

# Channel Islands Bible College & Seminary

## Independent Studies Department



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## **President's Message**

**Channel Islands Bible College & Seminary was born out of a desire to provide for the "...equipping the saints for the work of the ministry..." Although every believer has a ministry to perform, there has been very little training provided to equip them for ministry. Effective training has been reserved for those believers who are going into vocational ministry and have the resources to afford Christian Higher Education. This lack of training has seriously hindered the work of the church. The primary reason for the lack of training is the high cost.**

**Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary operates on a grace basis. That means that tuition and registration fees are not charged. Those fees would prevent most Christians from getting the training they need and desire. The School is supported by contributions from those who have both the ability and the desire to contribute.**

**Cost of operation is kept at a minimum by using the facilities and resources of Nyeland Community Church, the governing body. The faculty and staff is made up of volunteers of qualified believers who have this grace conviction and share our vision.**

**All contributions are tax deductible. Envelopes are provided at the back of the classroom in order for students to contribute without any embarrassment to those who are unable. Until the school has completed the process of establishing its own tax exempt status financing is channeled through Nyeland Community Church. Checks should be made out to Nyeland Community Church not Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary. In order to receive a statement for tax deductible contributions, your contribution should be submitted in an envelope with your name on it. All contributions will be used for the operational cost of the school. Contributions small and large provide the necessary finances to develop a full time curriculum at Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary as it stands alongside the churches in this area to "...equip the saints for the work of the ministry..."**

**Because of His Grace,**

**Troy S. Welch, Th.D., Ph.D.,  
President**

## **Membership and Recognition**

**Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is a school of theology and operates as a non-profit organization under the oversight of Nyeland Community Church. We are presently re-structuring our organization and charter in order to comply with Section 94303 (B) of the California State Education Code as an exempt institution, and are in the process of incorporating so as to function independent of Nyeland Community Church.**

**Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is fully accredited for issuing degrees with membership in Accrediting Commission International for Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries. ACI is an accrediting body as noted in the Library of Congress (TXI-191-5760) and is the largest non-governmental accrediting association.**

## **Our Heritage**

**Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is a non-denominational Christian equipping center organized for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of ministry. It began as a vision of Nyeland Community Church in January of 1999 and opened its doors for the spring semester in February of 1999.**

**Although we are in the infant stages of operation we are already making an impact upon the area churches and are confident God has great things in store in the years to come.**

## **Our Objectives**

### **Mission Statement**

**Simply stated, the mission of Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is, to equip the saints for the work of ministry. The school nurtures the development of the believer in the principles of spiritual growth, in a Christian environment, in order for the believer to become equipped for his or her life's work.**

**This equipping is accomplished through:**

- 1. The teaching of the Word of God**
- 2. The teaching of related subjects from a biblical perspective**
- 3. The teaching of character building principles**
- 4. The teaching of principles and techniques of ministry and leadership**
- 5. The teaching of skills through hands on practical experience**

**This equipping is provided on a grace basis with no registration or tuition fees being charged in order to make the training available to all that desire it regardless of their financial ability. Support for the school comes from those who have both the means and the desire.**

## Spiritual Objectives

The primary Spiritual Objective of Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is based on Ephesians 4:11-12.

- 11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*
- 12 *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

We believe at the moment of salvation each believer is given at least one spiritual gift through which he or she is to serve Christ, and that these gifts are unique abilities to perform the ministry God has assigned them. The Apostle Paul describes the church as *“the body of Christ”* with each member of the *“body”* having a functional purpose. Therefore, it is our objective to assist each believer in living out that designed ministry by:

1. Teaching the Bible as the authoritative Word of God given to instruct the believer in the very *“mind of Christ.”*
2. Teaching other related subjects, such as language and skills, in order to assist the believer in living a godly life by utilizing the biblical techniques found in the Word of God.
3. Teaching instructional courses designed to help the believer *“stir up the gift of God ....”* (II Timothy 1:6). And to learn how he or she can best use his or her Spirit given abilities as a faithful steward of that ministry.
4. Providing college level training for every member of the body of Christ, not just those who are training for vocational ministry.

