

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Epistle of James

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Course Description

The Epistle of James is an intensely practical book for readers in every age. James' original audience had professed faith in Christ, but many were not living lives that reflected their beliefs. To address this disparity, James dealt with real-world issues that still speak to us today. This series looks at the background, structure and content of the book of James and explores the wisdom and practical instruction in James that remain relevant for modern readers.

Course Objectives

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

- Understand the background, structure and content of the book of James.
- Explain the theme of wisdom in the book of James and its relationship to practical living.

Course Lecturer



Paul Gardner, PhD

Education:

- Cambridge University, England, PhD
- Reformed Theological Seminary, MDiv

Career Highlights:

- Senior Pastor, ChristChurch Presbyterian, Atlanta
- Archdeacon of Exeter
- Teacher of New Testament and Homiletics, Oak Hill Theological College, London
- Chairman of the Church of England Evangelical Council

Publications:

- A number of books and articles, including commentaries in the *Focus on the Bible Commentary Series* from Christian Focus Publications, *The Gifts of God and the Authentication of a Christian*, *An Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 8-11*, and *The Zondervan Encyclopedia of Bible Characters* (as editor and major contributor)

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 Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Reading:** Suggested readings that will supplement your learning.
 - **Lectures:** 60-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.