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- All of Grace**<sup>s</sup> AOG 10 lessons Basic level  
God's salvation for the ungodly, His unmerited grace (C.H. Spurgeon, 1886).
- Biblical Repentance**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> BRN 5 lessons Intermediate  
What the Bible says about God's call to forsake sin and walk in repentance.
- True versus False Gospel**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> TFG 12 lessons Intermediate  
Biblical gospel vs. "carnal Christianity" (belief with no commitment to Christ).
- Saving Faith: Its Meaning/Object**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> DT101 10 lessons Advanced  
Man's free will and God's sovereignty in the faith that saves from sin.

### Practical Walk

- A Call to Prayer** CTP 13 lessons Basic level  
Exhortation for a deeper commitment to pray (J.C. Ryle, 1875).
- Hidden Life of Prayer**<sup>s</sup> HLP 8 lessons Basic level  
How to communicate with God effectively in prayer (D. MacIntyre, 1913).
- At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry**<sup>\* H<sup>Ⓢ</sup> s</sup> ASI 18 lessons Basic level  
Only for those who are currently struggling with sexual sin: freedom in Christ!
- Thoughts for Young Men**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> TYM 5 lessons Basic level  
Key principles (for all ages) in seeking & walking with God (J.C. Ryle, 1880).
- In the Footprints of the Lamb**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> IFL 5 lessons Intermediate  
Penetrating study of love-relationship with Christ (G. Steinberger, 1915).
- Profiting from the Word**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> PFW 10 lessons Intermediate  
Practical application of God's Word to daily life in 10 aspects (A.W. Pink, 1932).
- Holiness - A**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> HO1 11 lessons Intermediate  
What it is and its practical development in all true saints (J.C. Ryle, 1879).
- Holiness - B**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> HO2 10 lessons Intermediate  
The main errors in our day, and the need to abide in Christ (J.C. Ryle, 1879).
- Walk of Repentance**<sup>\* Ⓢ</sup> WR 24 lessons Intermediate  
24 week day-by-day discipleship course; requires 1 hour/day commitment!
- Spiritual Foundations of Ministry**<sup>H<sup>Ⓢ</sup></sup> SFM 5 lessons Advanced  
For pastors and church leaders: reawakening spiritual zeal (H. Bonar, 1866).

### General Studies

- Life of Jesus Christ**<sup>s</sup> LC 13 lessons Basic level  
The life of Christ in chronological sequence: who He is and why He has come.
- Joy in the Gospel of John** JG 13 lessons Basic level  
Basic study of special stories from the ministry of Jesus in the *Gospel of John*.
- Mark's Sketchbook of Christ**<sup>\* H<sup>Ⓢ</sup></sup> MSC 16 lessons Basic level  
Workbook on seeing Christ as the great miracle worker in the *Gospel of Mark*.
- The Story of the Puritans**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> SOP 4 lessons Basic level  
How brave men endured persecution to give us a legacy of truth in their writings.
- Fundamentals of the Faith**<sup>\* Ⓢ s</sup> FOF 13 lessons Intermediate  
Essential discipleship lessons about faith and practice in the Christian life.
- New Testament Survey**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> NT1 13 lessons Intermediate  
God reveals His Son, Jesus Christ, in 1st century through the 27 N.T. books.
- The Church in History - A**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> GS2 19 lessons Intermediate  
Miraculous spread, sufferings, creeds, papal power, heresies (AD33-1517).
- The Church in History - B**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> GS3 20 lessons Intermediate  
Reformation, 'denominations,' cults, missions, and challenges (1517-1900s).
- Methods for Bible Study - A**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> MB1 8 lessons Advanced  
The basis for "hermeneutics" (Bible interpretation): principles and description.
- Methods for Bible Study - B**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> MB2 10 lessons Advanced  
Observation, interpretation, outlines, cross references, and word studies.
- Biblical Eldership**<sup>Ⓢ</sup> BEL 6 lessons Advanced  
The biblical basis for church leadership: pastoral, shared, multiple, equal, serving.

### Doctrine

<b>Pilgrim's Progress</b> <sup>s</sup>	PL	10 lessons	Basic level
Christian's progress in faith, through this world to the next (J. Bunyan, 1678)			
<b>Attributes of God</b> <sup>Ⓜ s</sup>	ATR	12 lessons	Intermediate
18 characteristics of God are described from Scripture (A.W. Pink, 1930).			
<b>Doctrines of Grace in John</b> <sup>Ⓜ s</sup>	DGJ	7 lessons	Intermediate
Biblical basis for the five points of the Reformation's historic faith.			
<b>1689 London Confession of Faith</b> <sup>Ⓜ s</sup>	LBC	13 lessons	Intermediate
One of the most important statements of evangelical faith in Christian history.			
<b>The Holy Spirit - A</b> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>	HS1	13 lessons	Advanced
The Person and work of the Spirit in <i>salvation</i> (A.W. Pink, 1935).			
<b>The Holy Spirit - B</b> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>	HS2	13 lessons	Advanced
The work of the Spirit in <i>sanctification</i> (A.W. Pink, 1935).			

\* Available through Mount Zion for prison inmates only (WR1-4 and FOF: also overseas missions).

<sup>H</sup> Available only as independent study, with no mailing of lessons for feedback.

<sup>Ⓜ</sup> Available after completing several other courses.

<sup>s</sup> Also available in Spanish.

*Additional courses are in development.*

## Why MZBI?

*Of course, conservative self-study Bible courses based on classic texts from prior centuries are useful in all cultures and in all seasons. And, sending these without charge into the US prisons is a great blessing and a beacon of light in darkness.*

*However, perhaps the most critical need for these courses is in the third world. The following article explains why. It is our desire to send these courses freely worldwide as the Lord enables. Please also see Appendix 5.*

“There is astonishing growth in numbers of Christian churches in Africa, Asia, South America, and countries that were formerly behind the so-called iron curtain. This growth has occurred so rapidly that formal training institutions like universities and seminaries will never be able to train enough pastors to shepherd these churches. Studies have shown that there are at least two million preachers preaching in pulpits in these countries every Sunday, who have never had any theological training whatsoever.

“In many African countries, churches have an average of only one trained pastor for every 20 churches. One pastor from Uganda, sitting next to me, told us that his denomination has 1,000 congregations, but only 8 trained pastors to shepherd them. Another one from the Evangelical Christian Church in Zambia told us that his denomination has 675 churches, with only 31 trained pastors. We were told that since 1973, 29,000 new Christian churches have been planted in the Philippines; and they expect another 16,000 to be planted in 2001. All the formal seminaries and training institutions in their whole country could never train even 5% of the needed pastors for these churches.

“One Chinese pastor told us of the phenomenal growth of the house churches in their country, in spite of ongoing difficulties. In many of these churches the pastor will just throw his Bible to his congregation when he is arrested, and the person who catches it automatically becomes the pastor. In some places teenage girls are appointed as “pastors” because they are the only literate people with Bibles. The pastor told us that he is currently running a program of training 20,000 Chinese pastors for these house churches, but mostly without materials, depending upon memory and word of mouth.

“In some of these countries, the church is growing itself to death! The structural growth simply cannot cope. The provision of adequate leadership is not keeping pace with the influx of people into the church. There is a vast lack of the most basic Bible knowledge, as well as basic Christian doctrine, amongst church members and even their untrained leaders.”

*\* In March 2000, an international conference was held in Manila, Philippines, on the training of Third World pastors. There were representatives from over 80 institutions in 50 countries. This report is abstracted from one given by Dr. Flip Buys, Principal of Mahlangu Bible College in Gauteng, South Africa, who attended, as shared with Pastor Erroll Hulse of Reformation Today magazine, Leeds, England.*

## Look to Jesus

William Reid, Scottish, 1814-1896

LTJ      4 lessons      Basic level

**Aim** The first course in the MZBI curriculum, and the starting place for all new students and seekers after biblical truth about salvation from sin.

**Outline** *(one booklet including reading and study guide)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
Our Need of Jesus	1
Look to Jesus	2
The Nearness of Jesus	3
Rest for the Weary	4

**Description** *Look to Jesus* describes the beauty, completeness, and availability of salvation in Jesus Christ, for all who sincerely seek Him. After understanding each sinner's personal need for salvation (based on violation of God's Law), the student is presented with the gospel of salvation in Christ. He then is encouraged to overcome some of the common misunderstandings associated with the true gospel message: that Jesus is somehow too high above him and therefore unavailable, and that he is somehow not qualified for forgiveness because of his sin. The course is self contained in one 48 page booklet, with four chapters of reading material, each followed by study questions. The reader answers "Response" questions from the text, as well as "Making It Personal" questions from their own viewpoints and experience.

**Prerequisite** None. See Appendix 1.

"LTJ was wonderful. I wouldn't call such rich truths 'basic' by any means. I pray for passion and a broken spirit as this writer demonstrated."

- Hagerstown, Maryland

"I have done many studies over the years, but none that spoke to me so personally as *Look to Jesus* has. It is the best course I have ever done to date. And it was a real honor being able to do it. I found myself on every page of it, and that is not the norm." - Represa, California

"I have learned so much from course LTJ. I had to read it a few times because it was so enlightening. Salvation was explained so very well in terms I could understand, in sentences that apply to today's living." - Ft. Worth, Texas

## Man's Ruin — God's Redemption

L. R. Shelton, Jr., American, 1987

MRG 10 lessons Basic level

**Aim** A good starting place for those seeking Christ and to understand the true Gospel, also for the new believer and anyone who wants a better understanding of the depth of man's sin.

**Outline** *(one paperback with separate study guide)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
Man's Depravity and God's Wrath	1 - 2
The Truth and the Lie	3 - 4
Catalogue of Sins	5 - 8
God's Redemption	9 - 10

**Description** This course presents the student with a thorough description of the depth of man's sin, his total ruin, and his utter hopeless condition apart from the Savior. A detailed explanation of Romans 1: 16 - 32 is used to catalogue these sins and the downward spiral in which natural man finds himself: spiritual death separated from God.

