

UNIT 2B NEW TESTAMENT

YEAR 2

Diploma Assignments

- (1) Please complete **TWO** out of these five assignments.
- (2) If possible please prepare a typed script.
- (3) The assignment length for each choice should be between 1500 and 2000 words.
- (4) A bibliography and footnotes should be provided. Biblical references should be given where appropriate.
- (5) Your course tutor is available at all times should you need advice or have any difficulty.

Assignment Titles (Choose TWO)

1. Using 3 detailed examples, explain and account for the synoptic gospels' varying presentation of similar stories and events.
2. Explore the sacramentalism of St. John's gospel.
3. Choose a letter of St. Paul (not Hebrews or the Pastoral Epistles) and describe the Church situation to be found therein. How does St. Paul respond to the challenges?
4. How influenced do you think 1 Peter is by the baptismal liturgy?
5. Explain how the formation of the New Testament canon is incompatible with the "Sola Scriptura" notion of the authority of the Bible. In the process of your argument show how oral tradition becomes sacred text.