We determine to do this *“...Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love....”* (Ephesians 4:13-15).

## **Academic Objectives**

**Concerning academics, it is the objective of Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary to contribute to the preparation of workers in Christian vocations.**

**Understanding that the human mind has been designed by the Creator as an organ for understanding human phenomena, and that those who have experienced “spiritual birth” have the capacity to understand and relate to spiritual phenomena (I Corinthians 2:14), we endeavor to present an academic program which will stimulate the potential of the student in academics related to both God and man.**

**Recognizing the need for the development of the whole person, we seek to provide an educational program of sufficient breadth so as to challenge the student in social awareness, character growth and intellectual achievement.**

**Believing that each believer has been appointed to a stewardship, we attempt to lead the student toward a disciplined behavior marked by diligence and reliability in all areas of his or her life.**

## **Vocational Objectives**

**While we believe every Christian is called to “full-time Christian Service,” we recognize that there is a distinction between spiritual gifts which identify some as being designed for vocational ministries while others serve earning their livelihood in the secular work place.**

**Therefore, we exist to equip both categories of Christian workers. On the one hand, we welcome those who seek a better understanding of biblical truth and the Christian life in order to develop a sound base for their spiritual service. On the other hand, we seek to provide effective vocational training for those God has called and gifted for the pulpit, mission field, educational work, or assisting ministries, within the structure of the church.**

## **Fulfilling These Objectives**

**Our accomplishment of these objectives will provide the student basic principles and training which can be translated into interpersonal actions in daily life enabling the believer to become Christ-like. The training set forth by these objectives, when coupled with submission to the control of the Holy Spirit, results in the student becoming equipped to meet the challenges of spiritual, educational, and vocational objectives in his or her personal life.**

**Through the grace of God, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary attempts to graduate men and women who are effective in living out their designed ministries because they are:**

- Grounded in the Word of God**
- Spiritually and emotionally mature**

- **Socially gracious and given to hospitality**
- **Intellectually perceptive and aware**
- **Dispositionally humble, gentle, yet bold**
- **Thoroughly furnished to every good work**
- **Convicted and committed to dedicated spiritual service**

## **Doctrinal Statement**

**All courses of instruction will be taught in harmony with the doctrinal statement of Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary. These are expressed in our Articles of Faith.**

### **Articles of Faith**

**We believe** the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments, to be verbally inspired of God, infallible and God-breathed, and is the final authority for faith and life (II Timothy 3:16; 17; II Peter 1:16, 21).

**We believe** there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

**We believe** that God is an eternal person having no beginning and no ending. He is creator of all, infinite and infallible (John 4:24).

**We believe** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and God the Son, that He is the only Savior of mankind (Acts 4:12). He is God incarnate in human flesh, that He is God of very God, for whom and by whom all things were created. We believe in His virgin Birth, His holy, sinless life, His vicarious death and His bodily resurrection. We are looking forward to His Second Coming, which we believe is imminent. We believe that He will reign on this earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords upon the throne of His father David for a millennium (John 1:1-3, Hebrews 1:8, Colossians 1:15-19, Isaiah 9:6-7).

**We believe** that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. That He is God of very God (Acts 5:3-4), that He came on the day of Pentecost in 30 AD to baptize all believers into the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13), that He indwells every believer (Romans 8:9), fills (controls) the obedient (I John 1:9), and is the believers guide into all truth (John 16: 7-15).

**We believe** that man was created in the likeness and image of God, but through the sin of Adam in the garden fell from his sinless state, and is no longer born in the likeness and image of God, but is born in sin, and alienated from God (Psalm 51:5, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23).

**We believe** that man is justified by faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross where He shed His blood for the sins of the whole world (John 3:16, Romans 5:1-9), that man is saved apart from his own works (Ephesians 2:8-9), that there is no salvation apart from

Christ and His shed blood (Hebrews 9:22; I John 1:7).

