

Course Descriptions

Bible Division Courses

BIB 114 Christ in the Synoptic Gospels (Formerly known as *Synoptic Gospels: The Life and Teachings of Christ*) (5 CEUs)

A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

Materials required:

Christ in the Synoptic Gospels (IST) by Mike McClaflin

Materials recommended:

Life of Christ by Ralph M. Riggs

BIB 115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (5 CEUs)

A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul are examined as the background for his epistles.

Materials required:

Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (IST) by George O. Wood

Materials recommended:

Acts: A Logion Commentary by Stanley M. Horton

BIB 117 Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians (5 CEUs)

A practical study of the principles Paul wrote to the churches during his imprisonment. The concepts are presented in language that is easy to understand with explanations, illustrations, and applications that make the concepts helpful to students in both their personal lives and ministries.

Materials required:

Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians (IST) by LeRoy Bartel

Materials recommended:

Ephesians by Francis Foulkes

BIB 121 Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible (5 CEUs)

An introductory course on the principles for interpreting Scripture. It summarizes the need for hermeneutical principles and explores the qualifications, tools, and goals of a biblical interpreter. This is followed by a historical survey of hermeneutics from early Jewish interpreters to the present.

The course includes a unit on the general and specific principles for interpreting the Bible, a unit on genres, and a unit on applying the principles. Students develop their skills by practicing the principles in exercises that are provided.

Materials required:

Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible (IST) by Quentin McGhee, Carl Gibbs, and Willard Teague

Materials recommended:

Dictionary of Hermeneutics by James D. Hernando

BIB 212 New Testament Survey (5 CEUs)

A survey course giving the student background for understanding, teaching, and applying the principles of the New Testament. Key facts from each book of the New Testament are highlighted in a manner that can be used in preaching and teaching.

Materials required:

New Testament Survey (IST) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Materials recommended:

Encountering the New Testament by Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough

BIB 214 Old Testament Survey (5 CEUs)

A practical approach to the Old Testament that gives students material they can use in teaching and preaching. It covers significant details from every book in the Old Testament in an inspirational yet informative manner.

Materials required:

Old Testament Survey (IST) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Materials recommended:

They Spoke from God edited by William C. Williams

BIB 215 Romans: Justification by Faith (5 CEUs)

An in-depth study of the book of Romans. It focuses on Paul's systematic explanation of the gospel to the Romans and offers insight into the doctrines of sin, salvation, and sanctification. Students will learn how union with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit leads to spiritual growth.

Materials required:

Romans: Justification by Faith (IST) by William F. Lasley, with sermon notes by Richard Dresselhaus

Materials recommended:

Romans by F. F. Bruce

BIB 313 Corinthian Correspondence (5 CEUs)

A study of 1 and 2 Corinthians, providing the student with truths for teaching and preaching as well as practical assistance in dealing with the issues facing today's church. The student will learn how Paul instructed the Corinthians to deal with division and difficulty. By applying these same principles, the student will be prepared to deal with the challenges of ministry in the twenty-first century.

Materials required:

Corinthian Correspondence (IST) by James D. Hernando

Materials recommended:

1 and 2 Corinthians by Stanley M. Horton

BIB 316 Geography of the Holy Land (4 CEUs)

An overview of the geography of Bible lands, including climate, roads, distances between key cities, and dynamic relationships between regions. The main areas of study are Galilee, Samaria, Judea, the South, and the Sinai Peninsula. This course lessens the distance between the Scriptures and the reader and improves skills of interpreting, applying, and proclaiming the Word of God. The atlases consist of two and three-dimensional satellite maps, a description of each region, aerial pictures with complete explanations, and a biblical/historical review of each area.

Materials required:

Geography of the Holy Land (SG) by Waverly Nunnally

The Holy Land Satellite Atlas, Volumes 1 and 2 by Rohr Productions

BIB 318 Pentateuch (5 CEUs)

A study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy with a practical approach that will provide preaching and teaching material. The Pentateuch forms the foundation upon which the New Testament covenant is based and is an important study for anyone wishing to understand the entire Bible more completely.

Materials required:

Pentateuch (IST) by Roger Cotton

Materials recommended:

The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch edited by T. Desmond Alexander and David W. Baker

BIB 322 Poetic Books (5 CEUs)

A study of the five books of poetry or wisdom—Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. These books cover issues like suffering, parenting, and the fear of the Lord, teaching us how to live. The course is designed to help the student in his or her own walk with God and in ministering to others who need instruction.

