

**Redeeming Grace Ministry
Bible Institute
Handbook**



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A Letter of Greeting

Dear Student,

We are glad that, in the providence of God, you want to study the Word of God through the courses offered at Redeeming Grace Ministry Bible Institute. The intent of the Bible Institute is to enable you to learn the *Scriptures* more thoroughly, to love Christ more dearly, and to walk in the Christian life more clearly. The type of study proposed is designed to accommodate your schedule without overwhelming you. However, you must apply yourself with a firm commitment to study to show yourself approved unto God, “*a workman that needeth not to be ashamed*” (2 *Timothy 2:15*).

May the Lord richly bless you as you seek to prepare yourself to labor for His cause and kingdom.

Because We Care,

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Dear Mentor,

The student who is contacting you needs your help to receive a certificate of study from Redeeming Grace Bible Institute. To that end you are being given a package containing all the Answer Keys to the various projects the student will need to comply with.

You are asked to review the answers of the student covering a text book he has been given to read completely along with sections on personal application and reflection. You will also want to make sure the student has memorized the appropriate Scripture where applicable.

Once you are satisfied the student is familiar with the material in the text book and has completed the information, you are asked to send me a letter or email to that effect.

Thank you for your willingness to help someone grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

If you have any questions please contact me personally.

Because I Care,

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is Redeeming Grace Ministry Bible Institute?** RGMBI is a distance education institute of religious education for people of all denominational backgrounds and ages.
- **What is the mission of RGM Bible Institute?** RGMBI was founded in order to train Christian leaders and workers, academically and spiritually, to serve around the world. Students are prepared to be preachers, missionaries, evangelist, Christian workers, laymen, and Bible teachers.
- **What is the purpose of RGM Bible Institute?** RGMBI exists to encourage all Christians to study the Scriptures in order to promote love for the Lord Jesus Christ and holiness of life.
- **How much does each program cost?** There is no charge for the Bible courses offered by RGMBI. In grace, God has given His Word to the world. We want to reflect His grace. However, those who desire to contribute to the work of the ministry can do so through checks, cash gifts or the use of online contributions through our website.
- **What are the requirements for enrolling in RGM Bible Institute?** Anyone can enroll in a certificate program provided they are in good standing with a local church that preaches the gospel, and will complete an enrollment form.
- **How long will it take to earn a certificate?** The amount of time it takes to complete the required curriculum depends on which certificate program is selected. Each program is designed to be completed on a self-paced basis. The quicker the course work is completed, the sooner one can progress.
- **What are RGM Bible Institute's doctrinal statements?** An expanded statement of the doctrinal position of Redeeming Grace Ministry is set forth in the *London Baptist Confession of faith of 1689*.
- **Is RGM Bible Institute nationally accredited?** The programs of this institution are not designed to meet any particular local, state, or national credentialing or licensing laws or criteria, nor to meet any requirements established by any agency or association whether public or private. Applicants to this institution are advised to inquire of their respective states, school districts, professional associations, governmental agencies, and the like when licensing and/or credentials are to be ultimately sought by the applicant. This institution makes no promise or guarantee of acceptance by any other organization. The programs of this institution are solely designed to prepare students for work within ministries of like faith.

Redeeming Grace Ministry Bible Institute

Mission Statement

Our mission is to equip Christians for spiritual ministry. We believe that only a ministry of the Spirit can produce results that are acceptable to God, that redound to His glory, and that will endure unto eternal life (John 4:23,24; 1 Pet.2:4, 5; 2 Cor.3:6-9; John 6:63; 1 Cor.3:10-17). Our method of preparing individuals for the work of the ministry is a three pronged, biblical approach.

First, Doctrine. *2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Second, Meditation. *1 Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Third, Mentoring. *2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

In accomplishing our mission of equipping individuals for spiritual ministry we believe RGBI will follow the Bible's guidelines for ministry preparation very closely.