**We believe** in the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation and pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the saved; and in His subsequent return to establish His Millennial Kingdom following the Tribulation.

**We believe** in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment.

**We believe** that Satan is a person, that he is the deceiver of mankind and that at a later date God will cast him into the lake of fire (Revelation 12:9-10; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

**We believe** that Hell is a place prepared for the Devil and his angels as well as those who die in unbelief. (Matthew 25:41; Luke 16:19-31).

**We believe** that baptism and communion are the two ordinances of the church. We believe that these ordinances are only for those who are believers in Christ. We believe that Baptism is an act of obedience to the command of Christ and a testimony to the world of one's faith in Christ. (Romans 6:1-3, Matthew 28:19-20).

**We believe** that Communion is a memorial looking back to the death of Christ and forward to His return. It is a time of renewed dedication to the Lord.

**We believe** in the autonomy of the local Church, that it is a body of believers saved by faith in the shed blood of Christ.

## **The Campus**

**The campus of Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is located in the facilities of Nyeland Community Church at 3326 Nyeland Avenue, Oxnard California.**

**We are located off Highway 101 between the Rice/Santa Clara and Del Norte exits. Highway 101 runs east and west through Ventura County and we are one half (1/2) block off the north side of the highway on Nyeland Avenue. You can reach the campus by taking Santa Clara Avenue exit north to Eucalyptus. Turn right on Eucalyptus one block to Nyeland Avenue. Make a right on Nyeland and the campus will be on your left about 300 yards down the street. Or, take the Del Norte exit north where it becomes Ventura Boulevard (and forms the frontage road). Continue along the frontage road west to Nyeland Avenue (the third street). Turn right on to Nyeland and the campus will be on your right about 300 yards up the street.**

**Oxnard is situated on the California coast, in Ventura County, between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.**

**There is no student housing available on campus.**

## **Student Life**

**When you enter Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary you identify with those who are preparing for a lifetime of spiritual service. We are committed to those disciplines, which manifest Christ-likeness and object to those attitudes, and actions, which nullify an effective witness.**

**Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary recognizes the priesthood of the believer and the believer's personal accountability to God. Therefore, we attempt to avoid legalism and the imposition of manmade rules in establishing standards of conduct, appearance and behavior. However, we encourage the student to maintain those standards, which are befitting a child of God in both dress and behavior.**

**A student's enrollment at Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary signifies to us that he will contribute to the spiritual health of the school by upholding those biblical standards, which manifest godliness.**

**Violations of those biblical standards will be dealt with in a manner in keeping with discipline as outlined in the Word of God. The administration reserves the right to dismiss any student considered to be out of harmony with the goals, standards, and spirit of the school.**

**The student body is organized to provide opportunity for students to participate in a variety of activities including assistance in the classrooms, library, and offices. Students desiring to volunteer for these special projects need to contact the school office.**

## **Student Responsibility**

**Operating on a grace basis, without charging registration or tuition fees, requires an individual sense of responsibility from our students. Students of institutions charging tuition and registration fees are often motivated to complete the courses they have begun by the fact that they have paid for those courses. That motivation will not apply to students at Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary. You will have to be motivated by a sincere desire to become effectively equipped for spiritual service without the danger of forfeiting tuition. Therefore, those registering for classes will be required to assume responsibility for committing themselves to faithful attendance and adherence to a high standard of academic excellence. Chronic absence will affect a student's grade and or continued enrollment.**

## **Admission and Registration**

**The Basis of admission at Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary is inseparably linked with the purpose of this institution. It is our purpose to admit students who have a desire to become better equipped in order to accomplish the ministry for which God has gifted them.**

**The diversity of spiritual gifts and individualized ministries necessitates diversity in the training of students. Some need only a basic understanding of Scripture and biblical technique to perform their role in the church, while others need more intense training in order to perform the ministries to which they have been called.**

**Therefore, the standards for admission also reflect this diversity. For those who seek formal training, resulting in a degree, there must be one standard, while for those who seek only a greater knowledge of God's Word and biblical technique there can be another.**

