

BIBLE AND DOCTRINE DIPLOMA

Upon completion of the Bible and Doctrine Diploma, students should have a basic knowledge of Bible and Theology that will help them in: Sunday school class discussions, in sharing the gospel with friends and neighbours and in their personal devotional life. This diploma is designed to prepare students, not for a ministry career, but for Christian living and lay leadership development. Ideal for the layperson who desires a deeper knowledge of God's Word, a diploma in Bible and Doctrine is awarded upon satisfactory completion of the following courses.

BIBLE Division Courses

BIB 114 Christ in the Synoptic Gospels (Formerly *Synoptic Gospels: The Life and Teachings of Christ*)

A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

Materials required:

Christ in the Synoptic Gospels (IST) by Mike McClafin

Materials recommended:

Life of Christ by Ralph M. Riggs

BIB 115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers

A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul are examined as the background for his epistles.

Materials required:

Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (IST) by George O. Wood

Materials recommended:

Acts: A Logion Commentary by Stanley M. Horton

BIB 117 Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians

A practical study of the principles Paul wrote to the churches during his imprisonment. The concepts are presented in language that is easy to understand with explanations, illustrations, and applications that make the concepts helpful to students in both their personal lives and ministries.

Materials required:

Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians (IST) by LeRoy Bartel

Materials recommended:

Ephesians by Francis Foulkes

BIB 121 Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible

An introductory course on the principles for interpreting Scripture. It summarizes the need for hermeneutical principles and explores the qualifications, tools, and goals of a biblical interpreter. This is followed by a historical survey of hermeneutics from early Jewish interpreters to the present. The course includes a unit on the general and specific principles for interpreting the Bible, a unit on genres, and a unit on applying the principles. Students develop their skills by practicing the principles in exercises that are provided.

Materials required:

Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible (IST) by Quentin McGhee, Carl Gibbs, and Willard Teague

Materials recommended:

Dictionary of Hermeneutics by James D. Hernando

BIB 212 New Testament Survey

A survey course giving the student background for understanding, teaching, and applying the principles of the New Testament. Key facts from each book of the New Testament are highlighted in a manner that can be used in preaching and teaching.

Materials required:

New Testament Survey (IST) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Materials recommended:

Encountering the New Testament by Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough

BIB 214 Old Testament Survey

A practical approach to the Old Testament that gives students material they can use in teaching and preaching. It covers significant details from every book in the Old Testament in an inspirational yet informative manner.

Materials required:

Old Testament Survey (IST) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Materials recommended:

They Spoke from God edited by William C. Williams

BIB 215 Romans: Justification by Faith

An in-depth study of the book of Romans. It focuses on Paul's systematic explanation of the gospel to the Romans and offers insight into the doctrines of sin, salvation, and sanctification. Students will learn how union with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit leads to spiritual growth.

Materials required:

Romans: Justification by Faith (IST) by William F. Lasley, with sermon notes by Richard Dresselhaus

Materials recommended:

Romans by F. F. Bruce

BIB 318 Pentateuch

A study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy with a practical approach that will provide preaching and teaching material. The Pentateuch forms the foundation upon which the New Testament covenant is based and is an important study for anyone wishing to understand the entire Bible more completely.

Materials required:

Pentateuch (IST) by Roger Cotton

Materials recommended:

The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch edited by T. Desmond Alexander and David W. Baker

BIB 322 Poetic Books

A study of the five books of poetry or wisdom—Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. These books cover issues like suffering, parenting, and the fear of the Lord, teaching us how to live. The course is designed to help the student in his or her own walk with God and in ministering to others who need instruction.

Materials required:

Poetic Books (IST) by Scott Ellington

Materials recommended:

A Psalm in Your Heart, Volumes 1 and 2 by George O. Wood

BIB 313 Corinthian Correspondence

A study of 1 and 2 Corinthians, providing the student with truths for teaching and preaching as well as practical assistance in dealing with the issues facing today's church. The student will learn how Paul instructed the Corinthians to deal with division and difficulty. By applying these same principles, the student will be prepared to deal with the challenges of ministry in the twenty-first century.

