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SP-6421 Spiritual Practice – New Testament

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Course Description:

The goal of this course is to explore the concept of Christian spirituality as it is reflected in the New Testament. In coordination with the course content of BS-622, this course aims to animate the practice, theology and key texts related to the New Testament's witness to spirituality. The goal, then, is to not only reflect on the variety of approaches to Christian spirituality in the New Testament, *but to participate in them as practitioners of New Testament spirituality*. Through readings and participation in weekly spiritual disciplines, students will build a broader and more targeted understanding of the theme of spirituality in the New Testament. Students will work independently, with the exception of an inaugural meeting in the second week of the term and a culminating meeting in the final or penultimate week of the term.

Course Requirements:

- Students should expect to read ~150 pages from the **required texts** listed below.
- Students should expect to write *at most* ten double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
 1. Two short papers (2-3pages)
 2. Reading and spiritual reflection log

Required Texts:

1. Scot McKnight, *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others 10th Anniversary Edition*. 2014. (ISBN: 1612615783)
2. Barbara E. Bowe, *Biblical Foundations of Spirituality: Touching a Finger to the Flame*. (ISBN: 0-7425-3157-0)