



THE 101 - 3 credits

The Basics of Christianity

Description:

"If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" (Ps. 11:3). This course is a non-technical presentation of the foundations of Christianity. It deals with the basics of the Scriptures, salvation, Christian culture, Holy Spirit, faith, worship, healing, righteousness, peace, joy, prayer, giving, ministry, heaven and hell.

Course Objectives:

Academic

As a result of the course, you will:

- Quote the following verses:
 - ✓ II Timothy 3:16,17
 - ✓ Isaiah 53:4-6
 - ✓ I Peter 2:9
 - ✓ Acts 2:17,18
 - ✓ John 15:7
 - ✓ I John 4:4
 - ✓ Romans 14:17
 - ✓ Luke 6:38
 - ✓ Luke 21:28
- List the ten divisions of the Bible in order.
- State at least eight results you can expect in your life and, through you, in your culture as a result of knowing and obeying the Scriptures.
- State three aspects of sin as defined biblically.
- Discuss with biblical support who needs salvation, why they need it, how they may obtain it and the results they can expect in their lives as a result of receiving it.
- Discuss the three things we must do to become participants in God's salvation.
- List at least five names and five symbols of the Holy Spirit found in the Bible.
- State three ways in which Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would help believers.
- Discuss the three works of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.
- Discuss the meaning and significance of the words "Christ" and "Messiah" as applied to Jesus.
- Discuss the biblical teaching on speaking in tongues, its purposes, benefits and limitations.
- Discuss the biblical pattern of water baptism.
- Give the meaning of God's names, Jehovah-Rapha and Jehovah-Tsidkenu.
- State three categories of God's provision for healing as given by Judson Cornwall.
- Discuss what frees us from the law of sin and death.
- Discuss four factors of worship demonstrated in Mark's account of Mary's selfless act in Mark 14.
- Establish and biblically support a position on God's willingness to heal physical bodies today.
- Discuss the place of giving in the life of the believer.
- Describe heaven and hell.
- State seven ways in which believers are to prepare themselves for their Lord's second coming.
- State at least ten signs that will indicate the soon return of Christ.

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:

- You will have a greater dependence on the Author of Scripture to interpret it for you.
- You will love God's Word and eagerly spend time devouring it.
- You will be filled with gratitude at the enormity of God's work of salvation in you and for you.

- The beauty of holiness will draw you ever closer to its standard.
- You will have a deeper appreciation of the Holy Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity.
- You will cooperate more fully with the Holy Spirit's desire to express Himself through you in the fruit and gifts of the Spirit.
- You will more clearly see the beautiful truths expressed through the various ceremonies of the Church.
- You will have greater faith for supernatural healing.
- You will more clearly see satan for who he is and what he is and is not able to do on earth and in your life, releasing confidence in who you are in Christ and Who He is in you.
- You will rest in the Lord Who is your Righteousness to release you from the power of sin in your life.
- Peace will grow and rule in your life.
- You will be characterized by joy.
- Your sense of responsibility as steward of the Lord will grow.
- You will worship your Lord for the wonderful place He has prepared for you.
- Your heart will be broken for the lost who will suffer eternal torment.

Behavioral

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

- You will read and study the Bible with greater eagerness and under the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- You will experience all three works of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- You will submit to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, becoming more like your Lord with each passing day.
- You will release the Holy Spirit into your world through His fruit and gifts.
- You will participate in any Church ceremonies which the Lord tells you to submit to.
- You will pray for healing with confidence and faith.
- You will take every thought captive that you might experience the peace of God.
- Because you love, you will give.

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.

- You will be obedient to God’s Word in bringing in the tithe.
- You will diligently and passionately warn the lost of their eternal destiny if they reject God’s Son.
- You will make yourself ready for the coming of the Lord!

Course Texts:

Back to Basics by Judson Cornwall

Self Study Bible Course by Derek Prince

“How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit” by Mark Virkler

Course Requirements:

1. Classroom students must faithfully attend classes.
2. Read the book *Back to Basics* by Dr. Judson Cornwall, answering all the related essay questions found here in your Student Notebook. Your answers to these questions will be submitted to your instructor for grading at the end of the course.
3. Prayerfully and carefully complete the entire text of *Self Study Bible Course* by Derek Prince as assigned, answering all questions in the text and all related questions found here in your Student Notebook. Notice: This text will not be completed in order, but will be assigned to complement the *Back to Basics* text. Also, the Studies each include a memory verse. Although it would be helpful for you to memorize these verses, it is not required. You are only required to memorize the verses indicated here

in the Assignment Schedule portion of your Student Notebook.

4. Completely read the booklet “How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit” as assigned, answering all related questions found here in your Student Notebook.
5. Earn a passing grade on all tests (not Self-Tests). The course objectives are the key to success on the tests.
6. Memorize all of the assigned verses. These will also be on the tests.
7. Write out and submit your personal testimony of salvation. Keep the following guidelines in mind while preparing this paper:

While it is good to tell a bit of what the Lord has saved you from, be careful not to spend more time glorifying satan’s work in your life than God’s.

Be “salty.” Present it as if it were directed to someone who does not know the Lord.

Write clearly, carefully presenting the truth of what God has done for you. You are a witness of God’s great works. Give your testimony of what you have seen and heard.

Use Scripture to give strength to your claims.

Ask the Spirit to guide you. Depend on Him.

This paper is to be three to five pages, typed and double-spaced, with no larger than 12-point font. It is due in Lesson Ten.



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Course Schedule

Lesson 1

Assignment to be completed:

Read through the entire Course Syllabus so you know what will be expected of you in this course.

Read the Preface and **Chapter 1** of *Back to Basics* by Dr. Judson Cornwall, answering the related discussion questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Read the Introduction (pages 7 – 11) and complete **Study 1** of *Self Study Bible Course* by Derek Prince, as well as the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize II Timothy 3:16,17.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

Subjects to be explored:

The Basics of Scripture, the Word of God

Related objectives:

- You will quote II Timothy 3:16,17. (All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.)
- You will list the ten divisions of the Bible.
- You will state four ways in which the Scriptures are profitable for you.
- You will state at least eight results you can expect in your life and, through you, in society, if you know and obey God's Word.
- You will have a greater dependence on the Author of Scripture to interpret it for you.
- You will love God's Word and eagerly spend time devouring it under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson 2

Assignment to be completed:

Carefully read **Chapter 2** of *Back to Basics*, answering the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Prayerfully complete **Studies 2 and 3** of *Self Study Bible Course*, also answering the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Isaiah 53:6.

Complete and correct Self-Test Two.

Subjects to be explored:

The Basics of Salvation

Related objectives:

- You will quote Isaiah 53:6. (All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.)
- You will state three aspects of sin as defined biblically.
- You will discuss with biblical support who needs salvation, why they need it, how they may obtain it and the results they can expect in their lives as a result of receiving it.
- You will discuss the three things we must do to become participants in God's salvation.
- You will be filled with gratitude at the enormity of God's work of salvation in you and for you.