The last portion of the course is devoted to the living hope we have in Christ, the perfect unmerited substitute provided by God out of His love for us. We see that God's justice and righteousness requires a penalty for sin, that man is incapable of paying for it himself apart from his own death, that a perfect substitute was provided in the shed blood of Christ at the cross, that man must be given holiness in order to stand before God, and that Christ's holiness is the only answer for us. The course ends with a short overview of all that Christ's substitutionary sacrifice provides for us.

**Prerequisite** Completion of *Look to Jesus* or *Life of Jesus Christ*, or similar basic grounding in the Christian faith. See Appendix 1.

“This was a very troublesome study to contemplate. No man likes to face the truth. Thank you for the opportunity to face the unrighteousness still in my life and to do something about it—to better apply God’s Word to my life. This study has done wonders for me!” - *Corcoran, California*

“This has been one of the most difficult Bible courses that I have ever taken and Satan fought me all the way. Now that I have completed it I know why: it is truth comprehensively explained and supported by Scripture eradicated all of the myths I had. God is so good and –has strengthened my faith.” - *Morgan, Georgia*

“I learned a great deal; I saw what a filthy creature I must be before God. It really opened my eyes. Although I am struggling, the material is having a great impact.” - *Lawrenceville, Virginia*

“This study has enlightened me tremendously... what I need to live a more upright life and share the Word with others: my family and friends.” - *Blountstown, Florida*

“I thank the Lord for *Man’s Ruin – God’s Redemption*. It has helped me to explore the truths of God’s wrath *and* His mercy as revealed in Romans. I thank God He has chosen to save me from myself. I’ve been sharing a lot of it with others, and my prayers have been more passion-filled.” - *Snyder, Texas*

“I have a new profound understanding of why I could not receive salvation on my own but was through the effectual calling of God. I see why people are lost, and I learned a tremendous amount of God’s saving grace. I have been saved three years and never really understood the process until now.” - *Soledad, California*

“MRG provided me deeper insight, made me smile, convicted me, allowed me to share God’s Word with my brothers, and kept me in my Bible.” - *Zephyrhills, Florida*

“This is the most powerful, moving material I have read! Every chapter convicted me and had me praying and thanking God.” - *Seagoville, Texas*

“This course has moved me like no other I have taken in the past.” - *Bridgeton, New Jersey*

“*Man’s Ruin—God’s Redemption* is one of the best in-depth studies that I have ever done. I’m looking forward to continue to grow in the Christian faith. My eyes have been opened to deeper spiritual truth. To be honest, it was a little difficult, but the Holy Spirit helped me.” - *Shirley, Massachusetts*

## All of Grace

Charles H. Spurgeon, English, 1886

AOG 10 lessons Basic level

**Aim** Spurgeon begins his book with the inscription: “an earnest word with those who are seeking salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.” He writes to explain the gospel very clearly and in plain language, and then most tenderly exhorts the reader to apply the message to his own heart, step-by-step.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one paperback with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	God Justifies the Ungodly	1 - 2
	Deliverance through Saving Faith	3 - 5
	The Living Savior Does It All	6 - 7
	Repentance Must Go with Forgiveness	8
	Assurance, Confirmation, Perseverance	9
	A Final Appeal	10

**Description** *All of Grace* quickly became Charles Haddon Spurgeon’s most read book after its printing in 1886. It remains so to this day. This study course draws the reader through a step-by-step revelation of the beauties of God’s salvation, all by grace through faith.

In the earlier sections Spurgeon lays out clearly how God justifies the ungodly. Then he deals with doubts and hindrances, so that the sincere reader is brought to a place of complete dependence upon a mighty, loving, and merciful God for his salvation from sin. The earnest seeker is brought to solid understanding of the gospel, and his

responsibility to turn to God. The course is also useful to the experienced believer, in order to better communicate with others, and for much assurance and confidence in our God.

**Prerequisite** The course *Look to Jesus (LTJ)*. See Appendix 1.

“The more I read *All of Grace*, the more I have come to understand what it means to fear the Lord. I never knew or felt what it was to fear God, and now I understand and feel it.” - *Tennessee Colony, Texas*

“I have benefited immeasurably from working through the penetrating questions posed in *All of Grace*. At this point, these lessons form the core of my instruction.” - *South Sioux City, Nebraska*

“Most of this I knew. But the method Spurgeon used is a beautiful miracle of God. It is one of the best books I’ve read besides the Bible.”

## Biblical Repentance

L. R. Shelton, Jr., American, 1985

BRN 5 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** In this study, the nature of saving faith is examined to reveal God’s call to faith and repentance. Upon completion, the believer will understand the Biblical mandate for repentance.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet including reading and study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Repentance and Its Definition	1
	The Need of Repentance	2
	The Means of Repentance	3
	Repentance and Faith Are Inseparable	4
	The Fruits of Repentance	5

**Description** *Course BRN* is taken from L.R. Shelton, Jr.’s booklet, “Biblical Repentance: The Need of the Hour.” It offers a good explanation of what true repentance is, based upon the Scriptures. In addition, it describes how repentance is given by the Holy Spirit, its integral part in regeneration (without a detailed discussion of the *ordo salutis*—the order of salvation), and the resulting marks of repentance in the believer’s life.

**Prerequisite** Completion of most of the basic courses.

“I send you the marvelous study of *Biblical Repentance*. When I was studying this course I felt the Spirit of God over me and a marvelous joy that I almost don’t have words to show you how the Lord is working in me. What I want in life is to be with the true and living God, to continue on with Him.” - *Rathway, New Jersey*

## The True versus False Gospel

L. R. Shelton, Jr., American, 1980

TFG 12 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This course has as its overall purpose to confirm to the believer the basis of his faith, including repentance from sin. It prepares the student to defend his faith against the confusing and false message often preached today: “making a decision for Christ,” without any real commitment or submission to Christ as Lord.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(uses one paperback and separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Differences: True and False Gospel	1 - 3
	Died to Sin (Romans 6:1-6)	4 - 5
	False Gospel: Behavior and Affections	6 - 8
	Deception, False Teachers, Error	9 - 11
	New Spirit (Romans 8)	12

**Description** Using the book, *The True Gospel of Christ vs. the False Gospel of Carnal Christianity*, this foundational course examines in detail the common modern message sometimes called “easy-believism,” where justification in Christ is presented without mention of forsaking sin and the need for holy living. This gospel holds that one must only make a decision to receive Christ, without bowing to His authority over one’s life. The problem is that many conclude: “a little sin won’t hurt—I’m just carnal, and God will save me any way.” This false gospel leaves the professing Christian without any power over sin, and a false confidence in heaven, even to the point of resisting calls to repent because “I don’t need to; I’m already saved.” Romans 6 is used to develop a Biblical understanding of “die to self,” and passages in 1 & 2 Timothy are used to explain the deceitful nature of selfish sin. Finally, rich new life in the true biblical Gospel is explored.

**Prerequisites** Completion of several basic courses and several intermediate courses, or several years of Bible study. See Appendix. 1.

“The course *True vs. False Gospel* has truly opened my eyes to the truth concerning how a Christian should behave. Now through His love I will abide in His will truly to bring honor to His name. I know why I am in prison, because it was only through the separation of the world and its desires to fill my fleshly pleasures that He was able to reach me. And it convicts me that He truly is a loving God that He will go to this extent to save me. I pray for His strength to never walk away from Him again.” - *Jamestown, California*

“In these past few months of doing your Bible studies, I have been totally convicted of sin in my life. I have been shown how wrong I was in believing I was saved; my sins have been shown to me daily; I’ve come to know my heart is deceitful, full of wickedness. I know Jesus cannot abide there until my heart has been cleansed by His blood. I’ve come to know true repentance like I’ve never known before. I have never known freedom until now, nor did I know the Holy Spirit’s voice until now. Having a hatred for sin has never been true before now. Worldly things do not have any interest to me, only God’s holiness and His Word. I have given Him all that I am.” - *Lake Butler, Florida*

“This is one of the most powerful books I have ever read. I am Catholic and I will share this with my priest and brothers.” - *Eddyville, Kentucky*

I have finished my course, *True versus False Gospel*. These courses are a blessing to me. I have found them all to teach, encourage, and draw me nearer to the Lord. When I am finished with them, I either keep them for future reference, pass them on to other brothers, or put them in our Chapel Library here. May God continue to bless you and use you in teaching the “True Gospel” of Jesus Christ in these days when many seem to be teaching a “false gospel.” - *Florida*

## **Saving Faith: Its Meaning and Object**

L. R. Shelton, Jr., American, 1987

DT101 10 lessons Advanced

**Aim** Upon completion of this course, the student will understand some of the issues around man’s free will and God’s sovereignty in saving faith, and the Biblical answers. In addition, he will have a greater appreciation for the infinite worth and value of Christ as the object of our faith.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(two reading booklets with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Saving Faith: What Is It?	1 - 5

**Description** This course presents a thorough investigation of the only faith that in fact leads to salvation from sin according to the scriptures. It involves a person's whole "heart": his understanding, affections, and will. These are all hopelessly darkened by sin, but the Holy Spirit enlightens, quickens, and enables man to respond: the work of God on a totally depraved soul.

Christ is the only object of such faith, His shed blood on the cross as an acceptable substitutionary sacrifice. There is no place for any of our own merit: our additions or helps to His finished work. He is the Surety of the New Covenant, assuring us of salvation. The love of Christ enabled Him to do so; His death proving His love for sinners. Our part is to "know Him" and the power of His blood, sufficient for our every need. Finally, as in initial conversion, we walk everyday by "looking unto Jesus."

**Prerequisite** Completion of several basic courses and several intermediate courses, or several years of Bible study. See Appendix. 1.

## A Call to Prayer

J. C. Ryle, British, English, 1875

L. R. Shelton, Jr., American, 1982

CTP 13 lessons Basic level

**Aim** Upon completion, the student will have a deeper commitment to pray, great confidence in God's hearing his prayer, somewhat better understanding of how to pray, and quiet joy in praying!