Materials required:

Poetic Books (IST) by Scott Ellington

Materials recommended:

A Psalm in Your Heart, Volumes 1 and 2 by George O. Wood

Theology/History Division

THE 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine (5 CEUs)

An examination of the four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God: Salvation, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ. After an introductory unit on the importance of doctrine, there is a unit of study on each of the doctrines. This course is essential to the further understanding of the complete Pentecostal message as presented in other courses.

Materials required:

Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine (IST) by Zenas J. Bicket

Materials recommended:

What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit by Stanley M. Horton

Canadian Pentecostal History

This course is presently in development

THE 211 Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective (5 CEUs)

A study of historic Christian doctrines as expressed through Protestant and evangelical traditions. The course provides a complete study of the “Statement of Fundamental Truths” of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Materials required:

Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective (IST) by Johnny Ford

Materials recommended:

Bible Doctrines by William F. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton

THE 221 Systematic Theology 1 (4 CEUs)

A study of bibliology—the doctrine of Scripture, with a focus on the nature of revelation and the inspiration and authority of Scripture and the development and transmission of the canon; Theology Proper—the doctrine of God’s existence, attributes, works, and the Trinity; Christology—the theology of the Person and work of Jesus Christ, including consideration of His names, nature, offices, humiliation, atoning death, resurrection, and exaltation; Anthropology - the theology of the human condition (origin, nature, and fall); and soteriology—the divine plan of salvation (regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, and deliverance) for the believer.

Materials required:

Systematic Theology 1 (SG) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective edited by Stanley M. Horton

THE 222 Systematic Theology 2 (4 CEUs)

A study of Pneumatology—the distinctive Pentecostal doctrine of the Holy Spirit, focusing on the divinity and personality of the Spirit and the work of the Spirit in applying to believers the benefits of Christ’s work: sanctification by the Spirit; ecclesiology—the doctrine of the church, including its definition, mission and purpose, organization, and ordinances; angelology—the doctrine of angels (their creation, nature, fall, and work); and eschatology—the doctrine of last things, including the Second Coming, resurrections, judgments, and final state.

Materials required:

Systematic Theology 2 (SG) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective edited by Stanley M. Horton

DVD: *The Promise of Power*

THE 245 Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come (5 CEUs)

A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

Materials required:

Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come (IST) by Zenas J. Bicket

Materials recommended:

Our Destiny by Stanley M. Horton

THE 311 Prayer and Worship (5 CEUs)

An overview of the biblical teaching on prayer and worship leads to practical considerations for cultivating intimacy with Christ in every aspect of life, from personal, private prayer to corporate celebration. Students will discover the joys and benefits of a dynamic prayer life and gain a fresh appreciation for the many ways in which the Holy Spirit makes prayer and worship both meaningful and powerful. An examination of some of the common challenges of prayer, such as learning to hear God's voice, the problem of unanswered prayer, and what to do when it seems God is not speaking, is followed by practical insight for becoming more effective and fervent prayer warriors.

Materials required:

Prayer and Worship (IST) by Cheryl Taylor and Russ Michaels

Materials recommended:

The Spirit Helps Us Pray by Robert L. Brandt and Zenas J. Bicket

Theology Division

MIN 123 The Local Church in Evangelism (5 CEUs)

The local church is the provenance of evangelism for reaching its community and the world. After a foundational, biblical theology of the Great Commission and the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism, this course proposes a comprehensive and integrated approach to evangelism in the local church that avoids over-compartmentalizing evangelism and discipleship. It focuses on a variety of evangelism methods, the evangelistic purpose of an organized fellowship of churches, and pastoral leadership in evangelism. The largest portion of the course is devoted to the evangelistic responsibility of all believers and practical biblical instruction concerning effective personal evangelism.

Materials required:

The Local Church in Evangelism (IST) by Randy Hurst

Materials recommended:

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman

MIN 181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry (5 CEUs)

A biblical approach to the relationships that are important to the minister, both personally and professionally. It looks at temperament theory and its relevance to human relations. This course examines relationships and ethics in view of the minister's personal growth, ministry challenges, people in the community and other ministers.

Materials required:

Relationships and Ethics in Ministry (IST) by T. Ray Rachels

Materials recommended:

Ministerial Ethics: A Guide for Spirit-Filled Leaders by T. Burton Pierce

MIN 191 Beginning Ministerial Internship (6 CEUs)

The first of three internships to be developed for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. Each internship will require the student to work with a local pastor to gain hands-on experience in various ministry activities. This course discusses the importance of a good attitude in ministry as well as many of the functions of ministry such as weddings and funerals. It also emphasizes servant leadership and the minister's devotional life.

