



REN 204 - 3 credits

Naturally Supernatural

Course Description

Through the working of Almighty God, He has joined His Spirit to our spirits. We will study and experience the glory of Christ (through the Holy Spirit) living within us, as well as ways of approaching and releasing His indwelling presence. One abides in Christ to the extent that He knows that Christ abides in him. We will also learn how to allow the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit to flow out through us. (Prerequisite: REN 103 Communion With God)

Texts:

Naturally Supernatural by Mark and Patti Virkler

The Great Mystery by Mark and Patti Virkler

Abide in Christ by Andrew Murray

Objectives

Academic:

As a result of the course, you will:

- ✓ Quote John 15:4, 5.
- ✓ Quote Galatians 2:20.
- ✓ Quote Psalm 46:10.
- ✓ Quote II Peter 1:3, 4.
- ✓ Quote Ephesians 3:16 - 21.
- ✓ Quote Philippians 2:13.
- List and discuss the seven revelation truths which can release the divine power of Almighty God through the fusion of His Holy Spirit to your spirit.
- Quote II Corinthians 4:6, 7.
- Discuss the place of the Law.
- List at least five biblical ways of quieting yourself in order to get in touch with the indwelling Christ.
- Know five "Jehovah names" of God the Father and their meanings.

Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- The seven truths of living naturally supernatural will become revelation truth to you, gently molding you into conformity with God's Word.
- You will put aside confidence in your flesh to live for God and will live out of dependency on the Holy Spirit to live His life through you.
- You will be at peace in the knowledge of who you are in Christ.
- You will rejoice in the knowledge that you are a vessel which holds Another, a temple which houses the Living God, a branch through whom the Spirit of God flows.
- You will rest in your union with Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Behavioral:

If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- As you relax into the all-sufficiency of Christ and allow Him to live through you, you will exhibit the fruit and power of the Holy Spirit to an ever-increasing degree. Every day you will grow in grace, becoming more like your Lord.
- You will enter into the life of abiding and rest which He has promised.
- You will relax into all that your God is within you.
- You will cease striving to improve yourself through your own efforts and let God replace you with Himself.

Course Requirements:

1. Attend class faithfully, or, if you are an extension student, listen to all assigned cassettes or videos.
2. Read the assigned pages of *The Great Mystery* by Virkler and complete all written assignments. These will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and application to your own life.
3. Read *Naturally Supernatural* by Virkler as assigned, writing answers to the “Think and Discuss” questions on separate paper. These answers will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and application to your own life.
4. Abiding is truly an extension of communion with God. One is taking the contact he has established with God and generalizing it to a life experience. Thus the tool of journaling (writing your prayers and God’s answers) continues to be a valuable resource in developing the life of abiding. You are therefore to journal at least once a week during the entire course. Hopefully, you will do it much more than that. The instructor will not ask you to turn in your journal, but you will be asked to state whether or not you have been journaling once a week.
5. Read *Abide in Christ* by Murray. Submit a paper discussing the truths the Spirit reveals to you through the book, and how these truths have affected and will continue to affect and change your life. This paper is to be at least five type-written pages, double-spaced. It is due in Lesson 9.
6. Submit an application paper describing how you have mastered the lifestyle of abiding. This is not to be a theological paper but rather a practical discussion of how you have mastered the lifestyle of abiding. What blocks have you encountered? Have you been able to overcome them? How? Give specific illustrations of your application of the teaching of this course in overcoming weakness or temptation. This paper is to be a minimum of five type-written, double-spaced pages and is due in Lesson 12.
6. Earn at least a “B” on all tests.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
 - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
 - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
 - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
 - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.



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Course Schedule

Lesson 1

Assignment to be completed:

Read the Introduction and Chapter One of *The Great Mystery* by Virklers. Write your answers to the questions in a place that can easily be submitted to your instructor — in a separate notebook that can be handed or mailed in or in a file on computer that can be sent by E-mail.

The first step in becoming naturally supernatural is to become fully aware of the incredible Person and Power that now lives in you as a child of God. This is a revelation truth that can only become real to you through the breathing of the Holy Spirit upon the Scriptures, making them alive in you. Therefore, the majority of the assignments in the *The Great Mystery* study guide involve prayerful meditation on various assigned Scripture passages. Do not short-change yourself by not taking these assignments seriously and setting aside the time necessary

to really hear from God. Keep a detailed record of the revelations you receive through the Spirit and the Word.

You will also note that there is a great deal of Scripture memorization in this course. Again, it is only through the Spirit illumining the Word that deep, life-changing revelation occurs.

Subjects to be explored:

Turning Away from Independent Living
To Abide

Related objectives:

- You will enter into the life of abiding and rest which He has promised.
- You will relax into all that your God is within you.

Lesson 2

Assignment to be completed:

Complete Chapter 2 of *The Great Mystery* study guide.

Memorize Galatians 2:20 and II Peter 1:3,4.

Begin memorizing Ephesians 3:16 - 21.

Subjects to be explored:

The Treasure Within the Earthen Vessel — Christ in You!

Related objectives:

- You will quote Galatians 2:20.
- You will quote II Peter 1:3, 4.
- You will quote Ephesians 3:16 - 21.
- You will have revelation knowledge of who you are and Who Christ is within you.
- You will enter into the life of abiding and rest which He has promised.
- You will relax into all that your God is within you.

Lesson 3

Assignment to be completed:

Complete Chapter 3 of *The Great Mystery* study guide.

Continue work on memorizing Ephesians 3:16 - 21.

Subjects to be explored:

Being In Christ

Related objectives:

- You will quote Ephesians 3:16 - 21.
- You will have revelation knowledge of who you are and Who Christ is within you.