

COURSE DESCRIPTION



THREE 18



KNOW...GROW...GLORIFY...

Note: Key located on page 11.

Intro to Christianity –Following The Son

This section is designated for new believers as a foundation, however, others may benefit by filling the voids in their biblical and theological understanding.

Life is a Journey (Bill Mounce / BT)

IC-101

Examine what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Required reading:

(1) *John MacArthur, Welcome to the Family*

52 Major Stories of the Bible (Bill Mounce / BT)

IC-102

Learn the Basic structure, stories, and characters of the Bible. This class walks you through the main stories of the Bible, 26 in the Old Testament and 26 in the New Testament.

Required reading:

(1) *Tim Chester, From Creation to New Creation*

Fundamentals of the Faith –FOF (PHCC Teacher / IP)

IC-103

Thirteen lessons that blend basic biblical truths with personal obedience and service. This is an ideal class for discipling new believers or returning to the basics of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Required reading:

(1) *John MacArthur, Fundamentals of the Faith*

Basic Training (RC Sproul / LC)

IC-104

In this course, Dr. R.C. Sproul examines the Apostles' Creed and finds in it an outline of the major doctrines of the Christian faith. He examines briefly the doctrine of God, the doctrine of Christ, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the church, and the things to come.

Required reading (choose one):

(1) *John Stott, Basic Christianity*

(2) *J.I. Packer, Knowing God*

Biblical Content—Listening To The Father

God's Word is the clearest revelation of the character and will of God—in whose image we were created —it is always the starting point for all biblical study and spiritual growth in the Christian life.

Old Testament Survey (PHCC Teacher / IP)**BC-201**

Explains the overall theme and continuity of the Bible and how it is progressively revealed with unity despite the diversity of authors, language, cultures, circumstances, eras, and audience.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) Longman III & Dillard, *Introduction to the Old Testament*
- (2) Thomas Schreiner, *The King In His Beauty (Biblical Theology of OT & NT)*

Old Testament Survey I & II (Abner Chou / TMS)**BC-201A**

Old Testament Survey I & II examines the literary structure, historical backgrounds, geographical settings, and parallel passages to enhance comprehension and application of the Old Testament to contemporary issues and concerns. This course covers the major themes and events of the books of the Old Testament. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) Longman III & Dillard, *Introduction to the Old Testament*
- (2) Thomas Schreiner, *The King In His Beauty (Biblical Theology of OT & NT)*

New Testament Survey (PHCC Teacher / IP)**BC-202**

More than just summarizing who, what, where, when, and why, this class exposes biblical truth, integrates these facts with our beliefs, and then challenges us to be transformed individually and corporately. Biblical literacy is the foundation of biblical living.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) D.A. Carson & Moo, *Introduction to the New Testament*
- (2) Thomas Schreiner, *The King In His Beauty (Biblical Theology of OT & NT)*

New Testament Survey I & II (Paul Twiss/ TMS)**BC-202A**

New Testament Survey I and II combine to take students through a survey of the entire New Testament, with a focus on understanding the major contents of each book. These courses examine the literary structure, historical backgrounds, geographical settings, and parallel passages to enhance comprehension and application to contemporary issues and concerns. This course covers the major themes and events of the books of the New Testament tracing the major developments chapter-by-chapter. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) D.A. Carson & Moo, *Introduction to the New Testament*
- (2) Thomas Schreiner, *The King In His Beauty (Biblical Theology of OT & NT)*

Biblical Hermeneutics (Abner Chou / TMS)**BC-203**

Study the major interpretive approaches to the Bible, both historical and contemporary, and learn the principles for normal, cultural, and historical interpretation. Establish general and special principles of interpretation by examining parables, types, prophecies, poetry, and a variety of figurative constructs. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

(1) Howard Hendricks, *Living By The Book*

Theology / Apologetics—Christian Worldview

Theology (the study of God) seeks to take all the biblical data and weave it into a consistent understanding of who God is, who we are, and how we are to think, become, and live. Sound doctrine will help us define Truth in a world full of ideas.

