

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Basics of Our Faith

Course Lecturer: D.A. Horton, MA

Course Description

This course will explain the foundations of the Christian Faith as found in the Bible. You will learn about the Bible, who God is as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; what Salvation is and what the Church is and is not. This is a great course for group study with teens and those searching for truth about God.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Explain the significance of the Bible.
- Describe God as the Father.
- Describe the unique nature of Jesus Christ.
- Describe who the Holy Spirit is and explain what it means to be filled with Him.
- Define and explain *salvation* and *sanctification*.
- Explain who and what the church is, what it looks like, and its importance.

Course Lecturer



D.A. Horton, MA

Education:

- Calvary Theological Seminary, MA
- Calvary Bible College, BA

Teaching Career:

- Adjunct Professor, Systematic and Contemporary Theology courses, Calvary Bible College
- Author of seven urban-focused courses for Urban Studies major, Calvary Bible College

Other Career Highlights:

- National Coordinator for Urban Student Missions at the North American Mission Board (NAMB)
- Executive Director of Reach Life Ministries, the nonprofit ministry of Reach Records
- Urban church planter, pastor and lead teaching elder
- For over sixteen years, used the medium of rap music as a tool to help educate the people of God

on the precepts of Scripture as well as on how to evangelize the lost by presenting them with the gospel of Jesus Christ

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Reading:** Suggested readings that will supplement your learning.
 - **Lectures:** 5-10 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Responding to the discussion questions for each lesson.
3. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.

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