



SYLLABUS

Bible Study Methods

Spring 2005

Course Description

This course is designed to teach the basic principles of inductive bible study, general hermeneutics and the use of tools for independent bible study.

Course Objectives

- ❑ Each student will develop the skills necessary for them to study the bible by themselves.
- ❑ Each student will develop excitement for bible study.
- ❑ Each student will develop the confidence in their own ability to study the bible.
- ❑ Each student will be able to feed themselves from God's word.

Course Requirements

- ❑ Read the book of Ephesians 7 times straight through the book during the time of this class.
- ❑ Prepare an outline chart of the book of Ephesians.
- ❑ Complete a background study of the book of Ephesians.
- ❑ List 25 legitimate observations of Ephesians 2:4-7
- ❑ Complete a syntactic analysis of Ephesians 2:4-7.
- ❑ Analyze the structure of Psalm 8.
- ❑ Complete a word study on the Greek word translated "grace," using Ephesians 2:1-9 as the target text.
- ❑ Write a paragraph explaining the meaning of Ephesians 2:4-7, phrase by phrase.
- ❑ Write a paragraph explaining how you will apply Ephesians 2:1-9 in your life.

Other Details

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Course Time: Wednesdays: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Course Cost: \$10.00 recommended donation.

Required Textbook: New American Standard Bible, without study notes or headings! Available for \$5.00.

Also Required: Access to the NASB Exhaustive Concordance with Strong's Numbers. You can purchase this (Amazon has it for \$27.19), or you can access it on-line if you have internet access at <http://www.biblestudytools.net>.

Provided with the class: E-Sword bible software (cost included in course cost).

Optional Textbook: *How to Read the Bible For All It's Worth*, by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart. \$15.00 donation.

Course Notes: On the World Wide Web at <http://www.gcfweb.org/institute>

Course Schedule:

Date	Topic	Assignment Due	Fee & Stuart
April 6	Introduction, Learning to Read		
April 13	Making Observations	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 Make a Book Chart	Chapter 1
April 20	Observing the Setting	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 Background study of Ephesians	Chapter 2
April 27	Observing the Structure: Syntactic Analysis	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 25 legitimate observations of Ephesians 2:4-7	Chapter 3
May 4	Observing the Structure II: Importance of Genre, Synthesis & Analysis	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 Syntactic analysis of Ephesians 2:4-7	Chapter 11
May 11	Interpretive Principles, Word Studies	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 Poetic Structure of Psalm 8	
May 18	Interpretive Process	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 Word Study on “grace”	Chapter 7
May 25	Correlation, Verification, Application	Read Ephesians 1 – 6 Interpretative Paragraph	
June 1	End of Year Celebration	Application Paragraph	