**Outline** *(one booklet including reading and study guide)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
Prayer Is Necessary	1 - 7
Advice to the Unsaved	8
Characteristics for Prayer	9 - 12
God's Desire and Assurance	13

**Description** *A Call to Prayer* is a continuous exhortation to become very serious about our walk with God. We must make relationship with God a priority, and this requires us to commit time and energy to earnest prayer. An active private prayer life is the sure foundation of a victory over sin and fellowship with God. Without prayer, we will inevitably backslide, and we must ultimately ask if we in fact know God (are we truly saved?). The unsaved are advised to quit making excuses and just talk to God: ask Him for mercy! The saved are counseled about how to pray more effectively, especially in intercession for others, the results of which are refreshment and joy in service. The course ends with assurance from the scriptures that God has already provided all things needful for us to pray.

**Prerequisite** The course *Look to Jesus (LTJ)* or *Life of Jesus Christ (LC)*. See Appendix 1.

"The *Call to Prayer* lessons have truly caused me to search not only my heart, but also the Bible. I find this to be the best study I have been in yet. I look forward to each lesson, as well as the responses of the person who checks over my answers." - *Lovelady, Texas*

"Thank you so much for *A Call to Prayer*. It helps me a lot to change my life. Now, I learn a habit to pray, and put God first before everything else."

"This has been a much needed study for me, because I had always gauged my walk with Christ on my ability to pray, which, to me, always lacked much. I see now how terribly misinformed I've been. I will utilize all the lessons suggestions to improve my prayer life. What a privilege to become a prayer warrior in God's service." - *Rosharon, Texas*

## The Hidden Life of Prayer

David MacIntyre, Scottish, 1913

HLP 8 lessons Basic level

**Aim** Upon completion, the student will have a clear idea of both how to prepare himself and how to communicate effectively with God in prayer, in a way that pleases God and gives Him glory!

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet including reading and study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Importance of Prayer	1
	How to Pray	2 - 6
	Rewards of Prayer	7 - 8

**Description** *The Hidden Life of Prayer* assumes the believer is serious about going further with God, and proceeds from there to give an in-depth review of how to pray, step-by-step. The first portion of “How to Pray” is devoted to preparations for prayer, in place, time of day, circumstances, heart vulnerability, and in a mind focused on God and totally honest before Him. The second portion is very specific about several useful steps in effective prayer: worship and adoration, confession of all sin from deep sorrowful repentance, and supplication (our petitions themselves). The course concludes with the results of prayer: holiness, growth, peace, increased usefulness and service, and God’s specific answers.

**Prerequisite** The course *Look to Jesus (LTJ)* or *Life of Jesus Christ (LC)*, and *A Call to Prayer*. See Appendix 1.

“This *Hidden Life of Prayer* course has put a stop to all that I am doing – God has made me read it three times! I’ve never seen anything like this before in what God is doing to me. I read, I pray, and I do whatever comes up next on each page. The book has come alive. Everything in the book is things I do every day, but never could understand. So now it is victory after victory!” - *Represa, California*

“This course is a gift from God and is opening up what was a dull life of prayer for me. I was worried that something was amiss - I am now being blessed by greater understanding and a much better prayer life!” - *Salem, Oregon*

## At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry

Steve Gallagher, American, 1986

ASI 18 lessons Basic

**Aim** *(This course is available through Mount Zion only to prison inmates. All others should contact the address below.)*

*At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry* is an intensive personal study of the causes and solutions for sexual addiction (including pornography). It is **only** for the person who is *actually struggling* in this area, and offers the only hope for the addict: a new heart and a new life in Jesus Christ.

*Note: the course is designed only for the independent study method, without mailing of answers for feedback.*

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one paperback with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	The Problem Is Sin	1 - 6
	Jesus Christ: The Right Way to Freedom	7 - 9
	Influences: the World, the Flesh, the Devil	10 - 12
	The Way Out: Brokenness and the Spirit	13 - 18

**Description** *At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry* addresses the issue of sexual addiction and its powerful hold on countless thousands. It draws back the curtain and exposes the secret workings of evil in the culture and in the churches! Most discover sooner or later that teachings which make us feel good offer only a temporary reprieve and ultimately fail at helping us obtain the freedom desperately needed.

In the course you will see the harsh consequences of sinful behavior. The piercing truths presented herein will be extremely painful at times. However, once you face *yourself*, you will be able to go through the difficult process and come out the other side – free! Some true stories might provoke your mind to recall some past sexual experience. But this is vital in your identifying your own struggles, and seeing yourself in the solutions which the course provides.

*Note: the course is only for the independent study method, without mailing of answers for feedback.*

**Prerequisite** The course *Look to Jesus* or *Life of Jesus Christ*.

**Contact** The publisher has donated a supply of courses to MZ for distribution directly to prison inmates and chaplains. All others should contact:  
*Pure Life Ministries; PO Box 410; Dry Ridge, Kentucky 41035*  
*(859) 824-4444, fax: (859) 824-5159*  
*www.purelifeministries.org*

“I have been struggling in this area. After completing these lessons, I know that God has given me a grip on my problem. I am so thankful to God for leading me to the study. By the will of God, it has changed my life completely. And I give God all the glory for His blessing. I can only see my going to prison as a blessing from my Savior and Lord.” - *Cor-*

coran, California

“I find that truly this was a need and also a very worthwhile study. It has given me a grounding. I have no doubt that it has given me a release from the bondage of the chains that had me bound to the idolatrous altar.” - *Kenedy, Texas*

“I cannot explain to you how blessed this course is. It was like ASI was heaven sent. It is the best thing that has happened in my life! It has opened my eyes to areas in my life which had me in bondage. The book is right on! There is healing beginning to happen in my life now. This course will continue to be a part of my life as I begin to come to wholeness in Christ.” - *Shirley, Massachusetts*

“I have completed *ASI* and want you to know I am set free. Our Lord is so merciful and patient. The courses are a God-send for sure.” - *Huntsville, Texas*

“I just had to write and thank you for this new course. I have finished the first two lessons and already the chains that held me for so long are falling off. I thank God and I know that by His grace many will be set free through this study.” - *Chipley, Florida*

“I have already studied with over fifteen different ministries throughout almost the entire Bible, but this study on *Sexual Idolatry* has brought much more help than any other. I want to take the other courses.” - *Ft. Stockton, Texas*

“This book is heaven sent. I thank God from the bottom of my heart.” - *Uncasville, Connecticut*

“This has been a challenging and illuminating study, with many real life applications that I have been able to put into practice. The author understands the problem and the solutions. I must continue to grow in my relationship with God, through prayer and the study of the Word.” - *Salem, Oregon*

## Thoughts for Young Men

J. C. Ryle, English, 1880

TYM 5 lessons Basic

**Aim** Ryle himself called this “an exhortation.” In the clearest language, he both warns and instructs people of all ages (though he aims at young men) on what they must do to protect themselves from evil and harm, and to actively seek God. As such his wisest of counsel applies both to the unsaved and to true believers.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet including reading and study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Reasons for These Warnings	1
	Special Dangers when Young	2
	General Counsels	3
	Special Rules	4
	Conclusion	5

**Description** This is the most practical instruction about the Christian life available in print! It has stood the test of time, and is highly valued by everyone who has read it! Ryle nails the problem in many people, and points the way to godliness with rock-solid advise. He deals with sin, pride, pleasure, holiness, Christ, thoughtlessness, religion, peer pressure, the Bible, the soul, foolishness, worldliness, friends, the devil, prayer, the eye of God, disappointment, hopelessness, recovering from mistakes, sorrow, and death!

**Prerequisite** The course *Look to Jesus* or *Life of Jesus Christ*.

“I found *Thoughts for Young Men* very encouraging and helpful. It is one course I am looking forward to share with others. Even though I am above the “young” age, I still found the course worthwhile as it shed light on things that happened in the past and why they happened. It encouraged me to see the root of problems so I can correct them.” - *Umatilla, Oregon*

“I think this course is the best one I have taken. It was like looking into a mirror and all the clothes that you had on were put on backwards—there’s some serious rearranging that has to be done in my life after completing this study. Sometimes the truth just hurts. This will be read many more times.” - *Elizabeth City, North Carolina*

## In the Footprints of the Lamb

G. Steinberger, Norwegian, 1915

IFL 5 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This course is a very penetrating devotional study of our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who loves us with tender and unspeakable love, and who desires to have intimate fellowship with us. Upon completion, the student will have new understanding and encouragement to deny self and turn to Christ for victory, in all aspects of daily life.

**Outline** *(one booklet including reading and study guide)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
The Way of the Lamb Is Our Life	1
The Light of the Lamb Teaches Us	2
The Goal of the Way Is Others' Salvation	3
The Lamb Is Coming Again	4

**Description** The Lamb of God is not only our Savior, but as sheep in His sheepfold, He is also our daily Shepherd; following in Jesus' footsteps is the key to practical aspects of daily living. The Lamb's way is the path He has set before us, and the path that He Himself walked on the earth. We in fact struggle in useless and defeated self-effort, whenever we step out of His way. It is His strength for His will that sustains us, not our strength or our will. He teaches us to love with His love, to serve, to deny ourselves, to suffer, and to walk by faith.

There is in lesson two a particularly helpful dealing with "self" as the great opposition to the Lamb. The last part of the course is devoted to the outworking of walking in the way of the Lamb: a love for the salvation of others, and an expectant hope for His return that sustains us in all things.

**Prerequisite** Completion of several basic courses, or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

"The course, *In the Footprints of the Lamb*, was the perfect one at this time—by God's grace it was the lesson I needed." - *Cocoa, Florida*

"*In the Footprints of the Lamb* left me with no defense in why I haven't been faithful in my daily watch for Christ. It has shown me how a little sin can lead to a downward spiral called backsliding. With these courses, I've been able to look at what I do and how I walk this Christian walk." - *Wewahitchka, Florida*

"I see my goal must now be to become the Bride of Christ. My life must center on preparing for this." - *Nebraska*

## Profiting from the Word

A. W. Pink, English, 1932

PFW 10 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** "All Scripture," we are told in 2 Timothy 3:16, "is profitable," but how much do we gain from our reading of Scripture, and by what means can we learn to profit more? These fundamental questions provide the theme for this course. Both readable and immensely practical, it has all the characteristics which have led to Pink's recognition as one of the finest Christian writers of the twentieth century.