Materials required:

Beginning Ministerial Internship (student manual) by Michael Clarensau

Beginning Ministerial Internship (mentor manual) by Michael Clarensau

Materials recommended:

Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders

MIN 223 Introduction to Homiletics (5 CEUs)

A basic study of the principles of Christian preaching. The course emphasizes biblical exposition and deals with practical matters such as the preparation of sermons, the sources of materials, the construction of sermon components, the variety of sermon types, and the delivery of sermons.

Materials required:

Introduction to Homiletics (IST) by Ian Hall

Materials recommended:

Pentecostal Preaching by Charles Crabtree

MIN 251 Effective Leadership (5 CEUs)

A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church.

Materials required:

Effective Leadership (IST) by Ron McManus

Materials recommended:

Developing the Leaders Around You by John C. Maxwell

MIN 281 Conflict Management for Church Leaders (5 CEUs)

A biblical approach to conflict resolution. This course offers a scriptural way to deal with the inevitable occasions when conflict arises, particularly in a church setting. It offers practical principles for resolving the conflict in a manner that is pleasing to God.

Materials required:

Conflict Management for Church Leaders (IST) by Wayde I. Goodall

Materials recommended:

The Peace Maker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict by Ken Sande

MIN 291 Intermediate Ministerial Internship (6 CEUs)

The second of three required internships for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. This course helps the student develop the right attitude for ministry. It examines characteristics to be avoided and tests to be passed in the life of a minister. It further focuses on public aspects of ministry, such as teaching, preaching, and leading meetings. The personal life of the minister, including time management and personal health, are also discussed.

Materials required:

Intermediate Ministerial Internship (student manual) by Michael Clarensau

Intermediate Ministerial Internship (mentor manual) by Michael Clarensau

Materials recommended:

Run with the Horses by Eugene H. Peterson

MIN 325 Preaching in the Contemporary World (5 CEUs)

The purpose of this course is to help preachers present life changing messages that connect with the world around them. The course will focus on presenting messages that are true, clear, interesting, and relevant. Students will be challenged to present messages that are true to the intent and power of Scripture. The course will also examine the post-modern culture and offer help in making messages relevant to the needs and concerns of this audience.

Materials required:

Preaching in the Contemporary World (IST) by Doug Oss, Rochelle Cathcart, and David Crosby

Materials recommended:

360 Degree Preaching by Michael J. Quicke

MIN 327 Church Administration, Finance, and Law (6 CEUs)

An introductory study of many principles, procedures, and techniques used in today's business world as they apply to the local church and its leadership. Attention is given to organizing and staffing functions of the church, practical methods of raising money for the church's expenses, keeping good records, and managing the church's money, facilities, and equipment. It also gives students a practical understanding of the law in order to recognize and resolve legal questions confronting pastors and churches today.

Materials required:

Church Administration, Finance, and Law (IST) by Joseph W. Kilpatrick and Randy J. Hedlun

Materials recommended:

Church Administration Handbook edited by Bruce Powers

MIN 381 Pastoral Ministry (5 CEUs)

An examination of pastoral ministry in three areas: preparation, responsibilities, and relationships. The unit on preparation focuses on a pastor's qualifications, devotional life, and personal life. A unit on responsibilities analyzes preaching and teaching, worship, pastoral care, leading, training, forming cell groups, and special services. The final unit examines a pastor's relationships with lay leaders, staff, work, and calling. This is a principle-centered study to lay a lifelong foundation for the pastoral ministry.

Materials required: (See next page)

Pastoral Ministry (IST) by Richard Exley

Materials recommended:

The Pentecostal Pastor edited by Thomas E. Trask, Wayde I. Goodall, and Zenas J. Bicket

MIN 391 Advanced Ministerial Internship (6 CEUs)

The third of three required internships for the Ministerial Diploma. Building on the foundation of the previous two internship courses, this course focuses on three attributes of the heart of ministry, characteristics to be avoided, tests that must be passed in the life of the ministry, basic areas of pastoral counselling, and other skills needed to be a successful pastor.