**However, regardless of the objective of the student, a high level of academics shall be maintained. Faculty members, courses of instruction, and students shall all be held to those standards which God's Word requires and deserves. Therefore the following standards of admission are established.**

### **Standards of Admission**

**In a desire to equip every saint for the work of the ministry, admission to classes at Channel Islands Bible College and Seminary will be open to all who desire to attend regardless of age or education. We recognize that God saves and calls individuals from all walks of life and with varied educational backgrounds. Yet, all need to receive training in order to be more effective in their spiritual service. However, each student registering will be required to sign a statement of responsibility concerning attendance and academic endeavor.**

## **“Degrees”**

**For those students desiring to pursue course credit and/or a degree program the admission standards require a High School Diploma or equivalent.**

### **The Following Degree Programs Are Offered:**

- (1). Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies: (60 Credits)**
- (2). Bachelor Degrees: (120 Credits)**
  - (a). Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies**
  - (b). Bachelor of Arts in Ministry**
  - (c). Bachelor of Arts in Theology**
- (3). Masters Degrees: (Bachelor Plus 30 Credits)**
  - (a). Master of Arts in Biblical Studies**
  - (b). Master of Arts in Ministry**
  - (c). Master of Arts in Theology**
  - (d). Master of Divinity**
- (4). Doctorate Degrees: (Masters Plus Dissertation)**
  - (a). Doctorate of Philosophy in Biblical Studies**
  - (b). Doctorate of Philosophy in Ministry**
  - (c). Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology**

## PROGRAM REQUISITES FOR DEGREES

### 1. ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES: (61 Credits)

The following courses are the required lower division courses and must be completed in order to receive the Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies:

#### Bible: (39 Credits)

Old Testament Survey	3 Credits
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The Pentateuch	3 Credits
The Historical Books of The Old Testament	3 Credits
The Major Prophets	3 Credits
The Minor Prophets	3 Credits
The Poetical Books of The Old Testament	3 Credits
A Harmony of The Gospels	3 Credits
The Acts of The Apostles	3 Credits
The Pauline Epistles	3 Credits
The General Epistles	3 Credits
The Revelation	3 Credits
Textual Criticism	3 Credits

#### Theology: (13 credits)

Basic Bible Doctrine 101	3 Credits
Basic Bible Doctrine 102	3 Credits
Theology: Dispensations vs. Covenant Dispensations	3 Credits
Introduction to Language	4 Credits

#### General Education: (6 Credits)

<i>English/Developmental Writing 101</i>	3 Credits
<i>Math/Church Finance</i>	3 Credits

*\*Courses in italics are not currently offered through Independent Studies, but may be transferred from an accepted educational institution. Please talk with a counselor about how to go about receiving credit for the General Education requisite. Progress has been made to ensure these courses are offered in the near future (around Fall 2012).*

**2. BACHELOR DEGREES: (120 Credits)**

**(a). Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies: (Bible Major)**

The student must meet the requirements for the Associate of Arts In Biblical Studies and earn an additional 60 credits - 30 of which must be from the Bible Curriculum.

**(b). Bachelor of Arts in Ministry: (Ministry Major)**

The student must meet the requirements for the Associate of Arts In Biblical Studies and earn an additional 60 credits - 30 of which must be from the Ministry curriculum. Various majors may be pursued in Ministry including a degree in Biblical Counseling.

**(c). Bachelor of Arts in Theology: (Theology Major)**

The student must meet the requirements for the Associate of Arts In Biblical Studies and earn an additional 60 credits - 30 of which must be from the Theology Curriculum.

16 Credits of New Testament Greek is also required for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology.

**3. MASTER DEGREES: (Bachelors Degree Plus 30 Credits)**

**(a). Master of Biblical Studies (M.BS):**

A Bachelor Degree plus 30 Credits - 15 which must be from the Bible curriculum.

**(b). Master of Ministry (M.Min.):**

A Bachelor Degree plus 30 Credits - 15 which must be from the Ministries curriculum.

