

Pilgrim Reformed Bible Institute

COURSE LIST

*“And He gave some . . . as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.” **Ephesians 4:11-12***

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

The battle for the Bible is ongoing, expressing itself in different forms and with varying degrees of intensity. The fact that there is also an unprecedented number of Bible versions only causes skeptics to raise more doubts about the authenticity of God’s Word. In this course we examine inspiration, canonization, and transmission of the biblical text, in addition to dealing with practical issues: How does the Bible differ from other ancient literature? When were the books of the Bible regarded as authoritative, and by whom? Is the Bible the product of human invention or editing? How were the books transmitted? How reliable is the Bible we hold in our hands? How come some Bibles have the Apocrypha? This course is offered as online and independent study tutorials.

OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION AND SURVEY

This is an introductory survey of the Old Testament with an emphasis on its use in Christian ministry. It surveys the historical and cultural, religious, literary, and theological background of the Old Testament in its ancient Near Eastern setting, along with various approaches to study of the Old Testament, in order to develop a foundation and framework for future study. This course is offered as online and independent study tutorials.

NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION AND SURVEY

An introductory survey of the New Testament with an emphasis on its use in Christian ministry. It surveys the historical and cultural, religious, literary, and theological background of the New Testament and examines authorship, date, unity, and literary character of the 27 New Testament books. The student will also study and critique selected works in these areas. This course is offered as online and independent study tutorials.

SURVEY OF CHURCH HISTORY & HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

An introductory survey of the main personalities, movements, and theological battles of Christianity with an emphasis on its use in Christian ministry. The student will critique selected works in these areas. This course is offered as online and independent study tutorials.

HERMENEUTICS AND BIBLE EXPOSITION

An introduction to inductive Bible study that uses observation, interpretation, application, and correlation. These steps are applied to several biblical texts with a view to developing expositional outlines for preaching or teaching.

THEOLOGY I

An introduction to theology that will consider the doctrines of Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, and Angelology.

THEOLOGY II

In this second tier, we examine the doctrines of Anthropology, Harmartiology, Soteriology. Prerequisite: Theology I.

THEOLOGY III

In this third tier, we examine the doctrines of Ecclesiology and Eschatology, various views surrounding these doctrines and how they have influenced faith and practice. Prerequisite: Theology I and II.

HOMILETICS

The art and science of preaching, this course helps those Christians whose calling includes the public ministry of the Word. It instructs Christian men, both laymen who desire to preach and those who are called to the pastorate, to deliver God's Word to audiences, as Jesus says, "in a way that they will observe it". The class may be adapted for Christian women who desire to have a public speaking ministry to women.

ELEMENTARY HEBREW

Working through a translation of the Book of Jonah, with syntactical analysis of forms, phrases, and clauses, and learning principles of syntax. Prerequisite: Elementary Hebrew.

INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

An introductory course stresses the basic principles of Hebrew phonology & morphology.

PRINCIPLES OF HEBREW EXEGESIS

Provides an introduction to the basic tools and methods for text critical, lexical, literary, and genre analysis. Opportunity to study and translate selected passages from narrative, poetic, and hymnic genre. Prerequisite: Elementary Hebrew and Intermediate Hebrew.

HEBREW AND EXPOSITORY PREACHING

Learning to prepare homiletical outlines from expositional outlines of Hebrew texts. Prerequisite: Elementary Hebrew, Intermediate Hebrew, and Principles of Hebrew Exegesis.

ELEMENTARY GREEK

A introductory study of the basic principles of biblical Greek.

INTERMEDIATE GREEK

A study of New Testament Greek grammar and syntax and an introduction to New Testament textual criticism. Prerequisite: Elementary Greek.

GREEK EXEGESIS

An introduction to exegetical procedures and practice of exegesis in various New Testament genres, such as outlining the argument of passages, word studies, validating exegetical decisions, and using exegetical tools properly. Prerequisite: Elementary Greek & Intermediate Greek.

GREEK AND EXPOSITORY PREACHING

Learning to prepare homiletical outlines from expositional outlines from Greek New Testament texts. Prerequisite: Elementary Greek, Intermediate Greek, and Greek Exegesis.

CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

A survey and critique of the main schools of thought within Christian apologetics. The student will also learn the differences between evidentialism and presuppositionalism and their value for evangelism.

BASIC BIBLICAL COUNSELING

This course is a basic introduction to biblical counseling theory and techniques. Attention is focused on how the Scriptures and theology form the foundation and substance for Christian counseling. Biblical concepts for understanding people and their problems, heart worship, guilt, a biblical view of self, the biblical method of change, and the proper handling of crisis situations are addressed. This is an intense course that includes reading assignments, regular homework, quizzes, major exams, and the submission of some original work. It meets all requirements for a basic course and prepares the student to take other steps needed for membership and certification in biblical counseling with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC).

EVANGELISM

Surveys the various misconceptions about evangelism, critiques the different traditional methods advanced, and establishes a working biblical definition for evangelism with a view to honing evangelistic skills.

CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS*

Enables the student to be confident in his or her interpersonal communication ability in other cultures by learning ethnocentricity, non-verbal communication, change dynamic, and how to distinguish between what is biblical and what is cultural.

INTRODUCTION TO WORLD MISSIONS*

A biblical theology of missions, missions agencies, trends, needs, accomplishments, and possibilities.

DOCTRINE OF MISSIONS*

Traces salvation history from Genesis to Revelation, emphasized in Israel's God-given responsibility to the nations, and culminating in the Church's responsibilities mandated in the New Testament.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

Examines the internal workings of the local Church, church polity, inner-church relationships, para-church organizations, and surveys the major Christian traditions (denominations) and their history.

PASTORAL PRAXIS**

Offers practical, hands-on experience in preaching, counseling, conducting funerals, weddings, baptisms, and the Lord's Supper, discipling, teaching, visitation, and hospice visitation.

**Courses that must be taken in addition to the basic curriculum for missions applicants and ordination applicants.*

***These courses are required for and offered only to ordination applicants.*