

Class Objectives – After this class you will be able to:

- Identify interpretive “keys” for understanding the Johannine literature.

Key Terms:

- Belief
- Preterist / Historicist / Idealist / Futurist

Johannine Theology (cont.)

I. Final:

II. Some Keys to Understanding the Johannine Literature:

A. The Gospel of John

1. Structure
2. Intended Audience (John 20:25-29)
3. “Believe” in the Gospel of John (John 11:1-48)
4. Who is Jesus?

B. 1 John

1. Recapitulation of Themes

2. Key Themes

C. Revelation

1. Understand the Mixed Genre
Apocalyptic

Epistle

Prophetic

2. Understand the Historical Context

3. Approaches to Interpretation

Preterist

Historicist

Idealist

Futurist

4. Stay with the Big Picture

IV. Questions for Consideration:

1. How would a fuller understanding of the concept of belief in John affect your ministry?
2. What approach do you favor for interpretation of Revelation? Why?
3. How would you summarize in your own words the big picture of Revelation?