Materials required:

Advanced Ministerial Internship (student manual) by Michael Clarensau

Advanced Ministerial Internship (mentor manual) by Michael Clarensau

Materials recommended:

Courageous Leadership by Bill Hybels

Christian Service Courses

CSB 111 Christian Maturity (2 CEUs)

Christian maturity should be the aim of every believer in an effort to reach “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13). Author Rick Howard teaches that although we cannot become completely like Christ, we are to reach for this highest of goals that the Bible sets for us.

CSB 121 Prayer and Worship (2 CEUs)

Worship includes praise and service to God. Author Morris Williams introduces us to a new life of prayer and worship. A closer look at the prayer Jesus taught His disciples shows we cannot separate prayer and worship from our daily living. Prayer is never finished; it is a part of everything we do. In this course, prayer is presented as the preparation for worship, and worship is defined as constantly living in a way that pleases God and fulfills His purposes.

CSB 131 The Responsible Christian (2 CEUs)

Author Jose R. Silva Delgado shows us how to become faithful stewards. In a parable, Jesus commended two good stewards who had managed their assets wisely and condemned the one who did nothing with what he had been given. This course teaches how to manage and invest what God has entrusted to us, so that one day He will say, “Well done, good and faithful servant . . . Come and share your master’s happiness!” (Matthew 25:23).

CSB 212 The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory (2 CEUs)

The New Testament, the new agreement that God made with humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ, is the subject of this course, written by Jean-Baptiste Sawadogo and Marcia Munger. This survey of the New Testament brings a realization that God speaks authoritatively to the church and the world today, just as He did in the New Testament and throughout the course of history. The information contained in this course will help provide a fuller understanding of New Testament truths and the reliable manner in which they were transmitted to us. A study of this course will enable students to teach others about the Word of God in a greatly enhanced fashion.

CSB 222 Tents, Temples, and Palaces (2 CEUs)

The books of the Old Testament are surveyed in this course, written by Rick Howard. This look at the Old Testament begins with Creation, continues through the judgment of the Flood, and then picks up the theme of God’s chosen people, the seed of Abraham. The author discusses the writings of the Old Testament as an account of God’s dealing with the people He chose to use to bless the world. Many of the names, terms, and events that are often difficult to understand are addressed, along with questions that are pertinent to understanding the Old Testament period.

CSB 232 Understanding the Bible (2 CEUs)

The careful, methodical study of the Bible is the subject of this course. In the first part, author Dorothy Johns introduces the principles, terminology, and means of interpretation that are essential to all effective methods of Bible study. The next series of lessons emphasizes scrutiny of individual books through the synthetic or whole-book method of study. The biographical, topical, and devotional methods of study are critiqued in the last section. While much in the course is necessarily an academic discussion of how to study the Bible, the major emphasis is placed on the student’s spiritual improvement and how a systematic study of the Scriptures is the best means for achieving this goal.

CSB 313 Cornerstones of Truth (2 CEUs)

As you have probably discovered, the teachings in the Bible are not presented according to topics. For example, the book of Genesis does not give us a complete explanation of the Godhead, nor does any other single book. An important way to study the Bible is to find all the teachings related to a certain topic. Authors Floyd Woodworth Jr. and David Duncan will follow this kind of systematic study to see what the Scriptures teach about the universe and its Ruler, about humankind and the structure God has chosen for human development. Students will also discover what the Bible has to say about the future.

CSB 323 Alive in Christ (2 CEUs)

Salvation is the crucial subject of this course, written by David Duncan, and the definition is broadened to include everything that was purchased at Calvary. Salvation is shown to include not only the forgiveness of sins of the past and deliverance from the power of sin in the present, but also protection against the depredations that could be brought on by sins in the future. All of the spiritual needs of humanity are met by the redemption provided by Christ on the Cross.

CSB 333 Counsellor, Teacher, and Guide (2 CEUs)

Near the end of Jesus' ministry on earth, He told His disciples that the time was coming when He would not be with them. He said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16–17). Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit. In this course, author William Farrand will acquaint you with the ways the Holy Spirit helps you in the same way that Jesus helped people when He was here on earth.

CSB 414 The Christian Church in Ministry (2 CEUs)

Perhaps you thought that God's redemptive plan ended with Christ's death on the Cross. However, Jesus passed on to His church the ministry of reaching the world with the message of salvation. Author Jesse Miranda teaches that the Great Commission given by Christ is the church's authority to act for God. The church has not been left to carry on the work alone, however, for Christ sent His Holy Spirit to be our Helper. The Holy Spirit works in and through us to fulfill the redemptive plan of God.

