

Canadian Bible College
Regina Sask.
INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
DEV/CHT 101

Fall 2002
Instructor: Rev. Tim Moore

1. Course Description

This course is a study of the normal Christian life – normal from a biblical perspective. Through our efforts together we will examine the basic yet vital issue of Christian conversion in terms of its nature and critical implications. Major portions of the course will be devoted to some of the spiritual disciplines mentioned in Scripture that are necessary to one's spiritual growth. Consideration will also be given to the study of what it means to live a holy, Spirit-filled life. This class will take place in the forum of a one-semester course.

2. Course Objectives (really, the course benefits)

Assuming a strong dependence on the Holy Spirit by student and instructor alike, by the end of this course of study the student should be able to:

- A. Define Christian conversion. In so doing, the student should be able to describe God's part and the individual's part in the conversion experience.
- B. Explain the Biblical basis for a Christian's assurance of salvation.
- C. Describe the Christian's identity in terms of his/her relation to the Lord, to others, and to oneself.
- D. Explain what the Bible means by *holiness* and describe what holiness looks like in an individual's life.
- E. Describe what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit, explaining what the requirements and the evidences of the Spirit-filled life are.
- F. Describe from a Biblical perspective some of the major disciplines, which are necessary in deepening one's personal walk with the Lord.
- G. Explain the purpose and limits of spiritual disciplines as prayer, meditation, fasting, worship, and others.
- H. Demonstrate an appreciation for how one's beliefs are to be applied to everyday life.

3. Course Textbooks Your Tools

Required Reading

- A. Bridges, Jerry. *The Pursuit Of Holiness*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1988.
- B. Miller, Calvin. *Into the Depths of God*. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 2000.
- C. Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1991.

Highly Recommended Reading

- A. Bridges, Jerry. *The Practice Of Godliness*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1983.
- B. Foster, Richard. *Celebration of Discipline*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1998.
- C. Ogden, Greg. *Discipleship Essentials*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1998.
- D. Gillham, Bill. *What God Wishes Christians Knew About Christianity*. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers.

4. Course Requirements Your Tasks

- A. Attendance and participation in class. In order to gain full benefit from the course, each student is expected to attend and participate in all classes. A student missing more than 20% of scheduled classes will not receive a passing grade for the course. (In case of severe or prolonged illness, the Vice President/Dean may grant extensions as to the C.B.C. Student Handbook).
- B. Major Project. Choose one of the following options; being sure to indicate which topic you are in fact researching.
 - 1. Research Paper on Fasting: Using resources as Whitney and Foster, as well as other resources, write a 5 to 7 page paper on the discipline of Fasting. Put together a good definition and then describe how this discipline has been used, abused, neglected, etc. historically. Describe your own personal conviction with respect to whether or not this is a discipline that God expects us to engage in today. Support your position with Scripture.
 - 2. Seminar on Prayer or Worship: Suppose you have been asked to prepare and present a one-session seminar on either prayer or worship. Put together a package that would include your lecture notes (point form is fine, but must be inclusive enough for me to understand fully what you are saying), an outline of your seminar, handouts, overheads, or any other materials you would include, as well as any explanatory notes describing whatever activities in which you choose to have your audience participate. Identify your audience (that is, designate the particular age and other particulars). The choice is yours and be creative, as well as have fun.
 - 3. Christ Our Model: Select either the discipline of prayer or solitude and describe its role in the life and ministry of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. Identify any pattern evident in His life and comment on how He modeled and instructed His disciples in its use. Describe how you would apply this to your own life and to the life of someone you may be privileged to disciple. Although your primary source will likely be the Gospels, you should feel free to consult other resources outside Scripture. Your paper should be 5 to 7 pages in length.

Format of Papers

Papers should be written according to the guidelines set out in the *University of Regina Style Sheet for Written Work* (available in our Bookstop) Take note of margins and font type, please this assists the inflatability factor.

DUE DATE: MAJOR PROJECT, October 17th, 2002.

- C. Reading. All three texts listed under Required Reading must be read in their entirety by the last day of scheduled classes, the attached reading report must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. You may place them in the assignments mailbox just behind the switchboard on the way to AD-1. Pop quizzes may cover textbook readings.