**Outline** *(one paperback with separate study guide)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
The Scriptures and Sin	1
The Scriptures and God	2
The Scriptures and Christ	3
The Scriptures and Prayer	4
The Scriptures and Good Works	5
The Scriptures and Obedience	6
The Scriptures and the World	7
The Scriptures and the Promises	8
The Scriptures and Joy	9
The Scriptures and Love	10

**Description** Each of the ten lessons in this course presents the subject from Scripture: the lessons about the subject are drawn from the Scriptures themselves. The author presents the doctrinal foundation, and then discusses the practical application of this foundation in our lives: what are we to believe, think, and do with the truth

at hand.

**Prerequisite** Completion of several basic courses, or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

“This study has been an eye-opener. It has aided me in evaluating if and how I am profiting from the Word of God, or if I am just religiously studying it. It has given me many great points to search out to insure my profiting from the Word and that God be glorified by my study and application of His Holy Word. The book will be a great asset to me for review and to help others see and evaluate themselves also.” - *Lillington, North Carolina*

## Holiness

J. C. Ryle, English, 1879

HO1 11 lessons Intermediate

HO2 10 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** These courses are designed for Christians who want to grow in God’s ways, to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

<b>Outline</b>	<u>Lesson</u>
<b>HO1</b> (one paperback with separate study guide)	
What Is Holiness	A-3
The Process of Holiness	4-7
Examples of Holiness	8-10
<b>HO2</b> (one paperback with separate study guide)	
Holiness in Christ	11-13
Practical Holiness	14-15
Heart Motivation	16-19
Christ Is All	20

**Description** These courses use the Christian classic from the nineteenth century, J.C. Ryle’s *Holiness*. It steps the believer through a thorough challenge to all alternatives, and provides positive insight into holiness, God’s calling upon every believer. Throughout the course the author maintains a vigorous exhortation to the student to apply what he is learning personally in the heart. Just as insistently, he demands of the serious disciple that he separate himself from the world, the great enemy of true experiential holiness.

**Prerequisite** Completion of several basic and several intermediate courses, or several years of Bible study.

“I have never seen at work any other course in holiness as rich and wholesome as this. It is a most serious matter to learn about. This course seems to be old, but the principles of the Word of God are indeed for us today.” - *Smyrna, Delaware*

## The Walk of Repentance

Steve Gallagher, American, 1992

WR1-4 24 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** (This course is available through MZ only to prisons and overseas missions. All others, please see the address below.)

*The Walk of Repentance* is an in-depth discipleship study about true repentance: what it is, what it brings about, and what kind of behavior and attitudes we must repent of. But repentance isn’t personal effort; God must work it in your heart. The problem in Christianity today is not a lack of knowledge; it is a lack of living out biblical truth. *The Walk of Repentance* leads the student through 24 weeks of step by step studies for spiritual growth applied to the heart.

<b>Outline</b>	<u>Course</u> (each: one booklet)	<u>Week</u>
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WR1	What is submission and repentance	1-6
WR2	Overcoming selfishness to find fulfillment	7-12
WR3	Wisdom in choices, Love, and Forgiveness	13-18
WR4	Prayer, Spiritual warfare, Meekness	19-24

**Description** *The Walk of Repentance* is designed as a daily discipleship program. It is 24 weeks long, with a lesson for each week, and several questions for each day. In order to receive the benefit of the study, it is imperative for the student to be committed to daily study (and application) of the lessons.

The overall 24 week program is organized into four different courses, WR1 – WR4. Each lasts six weeks and has its own Study Guide. Each week has a theme, with daily questions related to that theme. Upon completion of each course, the student is mailed the next course in the series.

In addition, most lessons conclude with a biographical sketch of a Christian who demonstrated the particular theme of that week. The combination of Bible study, personal questions, day by day practical life application, and encouraging examples, can produce the desired result of all Christian endeavor: humility in heart, peace and joy in our attitudes, love for our fellow men, and glory to God.

**Prerequisite** *Man’s Ruin* or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

**Contact** For copies outside of prisons and overseas, please contact directly:  
*Pure Life Ministries; PO Box 410; Dry Ridge, Kentucky 41035*  
*(859) 824-4444, fax: (859) 824-5159*

## Spiritual Foundations for Ministry

Horatius Bonar, Scottish, 1866

SFM 5 lessons Advanced

**Aim** Intended for pastors and church leaders, this course focuses on one’s personal intimate spiritual communion with God, as the only firm foundation for ministering in a way that is both pleasing to God and blessed by Him. *Note: the course is designed only for the independent study method, without mailing of answers for feedback.*

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Importance of “Living Ministry”	1
	The Minister’s True Life and Walk	2
	Past Defects	3
	Ministerial Confession	4
	Revival in the Ministry	5

**Description** *Spiritual Foundations* is designed only for *independent study*, without mailing lessons. We recommend that the student meet occasionally for review with a local pastor, elder, or other mature person, who can answer specific questions and provide personal discipleship feedback.

The course provides guidance for reawakening spiritual hunger and fervor in ministering to others, when the church leader may be feeling like a “dried-up cistern”. The course uses “Words to Winners of Souls” by Bonar to examine the only source for effective ministry: the power of God flowing through us to others via the indwelling Holy Spirit. The reality of our *lives*, not our *performance*, makes the difference in eternal results. A strength of the course is a “ministerial confession,” which uses a long list of symptoms (from a Scottish work of 1651) to illumine the true nature of burn-out or complacency in ministry. The final lesson applies the principles to encourage true revival in the heart: not a temporary ‘shot-in-the-arm’, but a clear pointing forward in glorious fellowship with our First Love, Jesus Christ.

**Prerequisite** Currently be in a position of church leadership or teacher of others, or actively preparing for such a role.

“The course, *Spiritual Foundations*, has marked a real turning point in my life. I am forever indebted to the Lord for your efforts in Him.” - Ansted, West Virginia

# The Life of Jesus Christ

LC1-2 13 lessons Basic level

LC3 13 lessons Basic level

**Aim** *The Life of Jesus Christ* is a broad overview of the life of Christ, presented as it unfolded geographically and chronologically. LC1-2 are developed especially for a very easy reading level, with fill-in-the-blank questions. It might be appropriate for early teens in home schools, or adults with English as a second language or junior high level education.

LC3 covers the same material, but at a normal reading level, with more challenging “look up and consider” questions based on the biblical texts.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(each course: one booklet)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	The Birth and Childhood of Jesus	1
	Jesus Ministers in Galilee	2-3
	Jesus Shows His Deity	4-6
	Jesus Proclaims His Deity	7-9
	The Last Week, Resurrection, Ascension	10-13

**Description** The basic reading level version of *The Life of Jesus Christ* consists of two courses. LC1 includes Jesus’ birth, baptism, and ministry in Galilee until mid-way in His third year of public ministry. LC2 begins there, follows His ministry in Judea and Perea, and concludes with His crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

LC1 and LC2 consist of 48-page booklets, of six and seven lessons respectively. The lessons involve reading passages selected from the four *Gospels* in chronological sequence. The questions are designed to review the facts of Jesus’ life, and to answer the important question, “Who is Jesus?” Most questions are answered by filling in simple facts or missing words in the Bible quotations. Some are aimed at application to the heart and personal beliefs.

Course LC3 consists of all 13 lessons in one 72-page booklet, with questions aimed at more reflection, integration, and consideration.

**Prerequisite** None.

“Through this study I’ve been given the tools and Scriptures to seek the Lord fully without looking back. Every time I think of anything I think of God’s Word; when I’m tempted, Scripture comes to mind.” - *Lexington, Oklahoma*

“This has given me a greater appreciation for the rich teachings in the Gospels. I sometimes get stuck in the epistles. But the Gospels are the foundation of my salvation. I’ve realized that the life of Jesus is not just past facts, but He is still healing the spiritually blind and lame. He is still seeking and saving the lost. He lives, and so do His teachings. This study made me think about who Jesus is.” - *Imperial, California*

“We had a fantastic study and found LC3 to be very enlightening, to refresh memory concerning significant things that I need to pay more closer attention to in the daily walk.” - *Arcadia, Florida*

“What a wonderful and powerful course. I got hooked on it. Usually I complete one lesson a week, but I could not stay away from this one and learned a lot.” - *Represa, Georgia*

“Jesus’ life is very exciting and inspirational when told in chronological order using all four Gospels. I have enjoyed this study more than any others I have done, and the Holy Spirit has increased my spiritual appetite.” - *Whiteville, Tennessee*

“I enjoyed this. I felt I was reflecting on times that I was actually with Jesus. I had to look at the story slowly and think about what I was reading.” - *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

“I gained a new understanding about “the rich young ruler” I have been confused about for some time. Scripture shows us that only Christ was pure and sinless; therefore He is the only one good because He is divine. The lessons have helped me a great deal in confirming my faith, and who Christ really is, and what He accomplished at Calvary for everyone who believes, and how to deal with the Muslims who deride me daily.” - *Bowling Green, Florida*

“This course has caused me to really search my heart (is it real or not?). Am I truly resting in Jesus’ finished work or trying to add my own? I feel I have grown more knowledgeable of my Lord.” - *Imperial, California*

“I’ve done many other studies on the life of Christ, but I like the in-depth format of this one. It helps me stay focused on God.” - *Douglas, Arizona*

## Joy in the Gospel of John

V. R. Benson, American, 1980

JG1-3 13 lessons Basic

**Aim** In very simplified lessons, “Joy” is designed to lead the student to see Jesus Christ more clearly, to believe in Him for eternal life, and to reject the old life of sin.

<b>Outline</b>	<u>Lesson</u>
<b>Course JG1</b> <i>(one booklet including reading &amp; study guide)</i>	
Beginnings of Ministry	1-2
The First Passover	3-4
<b>Course JG2</b> <i>(one booklet including reading &amp; study guide)</i>	
Preaching and Teaching	5-8
<b>Course JG3</b> <i>(one booklet including reading &amp; study guide)</i>	
Opposition and Love	9-11
Death, Burial, and Resurrection	12-13

**Description** “Joy” communicates the joy of knowing and walking with Jesus, by stepping with Him through the pages of the Gospel of John. Selected portions of the Gospel are included in the study guide together with study questions. No additional materials are needed.

The questions are of three types: fill-in-the-blank from the Scripture passages, open-ended responses to “who, what, and where” questions, and memorization of Scripture.