CSB 424 Starting New Churches (2 CEUs)

Ever since the church began on the Day of Pentecost, the followers of Christ have been planting churches all over the world. Author Larry Pate shows us the value of having the direction of the Holy Spirit in planning strategies for the founding of new churches. The Bible gives the principles and purposes that guide planting the church in every culture and people group.

CSB 434 Helping Christians Grow (2 CEUs)

Christian nurturing is important to the church's ministry, and it is necessary for the growth and maturation of new believers. Author Dwayne Turner encourages and instructs those who would like to help develop spiritual maturity in others. He also makes them aware of their own need for more instruction. The emphasis is on the interdependence that exists in the Christian community. Recent converts need to be instructed and encouraged, while mature Christians need to teach and nurture others in order to grow themselves.

CSB 515 Spiritual Gifts (2 CEUs)

"About spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant," Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV). Spiritual gifts are very important to the body of Christ. Author Robert Brandt teaches about these spiritual gifts that are available to the believer to help him or her become a greater blessing to the church and more effective in spreading the gospel.

CSB 525 Preaching and Teaching (2 CEUs)

Author Ernest Pettry demonstrates how to communicate God's message effectively through preaching and teaching. These two methods of sharing God's Word are alike in many ways. Yet during the history of the Christian church, each method has developed some distinctive characteristics. This course points out the advantages of both methods and helps prepare the reader to use them in the best manner for evangelizing the unreached and providing for the spiritual development and maturity of those ministered to.

CSB 535 Sharing the Good News (2 CEUs)

You have probably already shared your testimony with others and realized the need to give the message of salvation clearly and simply. You need to have at your fingertips the Scriptures that will aid you in responding to those who want to know more about Jesus. Authors Robert and Evelyn Bolton will help you use what you already know about salvation and the joy of serving God so that you can better share the pleasure of being a Christian.

CSB 616 Solving Life's Problems (2 CEUs)

When you are having problems, do you know where to find answers? Author Dorothy Johns helps you turn your troubles into victories. There are no clear-cut solutions for some of the problems that confront us. However, the Bible gives guidelines for finding solutions to life's problems. It is not God's will that Christians be defeated. As you study this course and apply the principles of problem solving, you will discover the wonderful blessing of allowing your problem solver, Jesus Christ, to help you.

CSB 626 People, Tasks, and Goals (2 CEUs)

Most of our knowledge comes to us in two ways: from patterns and from principles. In this course, author Billie Davis analyzes leadership from both perspectives and looks at several of God's chosen leaders. Students are given the opportunity to consider these familiar biographical studies of the Bible in a new context using the theme of leadership. The most advanced theories of leadership and human development are outlined, and the application of these theories in harmony with Christian faith and practice is explained.

CSB 636 Abundant Living (2 CEUs)

A sterling character does not develop by accident. Christian character is developed as the Holy Spirit produces His fruit in the believer. The fruit of the Spirit, described in Galatians 5:22–23, is the result of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Author Antonio Gilberto da Silva offers a practical study from Galatians 5 and other related Scripture passages. This course emphasizes the development of desirable qualities such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, and their benefits in the Christian's relationships and service.

Christian Life Courses

Your New Life

When you asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, something wonderful happened. You began a new life. Your sins were forgiven, and you were born into the family of God. Although your new life is a gift from God in heaven, you begin to live it now on earth. Learn how to live it according to God's principles. Let Your New Life teach you how to grow and find joy in your new life in Christ.

Your Bible

Your Word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path," said King David many years ago. No matter how difficult your situation is, or what decision you need to make, you can have the same assurance that King David had. This 107-page course adapted by Judy Bartel from the original course written by Louise Jeter Walker, will introduce you to the Bible and help you study it in order to gain insight into the way that God views our circumstances and helps us when we ask him.

Who Jesus Is

The best place to learn about the identity of Jesus is the Bible. This course, written by Elton G. Hill and adapted by Louise Jeter Walker, gives a vivid look at the life of Jesus beginning with His birth and continuing to the prophecies about His second coming. At the end of this course there is an invitation for the reader to have a personal encounter with Jesus. Available in print.

Personal Evangelism

Jesus was our example in taking the good news to people everywhere and He wants us to share the gospel wherever we go. This 144-page course by Jean-Baptiste Sawadogo will help the reader to understand the true nature of evangelism. Knowing the principles contained in this course will enable believers to share Christ with the people around them in a more convincing, powerful and positive way.