Redeeming Grace Bible Institute

Purpose Statement

The purpose of Redeeming Grace Bible Institute is to train Christians to be Christ-like, New Testament ministers of the Word and the Spirit. In accomplishing this Redeeming Grace Bible Institute believes that God's inerrant and infallible Word is the rule for all belief and behavior in life and faith. The Bible is the primary means by which the Holy Spirit transforms lives so that the Lord Jesus Christ might be glorified and adored.

Financial Policy

There is no charge for the Bible courses offered by Redeeming Grace Ministry Bible Institute. In grace God has given to the world His Word. We want to reflect His grace. Individuals who are blessed by this ministry are free to donate their time and resources to advance its cause as the Holy Spirit leads.

Length of the Program

The amount of time it takes to complete the required curriculum will vary with each student. The program is designed to be completed on a self-paced basis. The quicker the course work is completed, the sooner one can progress. There are generally four parts to most of the courses: *Questions and Answers*, *Personal Reflection*, *Application*, and *Memory Work*. For successful completion of the RGMBI program each student is expected to answer all questions completely, interact with the assigned spiritual leader, and memorize the selected Scriptures provided.

Redeeming Grace Ministry Bible Institute

Doctrinal Statement

We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God.

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His deity, His sinless humanity and perfect life, the eternal all-sufficiency of His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father's right hand, and His personal imminent return to this Earth in power and great glory.

We believe that justification is a judicial act of God on the believer's behalf solely on the merits, blood, and righteousness of Jesus Christ, and that regeneration (the new birth) by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. This salvation is by grace alone through faith alone.

We believe in the Lordship of Christ over His church; the observance of the ordinances of baptism by immersion for believers and the Lord's Supper.

We believe Jesus Christ is coming again the second time to receive His own to Himself who will be with Him for eternity. We believe the Second Coming of Christ is literal, personal, powerful, and bodily. The Second Coming of Christ does not take place in stages or phases. Christ will return to receive those who have been born again and judge those who have rejected His rule and reign over their lives. Those who are declared unrighteous will spend an eternity separated from God.

We believe heaven is the abode of all that receive Christ as Lord and Savior. We believe hell is the abode of all that reject Christ.

We believe there is a spiritual relationship of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ so that all Christians must live a life of good works separated from the world in order to be an effective witness to the Lord's saving grace through the power and personal ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Special note.

An expanded statement of the doctrinal position of RGBI is set forth in *Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689*. A free printed copy of the confession will be provided each student upon request.

A LIST OF THE COURSES OFFERED

SIMPLE STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES

- ❖ **2 John.** The book of 2 John is a General Epistle written by the Apostle to encourage all Christians to remain faithful to Christ. John warns against persistent error. The apostle wants the children of God to abide in the truth and is anxious that the truth abide in them.
- ❖ **3 John.** This General Epistle written by the Apostle John is the shortest book in the New Testament. It was written to praise Gaius and Demetrius for their faithful service.
- ❖ **1 Peter.** The First Epistle of Peter was written from Rome between AD 64 and 67 to persecuted Christians who had fled Asia Minor. The apostle encourages the believers to have hope and courage while continuing to trust in the power of God.
- ❖ **2 Peter.** The Second Epistle of Peter was written during the first century to warn the church of false teachers who had come into the Christian fellowship. The believers are urged to be brave and patient.
- ❖ **1 Thessalonians.** Wanting to strengthen and encourage the church in Thessalonica, the apostle wrote this Pauline Epistle c. AD 52-54. Faith, hope, and love are important principles set forth in this letter.
- ❖ **2 Thessalonians.** This Pauline Epistle was written c. AD 52-54, several months after Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica. One main purpose of this letter was to correct misunderstandings concerning the return of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **1 Timothy.** Written as a Pastoral Epistle c. AD 62, the apostle Paul writes to give Timothy encouragement ministering in the church in Ephesus. Principles of spiritual leadership are established.
- ❖ **2 Timothy.** This Pastoral Epistle from Paul in c. AD 67 provides direction to Timothy in the work of the ministry and encourages him to visit one final time. The nature of this letter is somber for Paul knew that his ministry was nearly over as his life would soon end.
- ❖ **A Baptist Catechism** (Dr. W. R. Downing). This course provides a concentrated study of Christian theology.
- ❖ **A Glorious Institution: The Church in History: Part I and II.** This study traces the story of the church from the days of the apostles to the outbreak of the Reformation.
- ❖ **A Glorious Institution: The Church in History: Part III and IV.** The study of the church continues from the days of the Reformation to the modern era.
- ❖ **A New Covenant in Christ: A New Testament Survey** brings unity and chronological sequence to the Scriptures by weaving the content of the books around a central theme of the person and work of Jesus Christ. Divisions are the synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John, the book of Acts, the Pauline Epistles in chronological order, the General Epistles, and the book of Revelation.