Christian Worldview (Sproul / LC)**BT-301**

Everyone has a worldview, a framework through which they interpret reality and answer life's ultimate questions. In this course, Dr. R.C. Sproul examines some of today's most popular worldviews and exposes their weaknesses. He presents Scripture's teaching on the major spheres of life such as science, government, and literature in order to help Christians establish a thoroughly biblical worldview.

Required reading:

(1) Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth*

(2) Francis Schaeffer, *Trilogy: God Who is There; Escape From Reason; He is Not Silent*

Introduction to Apologetics (PHCC Teacher / IP)**BT-301A**

This course is designed to expose the falsehood of non-Christian worldview and demonstrates that only Christianity can answer life's ultimate questions. It provides basic questions people ask and helps you see how each question is an opportunity to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Required reading (choose two):

(1) C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

(2) Ken Boa & Larry Moody, *I'm Glad You Asked*

(3) Greg Koukl, *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Convictions*

Understanding Theology (Bruce Ware / BT)**BT-302**

Even though we cannot know everything there is to know about God, there are some things you can know because he has revealed them to you. You can develop a

systematic theology as you contemplate what you experience in nature, what you read in the Bible and what you can know from history. This will give you insights into who God is, how to have a relationship with him, and how you will live your life differently.

Required reading (choose two):

- (1) Bruce Ware, *Big Truths for Young Hearts* (read with your children)
- (2) Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*
- (3) John MacArthur, *Essential Christian Doctrine*
- (4) James Montgomery Boice, *Foundations of the Christian Faith*

Intro to Systematic Theology (PHCC Teacher / IP)

BT-302A

This class seeks to systematically gather from Scripture all the teachings on various topics including: Who God is, The Bible, Man, Christ, the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, Sin, Redemption, and the Future. This will give you insights into who God is, how you can have a relationship with him, and how you will live your life differently.

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- (3) John MacArthur, *Essential Christian Doctrine*
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The Doctrine of Salvation (Michael Riccardi / TMS)

BT-303

Salvation focuses on the Christian gospel. Beginning first with the human dilemma from original sin and then studying God's remedy. The course will highlight the entirety of redemption from God's plan, through how it was accomplished, culminating in its application. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

- (1) Jerry Bridges, *The Gospel for Real Life*
- (2) Sinclair Ferguson, *The Whole Christ*

How to Study Your Bible (Bert Downs / BT)

BT-304

In this course the student will learn what is required of them in order to faithfully and accurately study Scripture for themselves. This ten-week class will guide the student in sound Hermeneutical principles in order to effectively study the Bible. This class will help the student find guidance for overcoming the hurdles that may have kept them from making Bible study a regular part of their life. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) Howard Hendricks, *Living By The Book*

(2) Gary Millar, *Read This First: Getting the Most from the Bible*

The Life of Christ (Kevin Zuber / TMS)

SF-305

This course will focus on the Life of Jesus Christ. It will travel through all the major events of the life of Christ including the Incarnation, the calling of the Disciples, the miracles, the events leading up to the crucifixion, the crucifixion and resurrection and many many others. The aim of this course is to help the student to have a greater understanding of all the major life events of Jesus as they journey through the Gospels to discover these rich truths. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) R.C. Sproul, *The Unexpected Jesus*
- (2) John Owen, *The Glory of Christ*

Spiritual Formation—Empowered By The Spirit

All biblical knowledge must be internalized by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Starting with the truth, we meditate on it and ask what we are learning about God, ourselves, and others. Then, in the power of the Spirit, we progress in glorifying God by reflecting His character and nature.

