



Dear Student,

Welcome to the student body of **Prisoners for Christ Bible Study Correspondence School**. By enrolling in our Correspondence School you are joining thousands of other students who are growing in their understanding of God's Word and how to personally apply these teachings to their lives. We look forward to assisting you in your study.

Because of our commitment to discipleship we have developed this Bible Correspondence School. The purpose of this course is three-fold. First, our desire is to provide you with a tool to help you grow in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word. An understanding of the Bible is the foundation upon which a person builds a successful and productive life. Second, through the understanding of God's Word and with the knowledge gained you are equipped to share this Good News with others. Each lesson is geared in such a way that you will be able to apply your new learning to your daily life. In this way you will be able to share your faith with confidence. Jesus commands us to "go and make disciples" in Matthew 28:18-20. This course will help you accomplish that.

A third reason to spend time completing these lessons is that you receive the benefit of having an appointed time to meet with the Lord each day and work on your lessons. It is a good practice to set aside a special time to meet with the Lord and put away the cares of the world for a few minutes each day. You will find that you will receive a new energy to face the challenges of each day.

We have divided our lessons into two different groups, the Basic Curriculum and the Advanced Curriculum. The Basic Curriculum lessons are structured to help you gain an understanding of who Jesus is, what He did for us and how we are to apply His teachings to our lives. It also helps you develop a pattern for your life based on the principles taught by Jesus. In the Advanced Curriculum you will be given the opportunity to study books of the New Testament more in depth and in this way give your faith more substance.

All you need to complete these lessons is a willing heart, a pencil and a Bible. If you do not have a Bible please contact your Chaplain as he or she will either have one or know of places to get one. Prisoners for Christ rely on donations to support this ministry. Because of budget constraints we do not have the means to send Bibles to students.

The following is very important information which we need in order to make sure that you get your lessons. **Please be sure that we have your name, ID/DOC number, institution and address and include your housing unit if it is required by your institution.** As long as we have a good address for you, either when you are incarcerated or after your release, we can send you lessons until you have completed the course. Also, please be very careful to print neatly so we don't make a mistake in addressing the envelope to mail back to you.

Send your request for enrollment or your lessons for review/grading to:

Prisoners for Christ Outreach Ministries
Bible Study Correspondence School
PO Box 1530
Woodinville WA 98072-1530

We want to encourage and exhort you to seek God's perfect and pleasing plan for your life. Stay strong! Fight the good fight! Run the race marked out for you and God's speed in everything you set your hands to.

Your Brothers in Christ,

Gregory E. Von Tobel
President

Robert F. Jordan
Chairman of the Board

BIBLE STUDY CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

BASIC CURRICULUM:

Unit 1	Basic Beliefs	6	Lessons
Unit 2	Parables of Jesus-Part I	7	Lessons
Unit 3	Parables of Jesus-Part II	8	Lessons
Unit 4	Study on Prayer	6	Lessons
Unit 5	Sharing Your Faith	5	Lessons
Unit 6	Men of the Bible-Part I	8	Lessons
Unit 7	Men of the Bible-Part II	8	Lessons
Unit 8	Women of the Bible	8	Lessons

Sub Total 56

ADVANCED CURRICULUM:

Unit 9	I Corinthians	16	Lessons
Unit 10	II Corinthians	13	Lessons
Unit 11	Galatians	6	Lessons
Unit 12	Ephesians	7	Lessons
Unit 13	James	6	Lessons
Unit 14	I, II, III John	6	Lessons
Unit 15	Gospel of John	12	Lessons

Sub Total 66

Bible Study Courses to Date 122 Lessons

A certificate with the student's name will be issued at the end of each completed unit.



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Bible Study Course

Unit 1--Lesson 1

"What is the Bible?"

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Birth Date: _____

Institution: _____

Floor/Location: _____

ID #: _____

Change My Address To:

Please send lesson: UNIT 1 LESSON 2

Return this lesson for review and obtain the next lesson to:

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INTRODUCTION:

What is the Bible? If I read it, what will it tell me? In the Bible we find out who God is and why He created us. It tells us how we can have a relationship with Him and how He wants us to live. The Bible has one central theme: the ***Lord Jesus Christ***. The Bible has two sections: the Old Testament that speaks of the coming of Jesus Christ, and the New Testament that describes Jesus' arrival and His role in our lives today. The Bible is often called "**The Word of God**" or "**God's Word**" because it is God's living words to us.

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ***All Scripture*** is ***God-breathed*** and is useful for ***teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness***, 17 so that the man of God may be ***thoroughly equipped*** for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the ***Word of our God stands forever.***"

Hebrews 4:12-13 For the ***Word of God is living and active***. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who ***correctly handles the word of truth.***

1. The Bible shows us how God wants us to live, so that we may receive His blessings. Where does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 say Scripture comes from and what is its purpose?

2. Inspiration is the act of God giving His wisdom to man. This keeps the **“Word of God”** free from human error. What does 2 Peter 1:20-21 say about this? What does this mean to you?

3. How long will the Word of God stand according to Isaiah 40:8? How does this apply to you?

4. The Word of God is alive today and is full of life and power. How does Hebrew 4:12 describe the Word of God?

5. How does Hebrews 4:13 apply to your life?

6. How does 2 Timothy 2:15 tell us to act and react to God’s Word?

7. According to what you have learned so far, in your own words write a definition of the Bible. Imagine you are a child or a new Christian who knows nothing about the Bible.

Principles:

What three things did you learn by going through this study on the Bible?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

What is one principle from this study that you can apply to your life? Write your thoughts out completely.
