

## **An Overview of New Testament Theology**

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**Main theme of the New Testament:** God reigns, saves, and satisfies through covenant for his glory in Christ.

**Gospel of Matthew:** Jesus the Messiah-king climactically fulfills the Old Testament.

**Gospel of Mark:** Jesus the Messiah and Son of God is a suffering servant and a model for his followers.

**Gospel of Luke:** Jesus the Messiah fulfills God's plan by seeking and saving the lost. He is concerned especially for Gentiles and outcasts of society.

**Gospel of John:** Jesus the Messiah and Son of God gives eternal life to everyone who believes in him.

**Acts of the Apostles:** Jesus the Messiah continues to fulfill God's plan by expanding the early church in the face of opposition through the Holy Spirit's power.

**Romans:** The gospel reveals how God justifies unrighteous individuals—both Jews and Gentiles—at this stage in the history of salvation.

**1 Corinthians:** The gospel requires God's holy people to mature in purity and unity.

**2 Corinthians:** God shows his power through human weakness.

**Galatians:** both Jews and Gentiles are justified by (and continue to live by) faith in Christ, not by the works of the law.

**Ephesians:** The church (both Jewish and Gentile Christians) must maintain the unity that Christ powerfully created.

**Philippians:** Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel.

**Colossians:** Christ is supreme.

**1 Thessalonians:** Live in light of Christ's imminent coming.

**2 Thessalonians:** Persevere because the Lord Jesus Christ will return and set all things right, especially by judging his enemies.

**1 Timothy:** The church must guard the faith by embracing godliness.

**2 Timothy:** Persevere for the gospel.

**Titus:** Do what is good by God's grace and be motivated by the gospel.

**Philemon:** You should love your fellow Christian by valuing them above yourself.

**Hebrews:** Jesus is superior, so persevere.

**James:** Faith produces works.

**1 Peter:** Stand firm in God's grace.

**2 Peter:** Grow in God's grace and beware of false teachers.

**1 John:** You can know that you have eternal life in three ways: believing in Jesus, living righteously, and loving believers.

**2 John:** Walk in the truth and love by not supporting deceivers.

**3 John:** Work together for the truth by supporting those who spread it.

**Jude:** Contend for the faith against grace-perverting immorality.

**Revelation:** The Lamb will consummate his kingdom for God's glory by saving his people and judging his enemies.