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Exalted be God, the rock of my salvation. - 2 Samuel 22:47

Diploma in Church History

Introduction Module: Building Foundations

1. Introduction to the Bible
2. A Study of the Catechism
3. A Study of the Confessions
4. Introduction to Hermeneutics
5. Introduction to Biblical Theology

Required Reading: Mere Christianity – C.S. Lewis

Required Listening: Foxes Book of Martyrs - John Foxe

Introduction Module Testing: Building Foundations
(Written Exam)

Core Module 1: Introduction to Biblical Studies

1) FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH:

This course stresses the importance of proper spiritual foundations for life and ministry by focusing on foundations of the Christian faith identified in Hebrews 6:1: Repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection, and eternal judgment.

2) CREATIVE BIBLE STUDY METHODS:

This course equips students for personal study of the Word of God after the conclusion of Institute training. Students learn how to study the Bible by book, chapter, paragraph, verse, and word. Other methods taught include biographical, devotional, theological, topological, and topical. Special guidelines for studying Bible poetry and prophecy are presented and students are taught methods of charting and outlining.

3) OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY:

This survey provides an overview of the Old Testament. Study outlines of each book of the OT are provided for further development by the student. Volume One: Introduction and Old Testament.

4) NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY:

This survey provides an overview of the New Testament. Study outlines of each book of the NT are provided for further development by the student. Volume Two: New Testament.

Core Module 1 Testing: Introduction to Biblical Studies

(Written Exam)

Core Module 2: Applying Biblical Studies - Personal

5) DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW:

This course examines the Biblical world view from Genesis through Revelation. God's plan for the nations of the world from the beginning of time is detailed. Current worldwide spiritual need is also presented.

6) KINGDOM LIVING:

The "Gospel of the Kingdom" shall be preached in all the world before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:14). Understanding of Kingdom principles is necessary if one is to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom. This course focuses on patterns and principles of Kingdom living applicable to life and ministry.

7) KNOWING GOD'S VOICE:

This course explains how God speaks to men today and how to find His general and specific plans for life. A Christian model for decision making is presented, along with guidelines for overcoming wrong decisions, steps to take if you have missed the will of God, and methods for dealing with questionable practices.

8) MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

This study focuses on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, spiritual fruit, and spiritual gifts. Students are guided in discovery of their own spiritual gifts and position of ministry in the Body of Christ.

9) SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

This course moves participants beyond the natural world into the realm of the spirit. Tactics of the enemy are analyzed and strategies of spiritual warfare assuring victory over the principalities and powers of the spirit world are explained.

10) POWER PRINCIPLES:

The early church was born in a demonstration of the power of God. Power principles taught in this course equip students for spiritual harvest and moves them from being spectators to demonstrators of the power of God.

Core Module 2 Testing: Applying Biblical Studies - Personal

(Written Exam)

Core Module 2-A: Applying Biblical Christianity

1. Scripture Memorization
2. Creeds of Christendom
3. Expositions of Scripture
4. Introduction to Christian Ethics

Required Reading: Early Christian Fathers

Required Reading: Pilgrims Progress – John Bunyan

Core Module 2-A Testing: Applying Biblical Christianity

(Written Exam)

Core Module 3: Applying Biblical Studies - Community

11) MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES:

A review of Biblical management principles with emphasis on servant leadership, Biblical leaders, and Scriptural strategies for success.

12) ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Students learn environmental analysis on an individual, church, and organizational basis.

They learn how to analyze the spiritual environment of a village, city, state or nation prior to penetrating it with the Gospel message.

13) MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES:

Everything Jesus did centered on the great purposes of God. This course analyzes Christ's objectives for ministry and teaches students to institute management by objectives in their own life and ministry.

14) MOBILIZATION METHODOLOGIES:

This course presents methods for mobilizing spiritual forces for God and explains the practical application of the Harvestime vision to specific areas of ministry. Referral courses in various areas of ministry are also available through this module.

15) EVANGELISM:

The Gospel of the Kingdom spreads throughout the world as leaven in bread dough: The leaven is small and hidden, but its impact is unlimited. Effective evangelism strategies are taught, including detailed instruction on the deliverance ministry, church planting, and techniques of networking between ministries.

16) STRATEGIES FOR SPIRITUAL HARVEST:

The initial call of Jesus Christ to men was to be spiritually reproductive: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." His final command, that of the Great Commission, also challenged followers to spiritual reproduction. Using the analogy of the natural harvest, this course focuses on promises of spiritual harvest, things that prevent harvest, and keys to effective harvest. It communicates the vision which the remainder of Institute training equips students to fulfill.

Core Module 3 Testing: Applying Biblical Studies - Community

(Written Exam)

Core Module 3A: Applying Biblical Knowledge

1. Church in Rome in the First Century
2. Beginnings of Christianity
3. Early Writings of Church Fathers
4. History of Protestantism

5. History of the Christian Church

Required Reading: Heretics – G.K. Chesterton

Required Reading: Orthodoxy – G.K. Chesterton

Core Module 3-A Testing: Applying Biblical Knowledge (Written Exam)

Core Module 4: Applying Biblical Studies - Special

17) TEACHING TACTICS:

This course examines the methods Jesus used to teach and preach the Gospel. Students are taught how to prepare and present lessons and how to teach and preach the Gospel.

18) MULTIPLICATION METHODOLOGIES:

God's plan for spiritual multiplication is presented. This study reveals how a single Christian can be responsible for the multiplication of thousands of trained and motivated believers.

19) JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY:

A complete guide to jail and prison ministry. Includes guidelines for writing and visiting inmates, conducting group services inside an institution, reaching out to families of inmates, and ministering on death row.

20) WOMEN, A BIBLICAL PROFILE:

A study of all the Bible teaches about women and their role in ministry. Also includes a study of the Bible books bearing women's names—Ruth and Esther—and resources for biographical study of all of the women of the Bible.

21) INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

An intercessory prayer guide that includes guidelines on how to pray, what to pray for, when not to pray, resources for prayer, international intercession, and factors that hinder prayer.

22) HEALING, BATTLE FOR THE BODY:

A study of all the Bible teaches about divine healing. Complete guidelines for receiving and ministering healing.

Required Reading: Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners - John Bunyan

Required Reading: Treatise on Good Works- Martin Luther

Required Listening: Apologetics

Core Module 4 Testing: Applying Biblical Studies - Special
(Final Written Exam)

Congratulations – Graduation

Diploma Awarded & Ordination
