

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# In the Beginning

Course Lecturer: D.A. Horton, MA

## Course Description

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Does God really exist? If God does exist, why is that important? This course will introduce you to the idea that God does exist, who He is, what He wants from you, and why this is important for you. This is a great course for group study with teens and those searching for truth about God.

## Course Objectives

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

- Explain God's existence.
- Explain what the name I AM means.
- Understand what it means to be God's masterpiece.
- Know where to go for an unlimited supply of eternal satisfaction.
- Explain what it means and why it is important to love God with everything you have.
- Explain how brokenness can become beautiful.

## Course Lecturer

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*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

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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, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your 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.
  - **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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