Bible Ethics

Far too often we dwell on the things we feel are prohibited to us because we are Christians. But the motivating factor behind righteous living should be that Jesus said, "Be holy because I am holy." This 158-page course by John and Sara Miles clarifies the reasons behind the rules which were made to help believers enjoy serving God and being holy as He is holy.

When You Pray

When God made us, He put something in us that reaches out for Him. We realize that we need a power greater than our own to solve our problems, protect us, and meet our needs. Through prayer we learn to reach out to God for help and this 100-page course by J. Robert Ashcroft shows us how to get our prayers answered and have our needs met as we pray and worship God.

How to Study the Bible

Once we have chosen to follow God's plan for our lives, we are not only responsible to conform our lives and characters to Christ's image, but to share Christ's love with others so that their lives can also be transformed. We can best fulfill our responsibilities as we respond to the Holy Spirit when He reveals God's mind to us as we study the Bible. This 132-page course by Thomas Maphori gives a great deal of necessary insight for those who are interested in organizing their study of the Bible.

Your Helpful Friend

Everyone needs friends and everyone values those special friends who are always there when you need them the most. Each of us has a special friend in the Holy Spirit, and this course by Louise Jeter Walker tells about this very special friend in its 144 pages. Many students have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit after studying this course.

Christian Worship

As you grow in your Christian life, the desire to worship the Lord grows—and that desire must be fulfilled. God also longs to have fellowship and communion with His children. This 118-page course by Judy Bartel will help those who seek to maintain consistent private devotions by illustrating both the need for and the benefit of worship. It also gives some essential guidelines that will be beneficial for group worship.

Christian Workers

You can know how to fit into God's design as a member of the body of Christ and learn how God will equip you to serve Him in the church. This 119-page course by Marian Brandt relates how God organized the church and put each member in the body of Christ according to His plan. It also gives practical suggestions to follow in order to find and develop the gifts that will allow each individual to edify the church. It will help in understanding how to work with the leaders of the local church and how gifted believers can minister to those who need their help.

Marriage and the Home

Many young couples take this course in preparation for marriage and find a number of time-tested rules for developing a happy home. As they study this 160-page course by Rex Jackson, family members learn to appreciate each other more by learning the basic principles of proper relationships in the home. Marriage was established by God and the family is the building block of society. Without strong family units the church cannot be what God intended for it to be. This course deals with all of the aspects of marriage and home that make the family the strong unit that the church rests upon.

God's Design – Your Choice

God has a design for your life, but He has left it up to you to choose whether or not you will follow His plan. This 155-page course by Lowell Harrup will help you find out more about God's design for you and the many ways in which God will help you if you choose to follow Him. Knowledge about God's design and our choice will help everyone when they are confronted with the bewildering array of decisions that each person must make everyday.

John's Gospel

This course follows the pattern of John's Gospel and centers on the person of Jesus. It deals with many of the intimate details of Jesus' life, His teaching, and His claims that are not found in the other Gospels. In its 184 pages, author Rex Jackson takes the reader on a chapter-by-chapter study of the Gospel of John, and presents the vivid description of Christ that was given by the beloved disciple who was His closest human associate during His years of ministry.

We Believe

Learning from God's Word helps us to answer the questions of what we believe and why we believe. Hence, we become what we believe. The themes in this course are challenging, the content is biblical and the end result will impact the rest of your life.

What Churches Do

What is the purpose of churches and why do people go to church? What does it mean to be baptized? Why should a believer take communion? Is it scriptural to dedicate babies? This 154-page course by Robert and Evelyn Bolton will answer many of the most frequently asked questions about the church. The experiences of Mary, a new convert, and her fiancé, Timothy, are followed throughout the book to illustrate the biblical basis for what churches do and why they do it.

The Teaching Ministry

Teaching is like throwing a small rock in a pool of water. As we teach and our students in turn teach others, the results are like ripples of water, reaching out to the world around us. This 144-page course by Marjorie Steward will help illustrate how to have a teaching ministry that is both productive and rewarding. Jesus commissioned his followers to "...teach all nations... teaching them to obey and to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded..." This is the mandate that must be carried out by the church. Available in print.

The Christian in His Community

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have already experienced profound changes in your life. Certainly one of these changes was an alteration of your attitude towards others. We are all part of the same community and this 158-page course by Donald Stuckless teaches us that this community is much more than the place where we live. It is a spirit, or attitude that we have towards others and God wants us to realize the importance of demonstrating the proper attitude towards others.