

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Book of Acts

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Course Description

The Book of Acts tells us of an exciting period of the expansion of the Church. But do the amazing experiences of that time necessarily set a pattern for us today? This course will help you answer some difficult questions about the work of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of the Church. It explains the background, structure, and content of the Book of Acts, including a study of the major themes, as well as guidelines for applying the lessons of Acts today.

Course Objectives

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

- Become enthusiastic about studying The Book of Acts and about doing your part to help extend the kingdom of God throughout the world.
- Understand key things about the background and content of The Book of Acts. Who wrote it, and why? What are the main themes, and how should we apply them today?
- Make some changes in your life as a response to the teachings of The Book of Acts. What will you do with what you are learning? How does it help you analyze contemporary expressions of thought?

Course Lecturer



Hans F. Bayer, PhD

Education:

- University of Aberdeen in Scotland, PhD
- Ashland Theological Seminary, MA and MDiv

Teaching Career:

- Professor of New Testament and Chair of the New Testament Department at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO
- German Theological Seminary at Giessen

Other Career Highlights:

- Regular lecturer and preacher in the U.S. and Europe
- Planted and co-pastored a church in Germany

Publications:

- *A Theology of Mark: The Dynamic Between Christology and Authentic Discipleship (Explorations in Biblical Theology)*

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, activities, etc. that students may use to supplement their 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.
 - **Lectures:** Approximately 90-minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. 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.