- ❖ ***A Prayer for God's People: Studies in John 17.*** As Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, so the Lord prayed for His disciples. John 17 records the Lord's Prayer for His people.
- ❖ ***A Survey of the Old Testament Vol 1. The Creation to the United Kingdom.*** This study of the Old Testament reviews the divine and historical narrative of redemptive history. It is a thrilling narrative that takes the reader from the day of creation to the rise of Israel's greatest warrior king, David.
- ❖ ***A Survey of the Old Testament Vol 2. The United Kingdom to Babylonian Captivity.*** Despite eighty golden years of Hebrew history, Israel displeased the Lord to the point that He judged His people and sent them into seventy years of exile in Babylon. This study examines the decline and fall of the nation of Israel.
- ❖ ***A Survey of the Old Testament Vol 3. The Babylonian Captivity to the Restoration.*** Despite the harsh hand of divine discipline, the Lord showed mercy to Israel. He brought them from the land of bondage in Babylon, and restored them in Jerusalem once more. This part of the divine and historical narrative traces the fate of the Jews from their captivity to the restoration.
- ❖ ***A Journey in Grace*** (Dr. Richard Belcher). This religious novel introduces individuals to the doctrines of grace, often called Calvinism, in an entertaining and informal way.
- ❖ ***Baptist Confession of 1689*** reviews in detail this foundational document of Baptist beliefs.
- ❖ ***Daniel A Dreamer of Dreams.*** The inspiring story of Daniel and his companions is reconsidered in this study, along with God's plan for the ages. Special attention is paid to the greatest prophecy ever fulfilled as set forth in chapter 9.
- ❖ ***Dispensationalism: A Critical Review of Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.*** Because of the tremendous influence of the writings of C. I. Scofield on modern day Christendom, it is good to examine his influential book, "*Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*" by comparing it to Scripture.
- ❖ ***Dispensationalism: A Journey in Dispensationalism*** (Dr. Richard Belcher). In an entertaining way, Dr. Belcher presents great doctrinal truths in the form of a novel. This particular novel discusses the subject of Dispensationalism.
- ❖ ***Esther.*** The story of Esther is the story of Divine Providence. God overruled the greed of a man name Mordecai, and his perverted machinations for his beautiful uncle's daughter. What began as the promotion of a one night, inappropriate and illicit stand with a king, became the basis for the survival of a nation.

