

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# The Book of Hebrews

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Lecturer in New Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

## Course Description

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Hebrews is one of the most challenging books in the New Testament. Many of its topics and themes are difficult to understand, and it tends to approach them differently than other New Testament books do. But it helps when we recognize that the original audience was facing persecution and that they were tempted to turn away from Christ. That's why the author of Hebrews placed his emphasis on standing strong in the faith, and it's why this book is one of the most valuable and encouraging to Christians in every age.

## Course Objectives

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

- Introduce viewers to the background and primary message of the Hebrews.
- Summarize the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of the Book of Hebrews.

## Course Lecturer

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*Stephen Um, PhD*

**Education:**

- St. Mary's College (University of St. Andrews) in Scotland, PhD
- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MDiv and ThM
- Phillips Academy at Andover, MA
- Boston University, BA

**Teaching Career:**

- Lecturer in New Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Visiting faculty in Practical Theology and New Testament at Covenant Theological Seminary

### Other Career Highlights:

- Senior Minister, Citylife Presbyterian Church of Boston
- Board Member, The Gospel Coalition
- President, Center for Gospel Culture

### Publications:

- *Why Cities Matter, The Kingdom of God* (TGC Booklet)
- Journal articles include “The Theme of Temple Christology in John’s Gospel” and “Trasnforming Culture: Church and Culture”

## Course Methods

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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

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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 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.