**(c). Master of Theology (M.Th):**

A Bachelor Degree plus 30 Credits - 15 which must be from the Theology curriculum.

*Students with an earned bachelor's degree that did not require Greek will be required to earn 8 credits of New Testament Greek in order to earn a Masters in Theology.*

**(d). Master of Divinity (M.Div.):**

The M.Div. Program requires completing the credit requirements for a Master of Arts in each of the Biblical Studies, Ministry, and Theology fields. Writing a 150 page thesis (at least 50 pages on each of the three fields) and successfully passing the Master of Divinity Proficiency Exam are requisites for earning a Master of Divinity.

*Entrance into the M.Div. Program is by application. An M.Div. Program Guide is available upon request.*

**4. DOCTORATE DEGREES:** (Masters Degree Plus Dissertation)

**(a). Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies**

**A Masters Degree plus a Dissertation on an approved subject and defense of that dissertation before a Faculty Panel.**

**(b). Doctor of Philosophy in Ministry**

**A Masters Degree plus Dissertation on an approved subject and defense of that dissertation before a Faculty Panel.**

**(c). Doctor of Philosophy in Theology**

**A Masters Degree plus Dissertation on an approved subject and defense of that dissertation before a Faculty Panel.**

*Students with an earned Master's Degree that did not require Greek will be required to earn 8 credits of New Testament Greek in order to earn a Doctorate in Theology.*

## **DEPARTMENT OF INDEPENDENT STUDIES**

Recognizing that all who desire to become effectively equipped for ministry cannot attend classes on a regular basis, an independent studies department is provided. Those desiring to register in courses offered each semester can apply for participation in this program by contacting the registrar. The student taking courses through the independent study program is required to listen to the tapes and submit the work for each course in a manner consistent with the requirement of that course. Because the student is not required to attend classes on a regular basis, the written work requirements are more stringent than that expected of students attending classes. The number of students admitted to our independent studies department is limited by the availability of staff and personnel to facilitate the program.

The Internet has opened up a major highway in the area of communications and our independent studies program is preparing now to enter that highway with courses to be offered. We will begin slow but envision a worldwide ministry in the near future.

### **CATEGORIES OF INDEPENDENT STUDIES STUDENTS**

There are two categories of independent students currently enrolled in this department.

We have local students that take some courses on campus and supplement the on campus classes with independent studies. Because the college is in the early stages of development, not all courses can be offered each semester, so, students are able to pick-up needed courses through independent studies. These students pick up their material and submit their work while they are on campus attending other classes.

Then, we have students from other states and nations who are unable to attend classes on campus but are able to become equipped for the work of ministry through the Independent Studies Department. These students are presently able to receive and submit materials through the mail.

As mentioned earlier in this Handbook, independent studies by way of the Internet are on the horizon. Equipment has been purchased and is being installed while personnel are being trained to provide independent studies via the internet. This program will begin with a limited number of students and as God provides the workers to facilitate the program the ministry will become worldwide.

Thus, regardless on ones geographical location, he or she is able to become better equipped, or even earn a degree through our independent studies department.

This handbook is designed to provide inquiring students with information concerning the provisions and requirements for independent study.

## **GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT STUDIES**

The following guidelines have been established for the Independent Studies program:

**1. The Program operates separate from the semester structure.**

The independent studies program will operate separate from the classroom structure of established semester dates. Due to the nature of the program it will function year round with enrollment open as long as there are volunteer personnel to facilitate the program and materials. Thus, a student may request enrollment at anytime.

**2. The program is only open to credit students (no audit students).**

Because of limited personnel the independent studies program will be limited to students taking the course for credit. Audit only students will not be accepted into the program at this time. The time and work required to provide this program is the major factor contributing to this requirement at this time.

**3. Students must complete studies in a 6 month time period.**

Each student will be required to complete all course requirements in a six month time period that begins with the sending of the course materials to the student. This provides ample time for the student to read, learn, and study the curriculum, complete all course assignments, and submit the required written work. An "F" grade will be entered on the transcript of the student not meeting this requirement. There is no minimal time limit imposed allowing a student to work as quickly as he or she is able.