- ❖ ***Five Doctrines of Divine Grace*** studies the foundational doctrines of the church with an emphasis on the historical acrostic word T.U.L.I.P. This historic acrostic stands for the Total Depravity of man's nature, the Unconditional Electing love of God, the Limiting of the Atonement to the elect, the Irresistible call to salvation of the elect, and the Perseverance of the saints in the sphere of saving faith as they are preserved by the power of God.
- ❖ ***Free Will – A Slave*** (C.H. Spurgeon). The will of man is not simply damaged, it is totally depraved, and unable to please God in the flesh. In his natural condition man will consistently choose to sin, and therefore be forever enslaved to the world, the flesh, and the devil. The will of man must be set free, as this study reveals.
- ❖ ***Galatians***. The Reign of Grace is constantly challenged by the Reign of Law. Legalism was a pressing issue in the early church, and continues to be a problem today. This study examines Paul's letter to the Galatians.
- ❖ ***Habakkuk***. There are many great questions raised in the Bible, one of which is how God can judge His chosen people with a nation more evil. The answer to that great question is considered in this study of Habakkuk.
- ❖ ***Hebrews***. Written primarily to the Hebrew believers, this General Epistle was written c. AD 67. Jesus Christ is presented as superior in comparison to Judaism and the Old Covenant. Despite persecution and an appeal to return to Judaism, the author exhorts the saints not to turn away from the only true hope of salvation.
- ❖ ***How to Study the Bible: Part One*** is designed to help the student learn the three major concepts of biblical study with a view to personal application.
- ❖ ***How to Study the Bible: Part Two*** sets forth the eight conditions for good Bible study, how to profit from reading the Bible, methods of Bible study, and dangers to avoid when studying the Bible. Text by R. A. Torrey and Stanford E. Murrell
- ❖ ***James***. The book of James is a General Epistle written by the half-brother of Jesus, according to the flesh, c. AD 48/49. Practical Christian living that indicates saving faith, and a transformed life, is the theme of this apostolic letter. Some have noted similarities to the OT book of Proverbs.
- ❖ ***Jonah***. Sent from the northern kingdom to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, Jonah predicted imminent judgment apart from repentance. Nineveh did repent. The people of Nineveh believed God and called upon the name of the Lord. The study of Jonah is not only a study of historical events but the study of a reluctant prophet.
- ❖ ***Jude***. Written by Jude, the brother of James, and the half-brother of Jesus, according to the flesh, wrote this General Epistle c. AD 75. The purpose of this book was to address the false teachers and to show a contrast between doctrinal error and the truth of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ ***Matthew Henry's Summary of Old and New Testament Books.*** Based on Mr. Henry's renowned commentary, *An Exposition of the Old and New Testaments* (1708-10, known also as *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible*), this course examines, in summary form, the Old and New Testament books of the Bible.
- ❖ ***Micah.*** Ministering to both the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel, Micah spoke against idolatry, and then denounced evil rulers who preyed on their people instead of caring for them. The priests were also challenged in their sin. This study of Micah reveals what is required of spiritually minded, and socially concerned citizens, and that is "...to do justice, and to love kindness (mercy), and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).
- ❖ ***Nehemiah.*** Written c. 430 BC, Nehemiah recorded the events leading up to the return to Jerusalem and the rebuilding of the walls, which had occurred c. 445 BC.
- ❖ ***Obadiah.*** The theme of this book is judgment on Edom for their treatment of Judah. Edom should not have rejoiced over the destruction of Judah.
- ❖ ***Our God Breathed Book: The Bible.*** Based on notes extracted from WILLMINGTON'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE, by Dr. H. L. Willmington, a brief overview of the Bible is examined.
- ❖ ***Philemon.*** The story of Onesimus, the runaway slave is reviewed. The Doctrine of Forgiveness is emphasized.
- ❖ ***Philippians.*** In this epistle the apostle sets forth the joy of living. What makes this letter all the more remarkable is that Paul wrote it while in prison in Rome.
- ❖ ***Proverbs: Wisdom for Living.*** The book of Proverbs provides principles and practical counsel for every situation or problem in life.
- ❖ ***Revelation 20: Past – Present – Future*** (L. R. Shelton). Writing as an Amillennialist, Bro. Shelton offers valuable spiritual insights into this controversial chapter of the Bible.
- ❖ ***Revelation. Simple Studies in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.*** What Jesus said would happen in Matthew 23, Mark 13 and Luke 21, John saw happen. The present and eternal royal reign of Christ is detailed.
- ❖ ***Romans: A Soul in Search of Salvation.*** The question of how a man can be justified before God is answered in Paul's Epistle to the Romans.
- ❖ ***Ruth: The Romance of Redemption.*** The love story of Boaz and Ruth reflects the love between Christ and the church.
- ❖ ***Seven Letters of Love*** examines the seven letters of Christ to the seven churches of the Revelation.

