

Registration Form

Introduction to the New Testament October 16-December 8, 2017 8 Week Online Course

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Email: _____

I will be taking this course for:

TRIM Credit _____

EFSM Credit _____

Two Cont. Ed. Units _____

Personal Enrichment _____

Course fee: \$295.00.

payable to: **Brethren Academy**

Registration deadline: September 18, 2017

Please note: Enrollment numbers on the date of the registration deadline will determine whether the course will be held.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

Brethren Academy
for Ministerial Leadership
615 National Road West
Richmond, IN 47374

www.bethanyseminary.edu/brethren-academy

Technology Requirements

For online learning, students will need basic computer skills and access to the internet. If your computer is four years old or less, you should have the capabilities for this class.

Computer Capabilities:

- Modem: Minimum 56 kbps speed is slow but adequate. A speed of 100 kbps (300 recommended) is needed for podcasts and 300 kbps (500 recommended) for videos
- An email account
- An up-to-date web browser; such as Firefox, Internet Explorer or Google Chrome
- A laptop on a wireless network will work, but will get better performance if plugged into a wired network

If you have questions about this information, call Fran Massie, the Academy Administrative Assistant,

Course Withdrawal Refund Policy:

- 100% of course fee prior to the registration deadline
- 50% from the registration deadline to the first day
- No refunds will be given once the class has begun.

Exceptions require the approval of the Director of the Brethren Academy.

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Course Description

The Church of the Brethren has long held that it has “no creed save the New Testament”. Yet the New Testament itself is a collection of books and letters of a wide range of genres, none of which resemble a traditional creed. In this course, we will look at the various books from the New Testament, explore the world which created these texts, and look at how the texts may have interacted both with each other and the Hebrew Scriptures. We will look at what the ancient authors of the texts might have been trying to say to their audiences as well as what they say today.

Course Goals

- Critically analyze the texts of the New Testament.
- Identify and describe elements of the surrounding culture informing the texts of the New Testament.
- Interpret New Testament passages using the biblical text, scholarly commentaries, and external information.
- Apply this meaning from the text to a modern ministry-related application

Instructor



Matt Boersma

Matthew Boersma is a PhD candidate in Hebrew Bible and its Interpretation at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He is finished with coursework and exams. He is now working to complete his dissertation. Matt’s work focuses on the early interpretation of the Hebrew Bible by both the rabbis and the Christians in the context of their Roman world. Prior to Hebrew Union College, Matt graduated from Bethany Theological Seminary with an MA in 2011. Matt lives in Greensburg, Indiana, with his spouse Nykki and three children: Miriam (10), Malachi (6) and Salome (2) .

Reading List

- *Study Bible*. The one from the Orientation course is fine. If you do not have that one, I suggest *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (NRSV) (ISBN: 978-0-19-528955-8)
- Achtemeier, Paul J., Joel B. Green, and Marianne Meye Thompson. *Introducing the New Testament : Its Literature and Theology*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans Pub., 2001. (ISBN: 978-0-8028-3717-2)

Schedule

- October 16-December 8, 2017
- Online classes require students to be disciplined in their time management.
- Students are expected to spend about 10 hours a week during this eight week online class including outside reading and projects.

Participants

This course is offered at the Academy level and is open to Brethren Academy students (TRIM and EFSM), lay persons and pastors. For TRIM students, successful completion of this course will earn one Academy level unit in **Bible/Theology**. Pastors will earn two continuing education units.