**4. Submission of required work.**

Work may be submitted periodically as a student completes it or it may be submitted in totality upon completion of the course assignments. However the student must bear in mind the date of required completion and have all materials in by the required date.

**5. A student cannot be enrolled in more than three classes at a time (except through Administrative approval in unusual cases relative to graduation).**

Independent study students may not be enrolled in more than three classes at a time. This limitation is intended to eliminate a student being overloaded with course work and not being able to complete his or her work in a timely manner.

**6. Independent Study is only open in courses for materials are already available.**

Courses offered in the independent studies program at the present time will be limited to courses which have been previously taught at Channel Islands and for which there are complete sets of curriculum and study materials. A student may not enroll in a course for which a complete set of curriculum and study materials is not available.

**7. A Student may withdraw from a course during the first 4 months following enrollment. However, a student withdrawing from an independent study course will not be allowed to re-enroll in the same course until a period of 6 months has elapsed since the previous enrollment.**

In the event that a student should withdraw from a course, that student is prohibited from re-enrolling in that same course for a period of 6 months from the date of previous enrollment, the normal time it takes for course completion. However, this does not prohibit the student from enrolling in other courses.

# Independent Studies Course Instructions

1. Read the Syllabus, and then write a 10 - 15 page **summary** the course material.
2. At the top of your paper, *always put your name* and the *title of the course being summarized*.
3. If typing, Please type in 12 pt. Times New Roman font and double space.
4. If writing, make sure it is legible, double spaced, and equivalent to 12 point Times New Roman in size (if you write with large print make sure to compensate with your page length. Failure to do so may lower your grade).
5. There is *no midterm* or *final* for this course. *The summary is your test*.
6. You have *six months (6)* from the time you receive this material to complete the course.
7. If you are unable to complete the course, *you must submit a withdrawal form* by the *fourth (4)* month. There is one in your Handbook.
8. When submitting your completed summary and your new registration, *do not* wait for grading on your summary before beginning your next study. Begin your new studies immediately in accordance with the time allotment you have been given.
9. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a lowered grade or an F for the course/courses on your transcripts.

## **COURSES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF THE BIBLE**

#### **Bible - Old Testament Courses**

##### **(Bi OT 100) Old Testament Survey (3 Credits)**

This is a survey course designed to provide the student with a general overview of the Old Testament. It examines the culture and historical setting of the Old Testament period and provides a brief review of the content of each book.

##### **(Bi OT 101) The Pentateuch (3 Credits)**

A study of the origin of life on the earth and God's plan for man as presented in the first five books of the Old Testament. The study focuses on the origin of the nation of Israel as the stewards through whom God revealed His plan. Their history is traced from the call of Abram until their entrance into the Promised Land.

##### **(Bi OT 102) - Historical Books of The Old Testament (3 Credits)**

This is an interpretive examination of the historical books of the Old Testament, Joshua through Esther. The material covers approximately 1,000 years, from the entrance of Israel into the Promised Land until its return from exile. The background, structure, and the content of each book are examined.

##### **(Bi OT 103) Poetical Books of The Old Testament (3 Credits)**

This is a review of the Old Testament books of Poetry including Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and The Songs of Solomon. The study will explore the beauty and message of these books of poetry of The Old Testament.

##### **(Bi OT 104) Major Prophets of The Old Testament - (3 Credits)**

This course will examine the prophetic books of the Old Testament commonly referred to as the Major Prophets: Isaiah; Jeremiah; Lamentations; Ezekiel; and Daniel.

##### **(Bi OT 105) Minor Prophets of The Old Testament - (3 Credits)**

This course will examine the prophetic books of the Old Testament commonly referred to as the Minor Prophets: Hosea; Joel; Amos; Obadiah; Jonah; Micah; Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah; Haggai; Zechariah; and Malachi.

##### **(Bi OT 300) The Annual Feasts of Israel (3 Credits)**

This study explores the seven annual feasts of Israel as they present a prophetic overview of the person, work, and character of the Messiah.