- ❖ ***Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*** (Jonathan Edwards). At Enfield, Connecticut, on July 8, 1741, Jonathan Edwards preached a sermon that led to the first Great Spiritual Awakening in America. This sermon is of particular importance in the history of Christendom.
- ❖ ***Song of Solomon*** is one of the great love stories of the Bible with spiritual lessons to learn of the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the church.
- ❖ ***Speaking in Tongues*** is an issue that every pastor must address. This study of 1 Corinthians 12-14 will help in that area.
- ❖ ***Tabernacle: An Overview***. If a person is familiar with the Tabernacle then they will know how Christ was revealed in the Old Testament.
- ❖ ***The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*** (Hannah W. Smith). Many Christians struggle in the Christian life to be holy and to be happy. Mrs. Smith addresses these two worthy objectives. Certainly God wants His people to be holy and with holiness will come happiness.
- ❖ ***The Great Tribulation: A Historical Reality***. Many Christians are being taught to fear the future. That is wrong. The great tribulation of which Jesus predicted in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 is a historical reality. The Doctrine of Tribulation is examined in this study.
- ❖ ***The Minister as Shepherd*** (Charles E. Jefferson). A pastoral ministry is not something that can be learned from books, as valuable as books are. The pastoral heart can only be formed in real life situations. However, what a formal study of pastoral ministry can provide is a theological and philosophical framework that will guide behavior. The man who would be a minister of the gospel, and not a hireling, must be like the Master who said of Himself, "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11, 14).
- ❖ ***The New Testament Missionary*** (Cliff Hellar). The text for this course was written by a missionary of many years. Mr. Hellar helps to guide the Christian worker in the way of the Lord. The student will learn how to do God's work, God's way.
- ❖ ***Titus*** was left on the island of Crete to establish church order. This study examines the letter the apostle Paul wrote to him to encourage and direct him in that effort.
- ❖ ***Torah*** (Readings in the Pentateuch). The Law is holy, just, and good. Therefore, it must be read.
- ❖ ***Zephaniah*** is a study of the message of the ninth prophet in order of the twelve Minor Prophets. While ministering during the reign of King Josiah, Zephaniah declared that only God can cleanse Judah of the sins the nation has committed. The Day of the Lord is coming and the nations of the earth must prepare.

CERTIFICATES OFFERED

Certificates Offered

- Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Certificate in Church History
- Certificate in Sacred Scripture
- Certificate in Biblical Reading
- Certificate in Dispensational Studies
- Certificate in A Foundation for Faith
- Certificate in The Bible as History: A Survey of the Old Testament

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Program Description

Now more than ever you have the opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of others. By choosing to pursue a *Certificate in Christian Ministry*, you can help shape future generations for Christ. Our distance education certificate program is geared towards individuals seeking a better understanding of Christian leadership and ministry. The program is well suited for pastors, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, Christian leaders and ministry workers.

Book 1: *The New Testament Missionary: A Biblical Study of Missions* (Cliff Hellar) with a Student Guide by Dr. Stanford Murrell provides a practical knowledge of God's work God's way.

Book 2: *The Minister as Shepherd: The Privileges and Responsibilities of Pastoral Leadership* (Charles E. Jefferson) with A Student Guide by Dr. Stanford Murrell tells what a Christian leader should be.

Book 3: *A Journey in Grace: A Theological Novel* (Richard Belcher) with a Student's Study Guide by Dr. Stanford Murrell provides a theological framework for Christian ministry.

