek.

***Reference:***

Barrett, C.K. A Commentary of the Epistle to the Romans. HNTC. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1957.

Best, Ernest. The Letter of Paul to the Romans. Cambridge Bible Commentary. Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1967.

Bruce, F.F The Letter of Paul to the Romans. TNTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985.

Cranfield, C.E.B. A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans. ICC, n.s.2vols. Edingburg: T&T Clark, 1975, 1979.

Lightfoot, J.B. Notes on Epistle of St.Paul. 1895. Reprint. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980.

## Course Title: Theology of Johannine Writings

Course Code: MTh/NT-806

Credits (4-0-0) 4

### Objectives:

- To clearly identify the Johannine circle and the background against which he wrote his gospel.
- To realize the significance of Johannine studies for our understanding salvation and eternal life.
- To apply the teaching of John to our present context.

### Outlines:

#### 1. Introduction:

- i. The Johannine community – Religious and historical situation of the Gospel.
- ii. Background of the fourth gospel – Jewish, Hellenistic, Hellenistic-Jewish, Christian, and Gnostic background.

#### 2. i. Authorship, provenience, and purpose.

- ii. The fourth gospel versus synoptics.
- iii. Theology of John.

#### 3. Ecclesiology in the fourth gospel

#### 4. Salvation – the Jewish understanding of salvation – the vertical view and horizontal view of the Hellenistic and the Johannine emphasis on the present realization here and now.

#### 5. Christology and Christological images in John.

#### 6. Study of sacraments in John.

#### 7. The “I am” sayings in John

#### 8. Exegesis of selected passages in English / Greek.

### Reference:

Brown, R.E. *The Gospel according to St. John* (Doubleday, NY, II 1970).

Dodd, C.H. *The Interpretation of the Fourth Gospel* (CUP, 1968).

Ashton, J (ed). *The Interpretation of John* (Philadelphia, fortress, 1986).

Bultmann, R. *The Gospel of John: a Commentary* (ET, Oxford, 1971).

Soares, Prabhu, G (ed) *We Shall be Dwelling in Him: The Gospel of John: an Indian Interpretation* (Frieburg, Harder, 1984).

## **Course Title: Inter-Disciplinary Seminar**

**Course Code: MTh/ID-800**

**Credit (2-0-0) 2**

### **Objectives:**

1. To assign to the students certain important topics from various branches of theological studies.
2. To make the students of different branches write research papers and present Seminar Papers from the perspective of one's own discipline of which one is a student.
3. Students of various branches will sit together and make a creative discussion on the Issue/topic presented in the seminar class.

### **Areas of study:**

1. Issues from the Old Testament
2. Issues from the New Testament
3. Christian Theological Issues
4. Religious Issues
5. Historical Issues
6. Christian Ministerial Issues
7. Missiological Issues
8. Issues in Communication
9. Sociological Issues
10. Gender Issues
11. Ethical & Environmental Issues

## **Course Title: The Work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament**

**Course Code: MTh/NT-807**

**Credits (3-0-0) 3**

### **Objectives:**

- To see how the Holy Spirit, as one among the trinity, had been active in the life of Jesus and the Church.
- To look into the different functions and roles of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament and to draw its relevance to our Indian context.

### **Outlines:**

1. Personification of the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit in the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ.
3. The role of Holy Spirit in the formation of the first Christian Church.
4. The Holy spirit as the paraclete/ comforter.
5. The work of Holy Spirit in the New Testament.
  - i. Holy spirit in the synoptic gospels
  - ii. Holy spirit in Johannine literature
  - iii. Holy spirit in Acts
  - iv. Holy spirit in Pauline epistles
  - v. Holy Spirit in non-pauline epistles.

### **References:**

- Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Theology*, Secunderabad, India: OM books, 1990.
- Henry, G.S. *The Holy Spirit in Christian Theology*, London: SCM, 1957.
- Barrett, C.K. *The Holy Spirit and The Gospel Tradition*, London: SPCK, 1947.
- Snaith, N.H., ed, *The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*, London: Epworth, 1937.
- Fison, J.E. *The Blessings of the Holy Spirit*, London: Longmans, 1950