The life of Jesus Christ is a life filled with miracles, essential truths, and a clear revelation of God. To look at these truths is a blessing indeed.

**Prerequisite** None.

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*P.O. Box 120; New Paris, IN 46553-0120; USA*  
*(574) 831-2111 mailroom@wmpress.org www.wmpress.org*

“How appropriately named this study is, as joy and encouragement are reinforced on every page. I enjoyed taking it and being uplifted by it.”

## The Story of the Puritans

Erroll Hulse, British, 2000

SOP 4 lessons Basic level

**Aim** The course is designed as a simple yet compelling introduction to the Puritans and their works. Pastors and churches can use *The Story of the Puritans* to introduce the classic teachings of the Reformation to their congregations and friends.

<b>Outline</b>	<u>Lesson</u>
<i>(one booklet including reading and study guide)</i>	
The Relevance of the Puritans	1
The Beginnings of the Puritans (1558-1603)	2
The Full Flowering of the Puritans (1603-1662)	3
An Explanation and the Legacy	4

**Description** *The Story of the Puritans* is a concise summary of one of the most important eras in church history, when brave men applied the pure Words of Scripture to their lives, and lived and died for Jesus Christ—leaving us in their writings a legacy of truth for all ages. The main tenets of the Puritan teachings are reviewed, as well as the historical setting in which they worked. Indeed, because of their sufferings, their intensity of commitment can be very motivating as we seek in this day to be separated from this world and walking with Christ in purity and truth. The keen insights of the Puritans in the literal truth of the Bible will encourage many to begin learning from their writings on a regular basis.

Many will want to continue their growth in understanding by reading the Puritan works which are in print, and taking the church history courses from MZBI.

**Prerequisite** Several of the basic courses, or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

“I had subscribed to most of the caricatures perceptions of the Puritans before reading this book. I was amazed to learn of the large body of writing they have left us as a legacy—worth reading again.” – *Petersburg, Virginia*

## Mark’s Sketchbook of Christ

H. J. Tenny, American, 1956

MSC 16 lessons Basic

**Aim** *(Available through Mount Zion only to prison inmates. All others should contact the address below.)* This is a Bible study for those with little or no biblical background, using the *Gospel of Mark* as the text, and employing a fill-in-the-blank style workbook as the means. It combines the best features of the inductive study method with an integrated outline and comprehensive review.

*Note: the course is designed only for the independent study method, without mailing of answers for feedback.*

**Outline** *(one workbook)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
The Great Miracle Worker	1-5
Opposition and Proofs	6-10
The Last Week and Resurrection	11-16

**Description** The *Gospel of Mark* is a series of scenes from the life of Christ, and tells more of what He did than what He taught. The scenes are sketched rapidly one after another, presenting Him as the great miracle worker as well as the great teacher. Anyone enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who reads this account of Jesus’ life and deeds, will be driven to the conclusion of the Roman centurion at the cross: “Truly this man was the Son of God” (Mark 15:39). *Mark’s Sketchbook of Christ* effectively captures the pace and texture of the daily activity of Jesus. Using a structured chapter by chapter outline, the student fills in answers taken directly from the biblical account. The life of Jesus unfolds chronologically, geographically, and dynamically in His ministry to real people for changed lives.

**Prerequisite** Completion of several basic courses.

**Contact** Mount Zion purchases these courses for distribution directly to prison inmates. (Limited availability necessitates that it be used only for individual study distributed from Mount Zion.) All others should contact a local Christian bookstore or the publisher:  
*The Banner of Truth Trust*  
PO Box 621; Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013 USA

“*Mark’s Sketchbook* has been a real blessing, particularly the outlines were easily understood without any confusion. After completion, I read *Mark* from three different Bibles and thoroughly enjoyed the opening of the Scriptures.” - *Arcadia, Florida*

## Fundamentals of the Faith

Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA, 1991

FOF 13 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** *(Available through Mount Zion only to prison inmates, overseas missions, and native pastors. All others should contact the address below.)*

Many thousands of people around the world have used this course to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. Its

purpose is to assist each student to personally apply biblical truth in obedience and service.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	The Bible	1-2
	God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit	3-7
	The Believer's Personal Walk with Christ	8,12,13
	The Believer's Life in the Church	9-11

**Description** On Sunday mornings at Grace Community Church in California, small groups of people gather in *Fundamentals of the Faith* classes to use this course, which blends basic biblical truths with personal obedience and service. Many have trusted Christ as Lord and Savior as a result of the light God brings through the lessons. Many young believers also take the course to grow in their understanding of biblical truths.

The lessons cover a variety of essential topics, including both fundamental Bible doctrines and Christian practice. Doctrines include the attributes of God, deity of Christ, ministry of the Holy Spirit, and inspiration of the Bible. Practices include Bible study methods, prayer, spiritual gifts, knowing God's will, holiness, evangelism, and church fellowship/worship. Questions require analysis and integration of the biblical information. Each lesson involves looking up the relevant Scripture passages and answering open-ended questions.

**Prerequisite** Complete basic and intermediate courses, or several years Bible study.

**Contact** The publisher has given permission to Mount Zion to reprint the course for free distribution in prisons and overseas. All others should contact:  
*Grace Community Church (800) 472-2315*  
*13248 Roscoe Blvd.; Sun Valley, CA 91352 USA*

## New Testament Survey

Stanford E. Murrell, American, 1999

NT1 13 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This course aims to glorify Jesus Christ as the mediator of the new covenant by His shed blood at Calvary's cross. It then illustrates the believer's practical responsibilities, including Christian growth and church functioning, as revealed in the pages of the 27 books of the New Testament. Overall, the text provides many aspects of study found in a Study Bible: book introductions and backgrounds, outlines, and key information about each author.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one paperback with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Historical Backgrounds	1
	The Gospels and Acts	2 - 6
	The Pauline Letters	7 - 10
	The General Letters	11 - 12
	<i>The Revelation</i>	13

**Description** *A Survey of the New Testament* is an attempt to capture the history, events, people, and the Person as they converged in the first century to change man's relation to God forever. We enter into a bustling Middle Eastern crossroads: between the Messiah and His Church; between Jewish and Greek cultures; between peace and persecution, past and future, tradition and Truth, timidity and triumph (and even superhuman courage); between the wisdom of man as represented in the ruling authorities of the day and the wisdom of God emblazoned through the Holy Spirit upon the unlikely heroes – fishermen and a once-blinded Pharisee.

The central figure is the carpenter's Son, revealed to the world in these pages of Scripture as the King of kings. Today as then, we can know Him personally as *Jesus* — our Savior, our Lord, and our God!

**Prerequisite** *Man's Ruin*, or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

"I must say, the *New Testament Survey* is the most in-depth and interesting Bible correspondence course that I've had the pleasure to study. At present, I am studying with seven different Bible study institutes/ministries!" - *Florida*

"I found *New Testament Survey* to be quite refreshing. My roommate and I shared it all. It has helped me to better understand our Lord, who God is, and how we are accountable to Him." - *Arcadia, Florida*

"This has been a difficult but enlightening study. I have learned much, but more importantly I see how little I truly know."

# The Church in History - A

Stanford E. Murrell, American, 1998

GS2 19 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This is a broad perspective of the developing institutions of the Christian Church, demonstrating both God's power and man's rush toward sin apart from Him. The student will gain an appreciation for the early development of Christian thought, the continual need for watchfulness, and our profound debt to those who fought to preserve the true faith of the Gospel through the Dark and Middle Ages.

**Outline** *(one paperback with separate study guide)* Lesson  
*Part 1: When the Church Was Young (AD 33-754)*  
Beginnings, Trials, and Foundations 1 - 3  
Constantine, Councils, and Creeds 4 - 6  
Fall of Rome and Rise of Islam 7 - 8  
*Part 2: The Church in the Middle Ages (754-1517)*  
Growth in the Power of the Papacy 9 - 11  
The Church versus the State 12 - 15  
The Crusades, Corruption, Challenge 16 - 19

**Description** This course consists of Parts 1 and 2 of the four part series entitled *A Glorious Institution: The Church in History*, which encompasses the breadth of Church history from its beginnings up to the present day.

*Part 1: When the Church Was Young AD 33 - 754* focuses on the early growth of the Christian Church as it developed from a small assembly of believers in Jerusalem, to become a vast spiritual kingdom touching the lives of millions in many lands. Part one includes the Church's beginnings, its miraculous spread, its sufferings, the early heresies and creeds of faith, and the spread of Islam.

*Part 2: The Church in the Middle Ages AD 754 - 1517* focuses on the history of the Church from the days of Charlemagne to the dawn of the Reformation. It was during these Middle Ages that the Church divided in two, forming an "Eastern" and a "Western Church."

Part 2 includes the increasing power of the Papacy, the politics of mixing with the State, the rise of monasticism, the Crusades, heresies, the Inquisition, and attempts at reform.

**Prerequisite** *Man's Ruin—God's Redemption* or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

"Wow; I got a lot out of this course! It really challenged me and caused me to do some research of my own. I found it enlightening and of tremendous value. This lesson will be with me for a very long time." - *Represa, California*

"I am fascinated with this church history course. I took notes which I will review for better retention. I pray that God will help those who mistakenly blame Christianity for the heinous crimes done by so-called "Christians," who were not Christians, but went off course and need to repent." - *Wilmington, Delaware*

"You may not like what I have to say, but this is the message I find has been placed on my heart during the study of *The Church in History, part A*. This overall course is wrong. I get no spiritual pleasure or enlightenment out of it whatsoever. In your past courses I've learned about our Lord Jesus Christ and really enjoyed the spiritual uplift I got from them. I didn't want to stop, and that explains why each course only took a month or two. In this course there was hate, serious power struggles of the worse kind, and the religious leaders trying to play God through the time period covered. The sad part is that not too much has changed. I have to admit that I didn't care for what this study talked about. That's what makes it such a good study. I would have never believed about some past religious leaders until I did this study. I recommend that many other young Christians get involved in this course." - *Ontario, Oregon*

# The Church in History - B

Stanford E. Murrell, American, 1998

GS3 20 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This course presents a concise and dramatic overview of the major movements which have shaped the modern Christian Church. Our eyes are opened to both the sovereignty of God in building His Church, and the precarious fight for purity which has been fought continuously since the earliest days of the Reformation. How this struggle continues in our own day, together with an understanding of the historical foundations involved, is a key result of the course.