CERTIFICATE IN CHURCH HISTORY

Program Description

The *Certificate in Church History Studies* is a program designed to give you an understanding of the history of the Christian Church. This certificate program uses Dr. Stanford Murrell's Church history series *A Glorious Institution: The Church in History* and *A New Covenant in Christ*. This program is well suited for pastors, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, Christian leaders and ministry workers.

Book 1, Part 1: *When the Church Was Young A.D. 33-754*. Focuses on the early growth of the Christian Church as it developed from a small assembly of believers in Jerusalem, to become a vast spiritual kingdom touching the lives of millions around the world. Part one includes the Church's beginnings, its miraculous spread, its sufferings, the early heresies and creeds of faith, and the spread of Islam.

Part 2: *The Church in the Middle Ages A.D. 754-1517*. The history of the Church from the days of Charlemagne to the dawn of the Reformation. It was during this period which historians call the Middle Ages that the Church divided in two—forming an "Eastern Church" and a "Western Church". Part two includes the increasing power of the Papacy, the politics of mixing with the State, the rise of monasticism, the Crusades, heresies, the Inquisition, and attempts at reform.

Book 2, Part 3: *The Reformation and Its Aftermath 1517-1648*, observes the tremendous upheaval in the history of the Church. Brave men were transforming the spiritual Church into conformity with God's inerrant Word in deliberate departure from the traditions of men. It is an unfolding drama, not just historical facts. First we live with Luther through his increasing conviction that sparked the Reformation in Germany. Then we see Zwingli, Calvin, and Farel in Switzerland lay a strong basis for further reform--at great cost. We are swept along with the spread of the flame to France, The Netherlands, and Scotland under Knox. In England, we are confronted by the incredible struggle for supremacy between popes, monarchs, and ideas. We see the forces of Counter-Reformation in the Catholic Church, concluding with the Council of Trent.

Part 4: *The Church in the Modern Age 1648-1900s*. Details the account of the incredible difficulty man has when given freedom to study the scriptures to avoid false doctrines springing out of pride and greed. New religious movements departed from the historic creeds of Christendom in favor of personal revelation and individual interpretations. Nevertheless, our God reigns, and there were Great Awakenings as the Holy Spirit revived true Christianity repeatedly and brought evangelical missions movements worldwide. Though it faces real challenges, the church is triumphant over the world, the flesh, and the devil and will continue to grow and be a blessing to the world.

Book 3: *A New Covenant in Christ*. Provides a historical overview of the New Testament.

CERTIFICATE IN SACRED SCRIPTURE

Program Description

Now more than ever you have the opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of others. By choosing to pursue a certificate in Sacred Scripture, you can help shape future generations for Christ. Our distance education certificate program is geared towards individuals seeking a better understanding of Christian leadership and ministry. The program is well-suited for pastors, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, Christian leaders and ministry workers

Book 1: *Our God-breathed Book.* Provides a comprehensive overview of God's written revelation to man.

Book 2: *How to Study the Bible.* Designed to help the student learn the three major concepts of biblical study based on the writings of R. A. Torrey.

Book 3: *Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689.* Brings to life the historic document that has guided many Baptist congregations for more than three centuries.

CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL READING

Program Description

Simply reading the Old Testament with understanding is essential. This program is designed to immerse the student in the Biblical narrative through reading and responding to questions.

Requirements for Completing this Program Certificate

1. Each book of the Torah is to be read or listened to in its entirety. Read or listen to Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
2. Write a summary of not less than 100 words for each of the following accounts:

Genesis:

- Creation of heaven and earth 1:1 - 2:3
- Account of man and woman 2:4 - 4:26
- Account of Noah 6:9 - 9:29
- The Abrahamic Covenant 12:1 - 22:19
- Isaac 25:19 - 35:29
- Account of Esau 36:1 - 37:1
- Account of Jacob 37:2 - 50:26

Exodus:

