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PREFACE

This Outline of New Testament Theology was originally prepared for the use of classes in the Hamilton Theological Seminary, and has been repeatedly used in the course of classroom work. It is now offered with diffidence to a wider circle, in the hope that it so summarizes the teachings of the New Testament as to be of some service to students of the Word of God.

It will at once be noted that it claims to be only an outline. Consequently conclusions are often given without a statement of the reasons which have led to their acceptance, and all exegetical discussions have been rigidly excluded. This has been required by the condensation indispensable for classroom work, and no less by the author's conception of the scope of the science. It may well be, however, that a simple statement of conclusions will

be found helpful to many, and where reasons for or against a conclusion may be desired, they will seldom be far to seek.

This Outline is also peculiar in the constant comparison of the results attained on each topic. While by this method the special thoughts of each New Testament writer stand out less distinctly as a whole, there has been found in use a practical gain for students, which others may also share. If it should be desirable to consider by itself the teaching of any author or group of books of the New Testament, this can readily be done by the use of the index.

The author desires to make, once for all, a frank acknowledgment of indebtedness to sources too numerous and varied to mention. Treatises on New Testament Theology, commentaries, histories, theological discussions standard and fugitive, all have contributed by agreement and by disagreement to mold and fix the conclusions which find expression here.

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