## **Bible - New Testament Courses**

### **(Bi NT 100) - New Testament Survey (3 Credits)**

This is a survey course designed to provide the student with a general overview of the New Testament. It examines the culture and historical setting of the New Testament period and provides a brief review of the content of each book.

### **(Bi NT 101) A Harmony of The Gospels (3 Credits)**

This study features the four aspects of Christ as presented through the four gospels: Matthew - Christ as King; Mark - Christ as Servant; Luke - Christ as Man; John - Christ as God. This course enables the student to develop an understanding of the harmony of the Gospels in a chronological sequence of the life of Christ.

### **(Bi NT 102) Acts of The Holy Spirit (3 Credits)**

This course investigates the work of the Apostles as empowered by the Holy Spirit and establishes the early history of the church. The student will explore the significant events and locations of the advancement of the gospel.

### **(Bi NT 103) The Pauline Epistles (3 Credits)**

This is a survey course designed to examine the general themes and doctrines of the epistles of Paul. The study will identify key passages and events in each of the epistles Paul wrote.

### **(Bi NT 104) The General Epistles (3 Credits)**

This is a survey course designed to examine the general themes and doctrines of the Epistles of Hebrews, Peter, James, John, and Jude

### **(Bi NT 105) Revelation (3 Credits)**

This is a survey of the Book of Revelation providing an overview of the book and examining the structure and chronological sequence of events described in this New Testament book of prophecy. This study will also provide a harmony between this book and other eschatological passages in the Bible.

### **(Bi NT 401) Exposition of Romans (3 Credits)**

This is a verse by verse exposition of the Epistle of Romans that will examine the spiritual truths of this great dissertation on grace. This course will be a thorough investigation of this Pauline Epistle.

### **(Bi NT 405) Exposition of Ephesians (3 Credits)**

This is a verse by verse exposition of the Epistle of Ephesians that will examine the spiritual truths of this epistle which forms a synopsis of biblical truth for the Christian life, both in doctrine and application. This course will be a thorough investigation of this Pauline Epistle.

**(Bi NT 406) Exposition of Philippians (3 Credits)**

This is a verse by verse exposition of the Epistle of Philippians that will examine this epistle that is addressed to the believers at Philippi. The believers at Philippi were noted for their spiritual maturity. This course will be a thorough investigation of this Pauline Epistle.

**(Bi NT 415) Exposition of James (3 Credits)**

This verse by verse exposition of the Epistle of James examines one of the earliest writings in the Church Age. This Epistle focuses on the practical aspects of Christian living.

**(Bi NT 418) Exposition of The Epistles of John (3 Credits)**

This is a verse by verse exposition of the Epistles of I, II, and III John. This course will investigate each of the three epistles. I John has a strong emphasis on the fellowship of the believer with God. II John identifies the love expected of the believer. III John focuses on Christian hospitality.

**(Bi NT 419) An Analytical Exegetical Study of Jude (3 Credits)**

This is a verse by verse analytical exegetical investigation of the Epistle of Jude. Through the use of Greek accidence and syntax the student will explore this short thesis on apostasy and examine its relevance to the church today.

### **Bible - General Courses**

**(Bi GB 201) Hermeneutics (3 Credits)**

This is a study of the science and art of biblical interpretation. This course includes the principles for discovering the meaning of a document (science) and the qualifications and preparation of the interpreter (art). Application of hermeneutical principles and rules is emphasized. *The purchasing of a non-CIBCS textbook is a requisite for this course.*

**(Bi GB 302) Eschatology (3 Credits)**

Using the Books of Daniel and Revelation as the main basis of this study the student will explore the doctrine of Last Things.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY**

### **Ministry - Christian Counseling**

**(Min CC 311) Counseling / The Theological Basis (3 Credits)**

This course will consider the theological realities forming the basis for the proper approach to Christian counseling. Special emphasis will be given to the natures of God and man. A biblical definition will be established for the image of God, the nature of sin, the realities of regeneration and progressive sanctification, along with an in depth investigation into man's Old Sin Nature.