- God delivers his people: The Exodus 1:1 - 15:21
- God leads his people: The Wilderness Testing 15:22 - 18:27
- God and Israel enter into covenant 19:1 - 24:18
- God reveals pattern of the tabernacle and its ministry 25:1 - 31:18
- Israel's rebellion, judgment, and restoration 32:1 - 34:35
- Israel's artisans prepare the tabernacle 35:1 - 39:43
- Israel's artisans erect the tabernacle 40:1 - 38

Leviticus:

- Laws on sacrifice 1:1 - 7:38
- Institution of priesthood 8:1 - 10:20
- Uncleanness and its treatment 11:1 - 16:34
- The practice of holiness 17:1 - 27:34

Numbers:

- Preparation for the journey through the wilderness 1:1 - 10:10
- From Sinai to the Plains of Moab 10:11 - 22:1
- The Balaam incident 22:2 - 25:18
- Preparations for entering Canaan 26:1 - 36:13

Deuteronomy:

- Moses' first address 1:6 – 4:40
- Moses' second address 4:44 – 11:32
- Reiteration of laws for Israel's worship and conduct 12:1 – 26:19
- Moses' third address: the covenant and Ebal-Gerizim liturgy 27:1 – 30:20
- The conclusion of Moses' ministry 31:1 – 34:12

3. Answer the questions associated with each book of the Bible using the following text:

Student's Study Guide

Simple Studies in Scriptures: Matthew Henry's Summary of Old Testament Book by Book

4. Have a spiritual Mentor verify that you have accomplished each portion of the program.

CERTIFICATE IN DISPENSATIONAL STUDIES

Program Description

Beginning around 1830 a new view of the future began to become popular in Europe and America. Rather than teach that Jesus was coming a second time for all that believe (Hebrews 9:29), rather than teach that Jesus was returning in the same manner in which he went away (Acts 1:11), a few very bright but sensational religious teachers, introduced a whole new prophetic scheme centered on an event called the Rapture. The Rapture is actually a third coming of Christ whereby the church is taken away before a great tribulation period. The great tribulation period is alleged to last for seven years. There are many sensational details advocated by dispensational theology which are contradicted by a simple study of the Scriptures.

Book 1 *A Journey in Dispensationalism.* This entertaining work by Dr. Richard P. Belcher introduces the student to the problems of Dispensational theology.

Book 2 *Dispensationalism: A Critical Review of Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.* Based on an early edition (1896) of the ninety-eight page pamphlet, *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*, by C. I. Scofield, this work is a critical guide for those who would like to know more about Dispensationalism by someone who is concerned with its teachings.

Book 3 *Revelation. Simple Studies in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.* Between AD 66 and AD 70, the prophetic utterances of Jesus in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 began to be fulfilled. What Jesus said would happen, John saw what would happen, and history records that what Jesus said, and John saw, did happen. A careful study of The Revelation of Jesus Christ reveals prophecy fulfilled.

Book 4 *The Great Tribulation: A Historical Reality.* This course offers a biblical alternative to those who have been taught to fear the future.

CERTIFICATE IN A FOUNDATION FOR FAITH

Program Description

- *Five Doctrines of Divine Grace* studies the foundational doctrines of the church with an emphasis on the historical acrostic word T.U.L.I.P. This historic acrostic stands for the Total Depravity of man's nature, the Unconditional Electing love of God, the Limiting of the Atonement to the elect, the Irresistible call to salvation of the elect, and the Perseverance of the saints in the sphere of saving faith as they are preserved by the power of God.
- *The Christian's Secret to a Happy Life* (Hannah W. Smith). Many Christians struggle in the Christian life to be holy and to be happy. Mrs. Smith addresses these two worthy objectives. Certainly God wants His people to be holy, and with holiness will come happiness.
- *Free Will-A Slave* (C.H. Spurgeon). The will of man is not simply damaged; it is totally depraved, and unable to please God in the flesh. In his natural condition man will consistently choose to sin, and therefore be forever enslaved to the world, the flesh, and the devil. The will of man must be set free, as this study reveals.
- *Romans: A Soul in Search of Salvation*. The question of how a man can be justified before God is answered in Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

