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**TITLE OF PAPER : Studies in the New Testament II  
COURSE CODE : TRS 302  
DURATION : 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. **Answer three (3) questions in all.**
2. **Write in clear, grammatically correct sentences.**
3. **The paper consists of three (3) printed pages including the cover page.**
4. **All questions carry equal marks.**

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**Question 1**

Identify and discuss certain misconceptions and fears of the church in Thessalonica about the Second Coming of Christ. [20]

**Question 2**

Discuss problems behind the place of writing and dating of Paul's Letter to the Galatians. [20]

**Question 3**

Explain ways in which the early church responded to the fading hope of the Parousia, the gradual disappearance of the apostles and arising heresies. [20]

**Question 4**

Explain the attendant circumstances that prompted the writing of the Apocalypse of John the Apostle. [20]

**Question 5**

Can what the New Testament says be taken as the final word when deciding on what is morally right or wrong? [20]

**Question 6**

Attempt a critical reading of the given passage. [20]

**The Supremacy of Christ**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. (Colossians 1:15 -23, RSV).