**Outline** *(one paperback with separate study guide)* Lesson  
*Part 3: The Reformation & Its Aftermath (1517-1648)*  
Luther and the German Reformation 1 - 3  
Calvin and the Swiss Reformation 4  
Reactions, and Spread to the North 5 - 6  
Scotland, England, and Counter-Reform 7 - 10  
Denominations and Theologies 11 - 12  
*Part 4: The Church in the Modern Age (1648-1900s)*  
Mysticism, Modernism, Missions 13 - 15  
The New World & World Revivals 16 - 17  
Cults, Truth, and Facing the Future 18 - 20

**Description** This course consists of parts 3 and 4 of the four part series entitled *A Glorious Institution: The Church in History*, which encompasses the breadth of Church history from its beginnings up to the present day.

*Part 3: The Reformation and Its Aftermath 1517 - 1648* observes this tremendous upheaval in the history of the Church. Brave men were transforming the spiritual Church into conformity with God's inerrant Word, in deliberate departure from the traditions of men. It is an unfolding drama, not just historical facts. First we live with Luther through his increasing conviction that sparked the Reformation in Germany. Then we see Zwingli, Calvin, and Farel in Switzerland lay a strong basis for further reform--at great cost. We are swept along with the spread of the flame to France, The Netherlands, and Scotland under Knox. In England, we are confronted by the incredible struggle for supremacy between popes, monarchs, and ideas.

We see the forces of Counter-Reformation in the Roman Catholic Church, concluding with the Council of Trent. In the years following the Reformation, not everyone agreed as to the exact teaching of the Bible on many important issues, and different Protestant denominations were established. And within Protestantism, Arminianism arose as an alternative to the orthodox faith of the Reformation, known today as Calvinism.

*Part Four: The Church in the Modern Age 1648 - 1900s* is the account of the incredible difficulty man has, when given freedom to study the scriptures, to avoid false doctrines springing out of pride and greed. Cults began as new religious movements departed from the historic creeds of Christendom, in favor of personal 'revelation' and individual interpretations. Nevertheless, "our God reigns," and there were Great Awakenings as the Holy Spirit revived true Christianity repeatedly, and brought evangelical missions movements worldwide. Though it faces real challenges, the Church Triumphant continues to grow and to be a blessing to the world.

**Prerequisite** *Man's Ruin—God's Redemption* or equivalent firm foundation in salvation.

"I just finished the course *The Church in History, Part B*. What a great book! I learned much and will keep the set to go back for reference over and over again. Besides learning so much about the people, one of the main things I saw was that nothing has changed: false doctrine and church problems are everywhere. We need the Lord!" - *Yazoo City, Mississippi*

# Methods of Bible Study

Paul Dreblow, American, 2002

MB1 8 lessons Advanced

MB2 10 lessons Advanced

**Aim** To introduce and develop the most important and useful basic Bible study knowledge and skills.

<b>Outline</b>	<b>MB1</b> <i>(one booklet including reading &amp; study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Basic Issues - motivation, authority, nature of study	1-2
	Accuracy, Trustworthiness, Unity of Scripture	3-4
	Approaches to Interpretation; LGM Method	5-6
	Guidelines and Summary	7-8
	<b>MB2</b> <i>(one booklet including reading &amp; study guide)</i>	
	Observation and Interpretative Questions	1-3
	Section Titles and Context	4-6
	Cross References, Outlines, and Word Studies	7-10

**Description** The first course introduces the foundational principles for effective Bible study and interpretation. The goal is explained: to understand the meaning intended by the author. A reverence for the authority of Scripture is upheld. Finally, the LGM Method (Literal-Grammatical-Historical) is explained as the only way to understand the meaning intended by the author.

In course two (which is designed to be taken immediately upon completion of MB1), basic methods for gathering facts and interpreting them are explained. The process for creating section titles and outlines is described, with practical exercises (to learn by doing). The last half of the courses is devoted to practical methods for identifying the historical and literary context, understanding cross references, outlining, and doing word studies.

**Prerequisite** Completion of the basic and intermediate courses.

“This small study has been so helpful. Before when I read Scripture, I strained as if somehow I would miss something hidden. But now the Word has come alive; it is so natural now to study it simply by the LGH method. This is a blessing.” - *Corcoran, California*

“I now study looking for every detail in each verse. I want to know why does this verse say this, and how?...This study is priceless and I will continue to go over this course. I can’t imagine my life without it. I believe that this course is an absolute for all Christians if they ever want to be able to learn the science of interpreting God’s Word.” - *Imperial, California*

# Biblical Eldership

Alexander Strauch, American, 1987

BEL 6 lessons Advanced

**Aim** This material is designed to help remedy the confusion which exists in most churches today over eldership. Hopefully, it will motivate you to study further the biblical teaching on eldership, and actively to discuss among your own church leadership how to become more truly biblical according to the New Testament pattern.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one reading booklet with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	The Problem	1
	Biblical Eldership Defined	2-4
	New Testament Patterns for Leadership Structure	5
	Conclusions	6

**Description** *Biblical Eldership* has been written as a direct consequence of the author’s personal involvement in serving as an elder for 15 years in a biblical church. During this time he has spoken in many churches and consulted with many church leaderships. He has seen first hand the terrible consequences of alternative leadership structures which often look more like the world than they do the New Testament pattern.

The course thoroughly defines eldership according to the New Testament principles: pastoral, shared,

male, qualified, and servant. Then it steps through all the related biblical passages to develop the principles from the Scriptures themselves. It also develops a brief Biblical ecclesiology for understanding what a true New Testament church should be.

**Prerequisite** Most of the basic courses and many of the intermediate courses, or years of experience in Bible study.

“I am so impressed with your courses and lesson materials. These are the best ones that I have reviewed and so absolutely timely: *Holiness, Biblical Eldership, and The Story of the Puritans.*”

“Another great and timely lesson. This has been most informative and enlightening.” - *Louisiana*

## The Pilgrim’s Progress

John Bunyan, English, 1678

PL1p 10 lessons Basic

PL1t 10 lessons Basic

**Aim** *The Pilgrim’s Progress* has proven itself fresh with Bible insight for every generation, because it is an *allegory* (a story in which the people, things, and happenings have a symbolic meaning).

This course is offered at two levels. PL1p uses as a reading supplement *The Pilgrim’s Progress in Pictures*, which consists of simple illustrations on every page with short captions. Thus the course is suitable for those with easy reading levels: early teens in home schools, or adults with English as a second language.

PL1t uses a 48-page condensed version of *The Pilgrim’s Progress* as a reading text. The questions for PL1p and PL1t are fill-in-the-blank type, using the same study guide. Either PL1p or PL1t should be taken, but not both.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	Conviction of Sin and Salvation	1 - 3
	The Christian’s Walk through the World	4 - 6
	True and False Teachings	7 - 8
	Entering Glory!	9 - 10

**Description** *The Pilgrim’s Progress* has been continuously in print ever since its first edition in 1678. It is the most popular book ever printed other than the Bible!

John Bunyan memorized much of the Bible and *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*. He was deeply committed to clear communication of love for God. Arrested for preaching the gospel in 17<sup>th</sup> century England, he penned *The Pilgrim’s Progress* while he was in prison for 12 years!

The allegorical story follows Christian from his awakening of belief in the coming judgment, through regeneration by faith alone and removal of all his burdens, into doubts, fears, temptations, and trials, and finally to victorious entry into the city of God.

**Prerequisite** None.

“How much I enjoyed this study! I now understand how my walk with Christ is supposed to be, and I see more clearly the obstacles that stand in my way, and how the Word of God will help me to stay on the path. - *Texas*

## The Attributes of God

A. W. Pink, British, 1930

ATR 12 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** *The Attributes of God* is one of the classic books in Christianity. Surely the subject is foundational to truly knowing God, which is foundational to the Christian faith. A. W. Pink was a master expositor of God’s Word. The course includes his classic text and questions for each of the 19 characteristics examined.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one paperback with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	The Knowledge of God	1 - 3
	The Sovereignty of God	4
	The Personal Aspects of God	5 - 10

**Description** A spiritual and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every human creature. The foundation of all true knowledge of God must be a clear mental apprehension of His attributes as revealed in Scripture. An unknown God can neither be trusted, served, nor worshipped. In this study an effort is made to set forth the principle perfections of the divine character.

It must be more than a theoretical knowledge of Him. God is only truly known in the soul as we yield ourselves to Him, submit to His authority, and regulate all the details of our lives by His holy commandments. This study, therefore, has a focus on application to the heart.

**Prerequisite** *Man's Ruin—God's Redemption* (or equivalent firm foundation in salvation), and Bible study experience.

"I found the *Attributes of God* to be a very in-depth and comprehensive course. Most courses, while of value and benefit for me, didn't have the prolonged impact this one seems to have. I would finish a lesson and would see and comprehend that attribute of God in my everyday life." - *Represa, California*

"Never has a study so challenged my thoughts and broadened my understanding. There is so much more to God than what the average preacher is preaching. What a great study!" - *Lancaster, California*

## Doctrines of Grace in the Gospel of John

R. Bruce Steward, American

DGJ 7 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This course examines the Biblical basis for the five points of Calvinism, using the Gospel of John. Upon completion, the student will be encouraged toward increased worship, humility, and devotion before God.

**Outline** *(one booklet including reading and study guide)*

	<u>Lesson</u>
Introduction	1
Total Depravity	2
Unconditional Election	3
Limited Atonement	4
Irresistible Grace	5
Persistence of the Saints	6
Closing Remarks	7

**Description** *The Doctrines of Grace* is an overview of all scriptures in the Gospel of John which relate to the five classical doctrines of salvation (known as T.U.L.I.P.), and an explanation of these doctrines. They follow the historic interpretations of Augustine, John Calvin, George Whitefield, Charles Spurgeon, and other orthodox reformed Protestants. They were formulated at the Synod of Dort in 1619, in an official response to the proposals of the followers of Jacobus Arminius (who had died in 1609).