Materials required:

Corinthian Correspondence (IST) by James D. Hernando

Materials recommended:

1 and 2 Corinthians by Stanley M. Horton

BIB 316 Geography of the Holy Land

An overview of the geography of Bible lands, including climate, roads, distances between key cities, and dynamic relationships between regions. The main areas of study are Galilee, Samaria, Judea, the South, and the Sinai Peninsula. This course lessens the distance between the Scriptures and the reader and improves skills of interpreting, applying, and proclaiming the Word of God. The atlases consist of two and three-dimensional satellite maps, a description of each region, aerial pictures with complete explanations, and a biblical/historical review of each area.

Materials required:

Geography of the Holy Land (SG) by Waverly Nunnally

The Holy Land Satellite Atlas, Volumes 1 and 2 by Rohr Productions

THEOLOGY/DOCTRINE Division Courses

THE 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

An examination of the four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God: Salvation, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ. After an introductory unit on the importance of doctrine, there is a unit of study on each of the doctrines. This course is essential to the further understanding of the complete Pentecostal message as presented in other courses.

Materials required:

Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine (IST) by Zenas J. Bicket

Materials recommended:

What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit by Stanley M. Horton

THE 311 Prayer and Worship

An overview of the biblical teaching on prayer and worship leads to practical considerations for cultivating intimacy with Christ in every aspect of life, from personal, private prayer to corporate celebration. Students will discover the joys and benefits of a dynamic prayer life and gain a fresh appreciation for the many ways in which the Holy Spirit makes prayer and worship both meaningful and powerful. An examination of some of the common challenges of prayer, such as learning to hear God's voice, the problem of unanswered prayer, and what to do when it seems God is not speaking, is followed by practical insight for becoming more effective and fervent prayer warriors.

Materials required:

Prayer and Worship (IST) by Cheryl Taylor and Russ Michaels

Materials recommended:

The Spirit Helps Us Pray by Robert L. Brandt and Zenas J. Bicket

THE 211 Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective

A study of historic Christian doctrines as expressed through Protestant and evangelical traditions. The course provides a complete study of the "Statement of Fundamental Truths" of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Materials required:

Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective (IST) by Johnny Ford

Materials recommended:

Bible Doctrines by William F. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton

THE 221 Systematic Theology 1

A study of bibliology—the doctrine of Scripture, with a focus on the nature of revelation and the inspiration and authority of Scripture and the development and transmission of the canon; Theology Proper—the doctrine of God's existence, attributes, works, and the Trinity; Christology—the

theology of the Person and work of Jesus Christ, including consideration of His names, nature, offices, humiliation, atoning death, resurrection, and exaltation; Anthropology - the theology of the human condition (origin, nature, and fall); and soteriology—the divine plan of salvation (regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, and deliverance) for the believer.

Materials required:

Systematic Theology 1 (SG) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective edited by Stanley M. Horton

THE 222 Systematic Theology 2

A study of Pneumatology—the distinctive Pentecostal doctrine of the Holy Spirit, focusing on the divinity and personality of the Spirit and the work of the Spirit in applying to believers the benefits of Christ's work: sanctification by the Spirit; ecclesiology—the doctrine of the church, including its definition, mission and purpose, organization, and ordinances; angelology—the doctrine of angels (their creation, nature, fall, and work); and eschatology—the doctrine of last things, including the Second Coming, resurrections, judgments, and final state.

Materials required:

Systematic Theology 2 (SG) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective edited by Stanley M. Horton

DVD: *The Promise of Power*

THE 245 Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come

A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

Materials required:

Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come (IST) by Zenas J. Bicket

Materials recommended:

Our Destiny by Stanley M. Horton