

**PH.D. IN NEW TESTAMENT**  
**Field Essay Study Guide**  
School of Theology

The field essay in New Testament will consist of two questions, each designed to take an hour of the applicant's 2-hour time allotment. Questions will be as follows:

1. **Greek Translation.** The applicant will be asked to translate a passage of approximately ten to twelve lines. The applicant will not need to bring a text but will be provided with a photocopy of the passage to be translated and information about any rare vocabulary words.
2. **General Question.** For the second hour of the field essay, the applicant will be asked to write an essay on a New Testament topic. Two subjects will be listed, and the applicant will be asked to choose one of the two. For this portion of the exam, the applicant should follow the suggested bibliography attached to this sheet.

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Instructions: In preparing for the general question in New Testament, students are advised to study at least two of the works listed in each of the categories listed below. The exam will consist of two essay questions from which one is to be selected. Questions are generally fairly broad, involving some major period or method of New Testament research or asking for a discussion of scholarship in a particular book of the New Testament. Usually the two questions will involve two distinct areas of New Testament study, such as one from the Gospels and one from Pauline studies.

**I. Histories of New Testament Research:**

Riches, John K. *A Century of New Testament Study*. Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 1993.

McKnight, Scot and Grant R. Osborne. *The Face of New Testament Studies: A Survey of Recent Research*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2004.

Neill, Stephen and Tom Wright. *The Interpretation of the New Testament, 1861-1986* Oxford: At the University Press, 1988.

Kümmel, Werner George. *The New Testament: The History of the Investigation of its Problems* Trans. S. M. Gilmore and H. C. Kee. Nashville: Abingdon, 1970.

**II. New Testament Introductions:**

Carson, D. A., D. J. Moo and Leon Morris. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992.

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. Revised edition. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1990.

Kostenberger, Andreas J., L. Scott Kellum, and Charles Quarles. *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2009.

Kümmel, Werner George. *Introduction to the New Testament*. Revised edition, trans. H C. Kee. Nashville: Abingdon, 1975.