Understanding both the doctrines and how they fit together will resolve some conflicts in individual believers today: increased worship of the Sovereign God (bowing to His authority), humility before God (exalting Him versus ourselves), and devotion to God in worship, witness, and works.

**Prerequisite** Completion of many basic and intermediate courses, or equivalent Bible study experience.

## 1689 London Confession of Faith

Pastors in England, 1689

LBC 13 lessons Intermediate

**Aim** This course presents one of the most important statements of faith in all the history of the Church, in a way that makes the basic evangelical doctrines for faith and practice both understandable and meaningful to students today.

<b>Outline</b>	<i>(one booklet including text and study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	God and the Scriptures	1-5
	Christ and Salvation	6-18
	The Law and the Saint	19-24
	The Church	25-30
	Eternal Life	31-32

**Description** Together with the *Westminster Confession* upon which it was based, the historic *London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689* stands as one of the most important statements of conservative evangelical understanding, telling us what the Bible says about the Faith. Because it was written in the century following the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, and because the English language itself had matured, it presents both timeless truths which have not changed, and one of the most clear statements of those truths, unhampered by modern issues and contentions.

The study goes through the topics of the *Confession* in sequence, asks the student to look up in the Bible the key references, and pin-points the meaning of key statements in the *Confession* itself. It is invaluable to the layman for personal enlightenment, to the church for group discussion and unity, and to the pastor for building up his flock.

**Prerequisite** Completion of several basic and several intermediate courses, or several years of Bible study experience.

“This by far has to be one of the most profound and enlightening studies I have done with Mt. Zion. They have all helped me to grow in grace, but this one is challenging to my maturity in Christ. I really enjoy the thought-provoking questions that the studies from others do not incorporate.” - *Las Animas, Colorado*

## The Holy Spirit - A (HS1)

## The Holy Spirit - B (HS2)

A. W. Pink, British, 1935

HS1 13 lessons Advanced

HS2 13 lessons Advanced

**Aim** *The Holy Spirit* courses are in-depth analyses from Scripture of all aspects of the Holy Spirit: who He is and what He does. Upon completion, the student will have a wonderful, joyful reverence for the active working of the Spirit, both in salvation and sanctification.

<b>Outline</b>	<b>HS1</b> <i>(one paperback with separate study guide)</i>	<u>Lesson</u>
	The Person of the Spirit	1 - 3
	Aspects in Old and New Testaments	4
	The Work of the Spirit in <i>Salvation</i>	5 - 13
	<b>HS2</b> <i>(same paperback and separate study guide)</i>	
	In Salvation	1 - 2
	In <i>Sanctification</i>	3 - 5
	In Enabling	6 - 7
	In Practicality	8 - 9
	In Confidence	10 - 13

**Description** These two courses use the same text book, HS1 covering the first 16 chapters, and HS2 covering the final 15 chapters. They are studies of all aspects of the Holy Spirit revealed in Scripture, good resources in light of both the modern day excesses and denials of the Spirit’s ministry. Both the objective and subjective aspects are analyzed from Scripture. The Spirit is presented as the Third Person of the Trinity: definitely a Person and not a mystical spiritual “force.” As part of ‘Who He is,’ His deity, titles and covenant-offices are examined. Then the heart of these studies presents the work of the Holy Spirit in relation to Christ: always to glorify Christ and manifest Him to the believer.

In *Part I*, there are individual lessons devoted to the work of the Spirit toward the believer in *salvation*: regeneration, quickening, enlightening to truth, convicting of sin, comforting instead of self-comfort, drawing to faith (and in fact granting faith), ending in spiritual peace and joy.

In *Part II*, the focus is briefly on the Spirit's work in regeneration, and then the very practical aspects of *sanctification*: teaching, cleansing from sin (mortification), leading, assuring, interceding, and preserving unto the end.

**Prerequisite** Several years experience in serious Bible study, or completion of several basic *and* several intermediate courses from MZBI.

“Thanks for another great course. This is the best I have ever read or studied on the Holy Spirit. We never know how sick we really are down inside. I thought I was going crazy, but it was the Spirit showing me how desperately wicked I am.” - *Ranch Cucamonga, California*

“I may be finished with the lessons for *The Holy Spirit*, but I will never be finished with the course. It is a blessing to learn from the Word and be able to use that which is learned. The courses I have taken with you have helped me to grow so much spiritually in the past 18 months. The more I study the Word, the more I need to know.” - *Wewahitchka, Florida*

“The courses *The Holy Spirit, parts A and B* answered so many of my questions, concerns, and doubts. They led me to a deeper relationship with my God, and a beautiful experience as a result. I don't use your books to replace the Bible, but I've read your free paperbacks several times.” - *Lancaster, California*

“Some chapters are heavy! The way the Holy Spirit deals with a soul is amazing! I examine myself to see if I've been dealt with according to the manner described.” - *Bristol, Florida*

## Appendix 1: Notes

1. The ‘Basis of Salvation’ series is comprised of six courses. We always recommend to start with *Look to Jesus*. The next two are similar to each other: *Ruin—Redemption* and *All of Grace*. We recommend to take *Ruin—Redemption* next, which deals with conviction of sin and salvation, and then *All of Grace*, which deals with God's grace in salvation for the awakened sinner. The student may choose differently based on the aspect in which God is currently speaking to him. The other courses are dependent upon a solid grounding in salvation, and should be taken only after *Ruin—Redemption*, or similar basis of understanding.
  - a. *Look to Jesus* The salvation of sinners by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - b. *Man's Ruin—God's Redemption* The nature and depth of man's sin, and God's complete salvation in Christ as our substitutionary sacrifice.
  - c. *All of Grace* The beauty and completeness of God's grace in salvation toward undeserving sinners.
  - d. *Biblical Repentance* What the Bible says about God's call to repentance and faith, and how we need to walk in continual repentance.
  - e. *The True versus False Gospel* Recognizing the grace of God in saving undeserving sinners, and the error in “making a decision for Christ” with no real commitment to Christ.
  - f. *Saving Faith: Its Meaning and Object* Bowing to Christ's authority (total commitment to Him, seeing His work as all a work of God), and His supreme worth. The course presents how man's “free will” and God's sovereignty act in salvation.
2. If both courses in the series ‘Prayer’ are to be taken, we suggest to begin with *Call*, and then take *Hidden Life*:
  - a. *A Call to Prayer* Exhortation for commitment in regular private prayer.
  - b. *The Hidden Life of Prayer* Equipping about how to pray.

## Appendix 2: Course Availability

**Foreign Branches of MZBI** offer the courses in their own local ministries. MZBI provides the courses at no charge, and a local administrator provides enrollments, distribution, and discipleship feedback. To become a branch, a local pastor or missionary must apply with 3 pastoral references.

**North American Satellites of MZBI** also offer the courses in their own local ministries. Typically these are churches that use the courses in discipleship, Sunday Schools, home groups, or local jails. Some offer the courses as a ministry outreach to the community or by mail throughout their state. Please write for an application.

**Foreign Languages** Several courses have been translated into foreign languages, and may be available through a local branch of MZBI.

### *Spanish*

All of Grace

At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry

Attributes of God

Biblical Repentance

Doctrines of Grace in the Gospel of John

Hidden Life of Prayer

In the Footprints of the Lamb

Life of Jesus Christ

London Confession of Faith

Look to Jesus

Pilgrim's Progress

Thoughts for Young Men

True vs. False Gospel

### *Russian*

True vs. False Gospel

### *Burmese (Myanmar)*

Man's Ruin—God's Redemption

True vs. False Gospel

Saving Faith: It's Meaning and Object

A Call to Prayer

The Hidden Life of Prayer

### *Chichewa (Malawi)*

The Doctrines of Grace in the Gospel of John

We are willing to print other courses in foreign languages. We are awaiting the Lord's timing in raising up those to do quality translations on a *volunteer* basis. The translator would need to do the translation, key into a word processor on a PC, do a thorough grammar check, do the desk top publishing layout into a large booklet format (like this catalogue), and send us a disk ready for printing.

## Appendix 3: Course Prices

*Prices are for use when multiple courses are needed in North America other than in prisons. We give individual copies without charge. Prices include all materials. Courses not listed here are used by Mount Zion only for prison ministry and are not available for sale.*

### **Salvation**

Look to Jesus (LTJ)	\$0.97
Man's Ruin – God's Redemption (MRG)	4.11
All of Grace (AOG)	4.60
Biblical Repentance (BRN)	0.97
The True versus False Gospel (TFG)	2.76
Saving Faith: Its Meaning and Object (DT101)	2.33

### **Practical Walk**

A Call to Prayer (CTP)	1.27
The Hidden Life of Prayer (HLP)	1.55

Thoughts for Young Men	1.27
In the Footprints of the Lamb (IFL)	1.27
Holiness – part 1 (HO1)	4.49
Holiness – part 2 (HO2)	4.99
Spiritual Foundations for Ministry (SFM)	2.13

### **General Studies**

The Life of Jesus Christ – part 1 (LC1)	1.27
The Life of Jesus Christ – part 2 (LC2)	1.17
The Life of Jesus Christ (LC3)	1.65
Joy in the Gospel of John – part 1 (JG1)	0.88
Joy in the Gospel of John – part 2 (JG2)	0.97
Joy in the Gospel of John – part 3 (JG3)	0.97
The Story of the Puritans (SOP)	1.17
New Testament Survey (NT1)	5.59
The Church in History – A (GS2)	4.71
The Church in History – B (GS3)	5.87
Methods of Bible Study – part 1 (MB1)	1.17
Methods of Bible Study – part 2 (MB2)	1.27
Biblical Eldership (BEL)	0.97

### **Doctrine**

The Pilgrim’s Progress (PL1p or PL1t)	2.43
The Attributes of God (ATR)	3.64
Doctrines of Grace in the Gospel of John (DGJ)	1.27
1689 London Confession of Faith (LBC))	1.75
The Holy Spirit – part 1 (HS1)	5.68
The Holy Spirit – part 2 (HS2)	0.78

## **Appendix 4: Comments from Students**

“I am overwhelmed by the glorious opportunity it is to be able to minister one-on-one as I grade the courses. I don’t know that I have ever been involved in such a worthwhile work as this. I truly believe many have been drawn close to Christ by glorious cords of love by the means of these courses. Some of the students show tremendous evidence of an inward working of the Holy Spirit in their lives.” - *(from a grader) Cabot, Arkansas*

