

Embedded Assignment

Exploring the New Testament • Dr. Stevens • May 2022

This take-home portion of the final exam is the embedded assignment for this core course (see the end of the course syllabus). The three domains for evaluation are understanding, application, and communication. This assignment is to be completed and emailed to the grader, Laura Hui, at:

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by **Monday, May 9**. The document will be typed, single-spaced in 12-point font with one-inch margins. Length is no less than half page for domains #1 and #2, and a full page for domain #3. The identification at the top of the first page is not counted in the overall assignment length but should include the following six lines on the left margin:

Student: Your Name
Evaluation: Embedded Assignment
Course: NTEN5300 Exploring the New Testament
Semester: Spring 2022
Site: NOBTS Campus
Format: Regular Semester

Understanding Domain

1. **1–2 Thessalonians**—Describe briefly the history that created the church at Thessalonica and explain why this history provides background for understanding the Thessalonian correspondence. What is the canonical problem for 2 Thessalonians? On the theme of eschatology, what is the difference between the two letters that becomes a critical problem?

Application Domain

2. **1–2 Thessalonians**—What elements of the situation of the establishment of the church at Thessalonica speak to the needs of the contemporary church? How does the eschatological emphasis in the two letters inform our understanding of the nature of Christian hope? How does an understanding of this hope meet the needs of the contemporary church?

Communication Domain

3. **1–2 Thessalonians**—Outline a brief bible study lesson that could be used in a small group Bible study that incorporates an understanding of the history and background of the church at Thessalonica with focus on the specific eschatological teachings in 1 Thessalonians. Be sure to include and describe suggested illustrations to aid the teaching process.