**(Min CC 312) Counseling / Marriage and Family (3 Credits)**

This course will provide an overview of general marriage and family counseling issues and techniques. From a biblical perspective, it will examine the major difficulties that plague marriages and families, exploring such issues as family stages, in-law problems, developing unity, and husband and wife roles and responsibilities.

**(Min CC 313) Counseling - Addictions and Abuses (3 Credits)**

This course deals with techniques and tools for effective counseling of those who have become addicted to or are abusers of chemicals. It will explore the reasons for such addictions and the remedies offered from a biblical perspective.

**(Min CC 314) Counseling / The Theological Basis - Workshop (3 Credits)**

This course is a follow up of Counseling/The Theological Basis, which considered the theological realities forming the basis for the proper approach to Christian counseling. This will be a workshop in which various case scenarios will be developed in order to develop the proper counseling techniques and models for effective biblical counseling. (Counseling/The Theological Basis is a pre-requisite for this course.)

**(Min CC 315) Counseling: Biblical Roles In Society - (3 Credits)**

In a society void of Scriptural teaching, the push for gender equality has ignored the distinctive roles God established in creating man and woman. This course is designed to provide the Christian Counselor with the necessary tools to present sound biblical counsel concerning gender and societal roles for men and women. The biblical model for those roles will be identified, and resources and techniques will be explored to assist the Christian man and woman in becoming comfortable with their individual roles. (3 Credits)

## DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

### Theology - Basic

#### **(Th B 101) Bible Doctrine 101 (3 Credits)**

This basic Bible doctrine course examines such subjects as: How we got our Bible; The character of God; Grace; Faith; Position in Christ relative to both salvation and fellowship; Maintaining fellowship; Divine discipline; and, The will of God. *This course required for any degree or certificate from CIBCS.*

#### **(Th B 102) Bible Doctrine 102 (3 Credits)**

This second semester basic Bible doctrine course examines such subjects as: Spiritual maturity; Spiritual gifts; Techniques of the Christian life; Prayer; Heathenism; Dispensations; The foreknowledge of God; Election; Predestination; Foreordination; and Eschatology. *This course required for any degree or certificate from CIBCS.*

#### **(Th B 200) Theology: Dispensations vs. Covenant (3 Credits)**

This course presents the contrast between Dispensational and Covenant Theology. The relevance of Scripture is determined by either a dispensational approach or a covenant approach to the application of Scripture. Both of these theological concepts will be investigated in order for the student to clearly distinguish the differences between them and determine for himself the proper approach. *This course required for any degree or certificate from CIBCS.*

#### **(Th B 201) Dispensations (3 Credits)**

This course presents the dispensational approach to the interpretation and application of Scripture. This doctrine understands that in eternity past, God outlined specific periods of time to which He has appointed specific stewards and given them specific revelation for which they have an accountability. *This course required for any degree or certificate from CIBCS.*

### Theology - Systematic

#### **(Th ST 201) Systematic Theology I (3 Credits)**

Systematic Theology I is an introduction to systematic theology, including Bibliology and Theology. *The purchasing of a non-CIBCS textbook is a requisite for this course.*

#### **(Th ST 202) Systematic Theology II (3 Credits)**

Systematic Theology II investigates the doctrines of Angelology, Demonology, Anthropology, Harmartiology, and Soteriology. *The purchasing of a non-CIBCS textbook is a requisite for this course.*

**(Th ST 301) Systematic Theology III (3 Credits)**

**Systematic Theology III explores Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Harmartiology, and Soteriology. *The purchasing of a non-CIBCS textbook is a requisite for this course.***

**Theology - Practical**

**(Th PT 202) Spiritual Maturity (3 Credits)**

**This study of spiritual maturity investigates the process of development from the perspective of a biblical framework which must be developed in the life of the believer. While it will explore various levels of growth, the major emphasis, will be upon the structural development of biblical information resulting in the understanding and application of principles which will result in spiritual maturity.**

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