CERTIFICATE IN A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Program Description

- *A Survey of the Old Testament Vol 1. The Creation to the United Kingdom.* This study of the Old Testament reviews the divine and historical narrative of redemptive history. It is a thrilling narrative that takes the reader from the day of creation to the rise of Israel's greatest warrior king, David.
- *A Survey of the Old Testament Vol 2. The United Kingdom to Babylonian Captivity.* Despite eighty golden years of Hebrew history, Israel displeased the Lord to the point that He judged His people and sent them into seventy years of exile in Babylon. This study examines the decline and fall of the nation of Israel.
- *A Survey of the Old Testament Vol 3. The Babylonian Captivity to the Restoration.* Despite the harsh hand of divine discipline, the Lord showed mercy to Israel. He brought them from the land of bondage in Babylon, and restored them in Jerusalem once more. This part of the divine and historical narrative traces the fate of the Jews from their captivity to the restoration.

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General Course Instructions

Each course has a *Student's Study Guide* which provides a workbook for the student. There are three parts to most of the courses: Questions and Answers, Personal Reflection and Application and Memory Work

Example:

Questions and Answers. The questions and answers are based upon the text. There will be no answer that cannot be found within the material read. As much as possible please use a complete sentence when responding to the questions. For example:

Question. What is meant by a Divine interpretation of history?

Answer. The story of human history may rightly be called "His-story", or the story of God's work in the affairs of man.

Example:

Personal Reflection and Application. This part of the course is designed to let you interact with the Mentor on a one-to-one basis. While there is much freedom to respond, all responses should ultimately end within the framework of a Christian worldview and be defended by the Word of God. If, upon discussion, you find that your answer needs to be more biblically based, the Mentor will ask you to either rewrite or add to portions of your response.

Example:

Memory Work. You will be expected to memorize, and recite without help, the passages of *Scripture* indicated in order to complete the individual course.

Summary

For successful completion of the RGMBI program, each student is expected to answer all questions completely, interact with the Mentor on the personal application and reflection section, and memorize the selected *Scriptures* provided.

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

2 Timothy 2:15

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How to Memorize the Bible

There are many different ways to memorize a biblical text. Each student is encouraged to develop their own unique method. The following points are only suggestions.

1. Read the passage ten times in order to fully understand it. Ask God for deep understanding of His Word. *Psalms 119:19 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.*
2. Discuss the verse with a friend, consult a commentary, or simply meditate upon each word and phrase. *Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*
3. If possible relate the verse to something in your life, or the life of someone you know. There is value in association. Seek to apply each verse to your life. *Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*
4. Write in your own handwriting the scripture on paper, and read it again to make sure it is copied correctly.
5. Memorize a line or small section, until the whole verse is done. It does not matter if you start with just three or four words. However, each time you say the verse, do so in the same order:
 - The Topic
 - The Reference
 - The Verse
 - Repeat the Reference

Reciting these four elements the same way each time will help you to firmly fix the passage in your mind.

6. Test yourself on paper with the portions and then the whole.
7. Test yourself vocally. Say the verse aloud so that you can hear it as well as see it and think it. Do you ever find yourself thinking about a song you have recently heard? Or about something someone has said to you? The ear remembers!
8. Before going to sleep repeat the scripture again. If you cannot remember while in bed, quickly get out of bed or turn on a light and look the verse up which is a sacrifice in itself.
9. Continue to say the scripture at various times of the day until it becomes second nature.
10. Review with a friend.

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APPLICANT ASSESSMENT FORM

Please fill out and give to your Mentor

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. What is your current vocation: bi-vocational, full time ministry, or secular?

2. Please share how you came to faith in Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

3. Do you believe in the supreme authority of the Holy Bible?

4. Do you believe the Bible is without error?

5. How do you think this study program will help you in your goals and aims for the future?

6. What is your current role in the local assembly?

7. Do you plan to go through an entire certificate course, and will you submit to the oversight of a mentor?