DUE DATE: READING, Final exam December 9-13, 2002.

- D. Reading/Reflection Paper. Write a brief reflection paper (2-4 pages) in which you discuss Miller's book, **Into the Depths of God** and Bridges' book, **The Pursuit of Holiness**, by doing the following:
- Discuss how these authors connected with where you are spiritually right now or failed to do so. In other words, how did these books help or did not help you, and explain why.
 - Describe whether or not you would recommend these books to a good friend who had just become a Christian and explain why.
 - Detail any other responses you would like to include.

DUE DATE: READING AND REFLECTION PAPER, November 14th, 2002.

E. Quizito Date:

F. Day to Day Quizzes

- These pop quizzes will be administered unannounced. They will cover recent material discussed in class as well as textbook reading.

5. Course Evaluation

- Major Paper 30%
- Reading 10%
- Quizito (Final) 20%
- Reflection Paper 20%
- Day to Day Quizzes 20%

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TITLE OF PAPER
YOUR NAME

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MAJOR PAPER ASSESSMENT

NAME: _____ BOX NUMBER _____

Key: M=Missing/Inadequate P=Poor A=Average G=Good E=Excellent

CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT
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STRUCTURE AND STYLE

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| 1. Meaningful and evident organization and progression of thought. | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 2. Clarity of thought and grammar. | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

RESEARCH AND CONTENT

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| 3. Thoroughness, comprehensiveness of research | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 4. Thoroughness, comprehensiveness of content | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 5. Persuasiveness of argumentation | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 6. Accuracy of Documentation | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 7. Depth of Insight | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

FORMAT AND PRESENTATION

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| 8. Format, neatness, spelling, length | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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GRADE _____
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Course Outline
Introduction to the Christian Life
DEV 101
(It is a Good study guide too)

- I. Introductory Matters**
- II. Questions to Ponder**
- III. Syllabus Information**
- IV. Testimony Issues**
 - **Why we became fully devoted followers of Christ.**
 - **How we became fully devoted followers of Christ.**
- V. Theology for the Christian Life**
 - **Salvation**
 - 1. Man**
 - 2. The Fall**
 - 3. The Consequences**
 - **Sin**
 - 1. Definition**
 - 2. Accomplishments of The Cross**
 - **Assurance of Salvation**
 - 1. The Basics Of Assurance**
 - 2. Hindrances of Assurance of Salvation**
 - 3. Three happenings at Salvation**
 - 4. Three promises at Salvation**

VI. The Spirit Filled Life

- **Holiness** (Read *The Pursuit of Holiness*)
- **The Holy Spirit**
 1. **His Personality**
 2. **Why Did He Come?**
 3. **How Does He Affect Me?**
 4. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
 5. **Sealing of the Holy Spirit**
 6. **Filling of the Holy Spirit**
 7. **T & F Quiz**
- **Walking In The Spirit**
 1. **When we mess up**
 2. **Grieving the Holy Spirit**
 3. **How can we walk right?**
 4. **Steps to Sanctification**
- **Solo Time- “Walking in the Spirit”**
- **Temptation**
 1. **Definition**
 2. **War What Is It Good For?**
 3. **James 1:13- Categories of Flesh**
 4. **Six Stages of Temptation**
 5. **Strategies For The Fight (11)**

VII. Prayer

- **Definition**
- **Benefits**
- **Guidelines for Prayer**
- **Solo Time- “God Speaks To Us”**
- **Lord’s Prayer Matt. 6**

VIII. Worship

A. People Of Character

- **Worship is... What?**
- **How to Worship**
- **What is the Focus?**

B. How to Glorify God

- **What does that mean?**
- **Why should we glorify God?**
- **How do we glorify God?**

C. The Fear of God and Practising Godliness

IX. The Issue of Lordship

- **That Good Idea of God's Will**
- **How Do We Know Right From Wrong?**

X. Quiet Time Issues

- **Journaling**
- **Reading**
- **Devotions**
- **S.P.A.C.E.**

XI. Honesty

- **Basis for honesty**
- **Reasons God is dead against lying.**
- **What is truth?**
- **Consequences good & bad**