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (John Street / TMS)

SF-401

Biblical manhood and womanhood is a course designed to help the student of Scripture understand God's design for gender distinctions as it relates to the world, the Church, and the home. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading (choose two):

- (1) Kent Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*
- (2) Barbra Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*
- (3) Luke Griffo, *The Beauty of the Binary*

Developing Christian Character (R.C. Sproul / LC)

SF-402

The Christian life is not easy. It engages us in a spiritual battle of cosmic proportions. This study examines our three chief foes in this battle: the world, the flesh, and the devil. This will help us understand why Christian growth is a complex, lifelong process. He addresses crucial aspects of Christian growth, such as our assurance of salvation and our confidence in the sovereignty of God.

Required reading (choose two):

- (1) R.C. Sproul, *Holiness*

- (2) *J.C. Ryle, Practical Religion*
- (3) *John Bunyan, The Pilgrims Progress*
- (4) *David Peterson, Possessed by God (theology of sanctification & holiness)*

The Intimate Marriage (R.C. Sproul / LC)

SF-403

One of the most precious gifts that God has given to mankind is the gift of marriage. For in the marital relationship, God has determined that He will be glorified as husband and wife delight in each other. In this series, Dr. R.C. Sproul takes a practical, pastoral look at the most intimate of human relationships. He shows that if we follow God's principles, marriage can be a celebration of joyous intimacy — one of life's greatest delights. Dr. Sproul examines not only the theology of marriage but also its sociology and psychology, covering such topics as communication, gender roles, and sex.

Required reading (choose two):

- (1) *Dave Harvey, When Sinners Say "I Do": The Power of the Gospel for Marriage*
- (2) *Paul David Tripp, What Did You Expect*
- (3) *Martyn Lloyd Jones, Christian Marriage*

Stewardship and Productivity (Reagan Rose / TMS)

SF-404

Some Christians believe "stewardship" is only about how we deal with our finances and that "productivity" is a term from the secular business world with which believers need not concern themselves. But stewardship and productivity in the whole life of a believer are of paramount importance. How we invest the talents the Lord has entrusted us with—our skills, our money, our time, and our very lives—is the responsibility of every Christian, especially those who would serve in leading Christ's church. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

- (1) *Jon Temple, Family Money Matters*
- (2) *Tim Chalies, Do More Better*

Instructing a Child's Heart (Tedd Tripp / GE)

SF-405

From interaction with their peers to the instruction and correction that they receive at home, children interpret their experience from a worldview that seeks to answer their fundamental questions: Who am I? For what do I exist? Where can I find joy? We need to provide our children with a consistent, persuasive, biblical framework for understanding the world God has made and their place in it.

Required reading (choose two):

- (1) *Tedd Tripp, Shepherding a Child's Heart*
- (2) *Richard Baxter, The Godly Home*
- (3) *Voddie Baucham, Family Shepherds: Calling and Equipping Men to Lead*
- (4) *William Farley, Gospel Powered Parenting*

Ministry Skills—Building The Body

The life best lived is the life lived for others. All of our biblical training and our intimate experience of God's love, grace, and mercy should ultimately bring us to look outside ourselves and ask how we can love and serve others for their good and God's glory.

Outreach and Missions (Chad Vegas / TMS)

MS-501

This course is about the authority behind the imperative of the Church to do missions. The course will look at the true goal of missions and will then shift to looking at the apostle's methodology, the extent to which missions reaches followed by the power and glory in God-honoring missions. It will then conclude with an examination of who should be missionaries. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading (choose two):

- (1) Elizabeth Elliot, *Through the Gates of Splendor*
- (2) John Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad*
- (3) John MacArthur, *Evangelism*

Biblical Elders (Taught by team / TMS)

MS-502

This course is engineered to help students understand the qualifications and functions of elders, deacons, and deaconess within the local church. This course is especially designed for the training of current and prospective elders/deacons. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

- (1) Alexander Strauch, *Biblical Eldership*;
- (2) Alexander Strauch, *Paul's Vision for Deacons*
- (3) Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership*

The Practice of Prayer (Brad Klassen / TMS)

MS-503

In this course, students will study the nature and substance of the Christian prayer life. The course will cover the place, benefits, definition and components of prayer. There will also be a significant focus on how to promote prayer in your congregation and personal life. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

