

Syllabus for NT Use of the OT (BST 716)
Front Range Bible Institute
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I. Course description

- A. This course deals with the various ways that the NT uses the OT.
- B. As the student will see, there is not a single way in which this happens.
- C. After the introductory discussions, the professor will guide the students through an inductive analysis of the various ways this takes place.

II. Course objectives

This course is designed to help each student:

- A. Learn how to evaluate the principles and methods of various apologetic systems.
- B. Grow in the ability to use apologetics in pre-evangelism and evangelism.
- C. Receive friendly, direct, correction and exhortation related to his apologetics.
- D. Move closer to and grow more richly in his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Course materials

- A. Professor's syllabus (supplied).
- B. Professor's notes (supplied).
- C. Michael Vlach, *The Old in the New*.

IV. Course requirements

- A. Attendance of and participation in all classes.
- B. Read Vlach.
- C. Paper
 - i. Guidelines.
 - ii. The paper should be 5-15 pages in length.
 - iii. Strive for good writing style (I see it all as a learning process).
 - iv. Utilize my papers as a guide on proper style.
 - v. Use at least 10 scholarly sources with footnotes. These scholarly sources can include your required reading books, other apologetics sources, theology books that deal with man, sin, salvation, journal articles, online sources.

V. Course grading

- A. 30% Class attendance and participation
- B. 30% Completed reading
- C. 40% Paper

VI. Course schedule

VII. Selected Bibliography for Apologetics (with main emphasis)

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