- (1) Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*
- (2) H.B. Charles, *It Happens After Prayer*

Biblical Reconciliation (John Street / TMS)**MS-504**

This course gives students the tools necessary to facilitate the ministry of reconciliation. Students will learn how to probe heart issues, foster an atmosphere of repentance, understand biblical forgiveness and relational forgiveness, resolve conflict with humility, and most importantly, excel at communication. The course is an investigation into the nature of conflict, the divine perspective of conflict, and the biblical principles that should guide the believer in responding to conflict. Special attention is focused on understanding and handling interpersonal struggles in business, the church, and marriage in a way that honors the Lord. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

- (1) Paul David Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hand*
- (2) Timothy Lane, *How People Change*

Corporate Worship & Psalms (Gary Parrett / TMS)**MS-505**

Contrary to most modern perspectives, true worship must be built upon sound doctrine. And this principle is expressed in perhaps no better way than in the book of Psalms. In this class the student will come to a greater appreciation for the Psalms and see how God intends it to be utilized in the corporate worship setting. This course provides a variety of resources which include quizzes and recommended reading to deepen your understanding.

Required reading:

- (1) John MacArthur, *Worship*
- (2) Daniel Block, *For the Glory of God*

Discipleship & Mentoring (Harry Walls/ TMS)**MS-506**

This course is designed to give the student practical insights on the Biblical mandate to make disciples. The goal of this course is to help the student in engaging, educating, and equipping God-glorifiers to be gospel ambassadors. This course does this by examining the meaning and mandate of discipleship, followed by the inspired paradigm for proper discipleship from the life of Paul. This class then focuses on the core priorities of discipleship. Among others this course examines the discipleship process through examining: daily devotions, meditation, how to invest your life and mentor someone through obstacles.

Required reading (choose one):

- (1) Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Discipleship*
- (2) Andrew Davis, *An Infinite Journey: Growing toward Christlikeness*
- (3) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

Church History—Learning From The Past

While all true followers of Christ share an organic unity—one body, One Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all—sin has introduced a practical disunity. Knowing more about the history of the Church can help rebuild our practical unity in Christ. Knowing how we got here helps us know where we're going.

Men Who Rocked the World (Steve Lawson / GE)

CH-601

Dr. Steve Lawson brings these giants of the faith to life as he explores some of the Reformers, Revivalists, Martyrs, and Puritans. These lessons include looking at men like: Luther, Tyndale, Knox, Calvin, Edwards, Owens, Whitefield, Rodgers and more.

Required reading (choose any three from series):

(1) Steve Lawson & various authors, *A Long Line of Godly Men* (14 book series)

Church History—Essentials (Gordan Isaac / BT)

CH-602

Introduces the people, events, and movements that shaped church history from the life of Jesus to the twentieth century. Knowing how we got here helps us understand where we're going.

Required reading:

(1) Bruce Shelly, *Church History in Plain Language*

(2) Christopher Catherwood, *Church History: A Crash Course for the Curious*

(3) Joel Beeke, *Meet the Puritans*

The Reformation (Nathan Busenitz / TMS)

CH-603

How did we get from the Apostles to where we are today? This in-depth seminary class will answer that question by covering the riches of church history and the development of theology. Church history did not just drop off a cliff after the apostles, there is a long line of faithful men who helped progress the mission of the church.

Required reading (choose two):

(1) Nathan Busenitz, *Long Before Luther*

(2) Christopher Catherwood, *Church History: A Crash Course for the Curious*

(3) Simonetta Carr, *Church History*

(4) Joel Beeke, *Meet the Puritans*

Course Description Key**Venue**

IP	In-person Class (Equipping Ministry Classes, Sunday School)
BT	Biblical Training Online (www.biblicaltraining.org)
LC	Ligonier Connect (www.connect.ligonier.org)
GE	Grace Equip (www.gracechurch.org/equip/series)
TMS	Master's Seminary Institute for Christian Life (www.institute.tms.edu/library)