“I am thankful to God for leading me to these studies. By the will of God, He has changed my life completely. And I give God all the glory for His blessing.” - *Corcoran, California*

“I have kept all the previous study guides, course books, and returned answers. I plan to hold onto them and continue going back over them as I continue in growth with the Lord.” - *Mayo, Florida*

“I received my lessons back with your comments. At first I was mad—my toes had been stepped on! Today after praying, I can say I am truly thankful my lessons were graded by you. After taking your comments to prayer, I was able to see what you were saying: I was studying my Bible but never really opening my heart. It’s easy to see that in others, but hard to see in yourself. So, once again, thank you.” - *Huntsville, Texas*

“I value your Bible studies so much; the old world historical value of Ryle and Spurgeon really caught my eye. What a treat for these people to come alive through the Holy Spirit to teach me!” - *Raiford, Florida*

“The book was excellent for explaining the major issues. We would not have been able to afford more expensive books. However, I do believe we have found the best book to use. I know it is because of the sacrifices of many others.” - *(a teacher at a Christian school) Bryan, Texas*

“Currently we have 44 active students and a total of 63 completed studies. Our goal is to return the corrected lesson along with the next lesson within 24 hours. We also offer the courses to the staff.” - *(from a Chaplain) Mitchells, Virginia*

“I would like to thank the one who gave me written feedback on my answers. He wrote a comment that could not have come at a better time in my life. It uplifted and encouraged me to keep on going through a very hard time.” - *Represa, California*

“What a book; what a study! Man, did I need it! So many things pointed out made me look in the mirror at myself. It was as if God was pointing His finger at me.” - *Daytona Beach, Florida*

“I learned that you must love from the heart and not the mind. My life has changed since I began my studies with you. Thanks be to God for helping a sinner like me and bringing me to the light.” - *Waynesburg, Pennsylvania*

“I stress that after completing numerous courses over the years, I find these to surpass many others. (Some others bend the truth to make a point.)” - *Arcadia, Florida*

“After completing this and your earlier studies, I have re-committed my life for a search for truth. Most people do not have to deal with Muslims, Word/faith, JW’s, and Hindus in the same day. Please pray.” - *Crowley, Colorado*

“The Lord is using these courses in my life. I plan to take them all in time, because they lift up the Lord and allow Him to be God. They place man where he belongs—in total dependence upon the grace of God.” - *Macon, Georgia*

“The courses have not watered down the Word of God in telling me what I want to hear, but what I need to hear, faithful to my soul.” - *Bristol, Florida*

“To the grader: I was surprised and very grateful for your straight forward notes on my answers. This is the first time in 14 ½ years that anyone has pointed out my mistakes; for this I am grateful. Your comments have humbled me mightily, and I will take your advice. Thank you for being honest with me.” - *Amarillo, Texas*

“I found the lessons both challenging and rewarding, as I found myself at my Savior’s feet learning of Him.” - *Bridgewater, Massachusetts*

“The course was very informative and enlightening. It has been an essential fundamental building block in my spiritual foundation. I can’t wait for the next study so I can continue to disciple the fellows around me.” - *Gatesville, Texas*

“Today had been an unusually difficult day for me. I received my graded lessons, and came away uplifted and filled with hope. There has been some opposition here, but God is changing lives.” - *Macon, Georgia*

“The faithfulness and constant encouragement has meant a lot. The graders’ feedback is fantastic and full of Christian love.” - *North Ft. Myers, Florida*

“As I read and commented on the work these students put into their lessons, my joy deepened as did my burden for their growth and salvation.” - *(from a grader) Rushford, New York*

“To my grader: Your statement on my answer sheet and some other incidents that followed have made me come to the realization that, though I have professed for years to be saved, I have missed it all somewhere. I know the Bible and what God likes/dislikes, but I wouldn’t know the Lord Jesus if He stood right in front of me. I’ve missed the relationship! My whole life I’ve been taught that it was something I had to do, but I see my salvation isn’t about what I do, but what He did and is doing in me. Its all about Him! I have asked Him to save me, and I am looking to Him alone!” - *Mt. Meils, Alabama*

“To my grader: thank you for your honesty; I really needed it. You were right: this is deadly serious business. God is dealing with me, and no, I was not cooperating with the Spirit before. Your God-given discernment is just the thing I needed.” - *Jamestown, California*

“I could not put *In the Footprints of the Lamb* down. What a blessing. I have just finished the course and am thirsty for more.” - *Sterling, Colorado*

“I personally did not think I would get much out of the basic courses, but on the contrary, lesson 4 was awesome. I no longer depend upon self but on Christ now.” - *Shirley, Massachusetts*

“There are an abundance of free Bible courses that circulate throughout the prison system. However, I have found that many lack the truth and knowledge needed in order to raise up men and women of God. One must be careful as well as picky in choosing the material they study. To date, I have found that your material is very sound in doctrine and speaks the truth. I am very partial to your often use of classic materials by authors like Spurgeon, Pink, and others. I am also very impressed with the selection of low cost books and the choices you have offered. Living on a prison budget would normally mean I could not afford these books, but because you have chosen to get into this ministry, I am now able to buy the tools I find will help me in personal growth.” - *Buena Vista, California*

“Our church is using your MZBI material, and we have 11 students. We never have to fear a course’s content, or edit it, as we do other materials available for church teaching use. Nearly all so-called Christian bookstores are absent of such clearly sound material. We simply have to sort through so much unusable material at them, it is really time consuming and unfruitful. We thank all at Mt. Zion for staying steadfast to biblical matters and only producing quality biblically sound education materials.” - *Indianapolis, Indiana*

“I just got back my corrected answers, and I am so encouraged. It was filled with encouragement, as well as corrections and helps. It lifts my heart. Just when I get discouraged, looking for mail from my family, Mt. Zion comes through, my brethren from afar. I am sharing your materials with all the brothers here in prison.” - *Imperial, California*

### ***All of Grace (Course AOG)***

“Many Scriptures I thought I knew were made clear to me for the first time. I also have a better understanding of what grace and salvation really mean.” - *Lawrenceville, Virginia*

### ***Call to Prayer (Course CTP)***

“The summation of this study to me is that prayer is more critical than anything you can do as a Christian. I would each day read my Bible and say a little prayer; that’s how I started my day. Now I really pray; my prayers are focused. I know what God’s will is for me to pray for.” - *Jackson, Tennessee*

“I have taken other courses and even read books on prayer, but this stands above.” - *Smyrna, Delaware*

“My whole method of prayer has changed. People call this material from these older writers “the classics,” but every time I read them, the Holy Spirit brings it alive for me. I know find myself using a chain of short prayers throughout my day, as well as regular prayers. *A Call to Prayer* is a wonderful companion to my Bible.” - *Raiford, Florida*

### ***Hidden Life of Prayer (Course HLP)***

“I’ve been touched by this study. I can see now why I am so weak in my spiritual walk and life.” - *Mayo, Florida*

“This study was very meaningful for me. The beginning was difficult because I was in such a bad state spiritually. I had to put it away and reread chapter 1 and 2 many times. But I could see the difference in doing the last two lessons. This has been the most difficult course to date, but it has also been the most rewarding.” - *Houston, Texas*

### ***Life of Jesus Christ (Course LC)***

“A very enlightening course. With each page I walked through the Gospels, I felt an overwhelming joy and humility overcome me. I have truly matured spiritually as I studied. It brought to life the message of the Gospels. I have a deeper relationship with Jesus now.” - *Jessup, Maryland*

### ***Look to Jesus (Course LTJ)***

“This course is my blessing. It is my endeavor to come to grow and mature in God’s Word and His will.” - *Fort Worth, Texas*

“Through this study I was really forced to think about my own attitude, actions, etc. I saw my own neglect of preaching a true gospel of repentance and faith toward Jesus Christ. If this is not preached, we can never see ourselves for what we really are.” - *Imperial, California*

### ***Pilgrim’s Progress (Course PLI)***

“This was one of the best, if not the best, Bible studies I’ve had. For the newcomer like me, it was step by step, easy to understand, and made interesting to hold my attention. Being in prison, I have found a quiet time miraculously—it’s just a blessing.” - *Palmetto, Florida*

“I enjoyed this particular study immensely. I’ve read the book a few times now, but this study made the truths stand out.” - *Salem, Oregon*

“I really enjoyed this course. It was hard to put down. It made me realize I should be obedient and stay close to God, and look forward to the coming of our Blessed Hope. It made me homesick for heaven.” - *Beattyville, Kentucky*

“I share in the accolades for *Pilgrim’s Progress* in the appendix. I worked on this study from before breakfast till bedtime. I could not put it down. I read all the Scriptures and could not fathom how relevant each one was. I had the dictionary, the Bible dictionary, a concordance, and three versions all opened. Although it is a basic level course, it was an intermediate level to me.” - *Florence, Arizona*

### ***Walk of Repentance (Courses WR)***

“This is one of the most powerful courses I have ever seen, and by far the best for day to day Christian living. I can’t remember ever looking forward to the next day’s lesson this much. It has gotten me into a more in-depth study of the Word.” - *Represa, California*

### ***At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry (Course ASI)***

“Our prison offered a program for convicted sex offenders, a study of *At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry*. From the very first session, a spirit of trust developed which allowed the members of the group to speak about their situations freely and without fear. There is growth and development taking place, and a prayerful spirit in the group.” - *Nashville, Tennessee*

“I am enrolled in the *Sexual Idolatry* class here, but we call it “Victory in Christ.” I think this book is one of the best things that I could have ever done to help me in my walk. It has a lot of things we face in every day life, and makes me aware that I was my worst enemy, and how my marriage was shattered.” - *Cleo, Alabama*

“This course along with prayer and God’s Word is helping me overcome so much in my life. I’ve struggled with this problem since I was a teenager. The Lord is healing me of so much of my past.” - *Trion, Georgia*

## **Appendix 5: International Branches**

Addresses are available at our web site: [www.mountzion.org/MZBI/branches](http://www.mountzion.org/MZBI/branches)

***Australia***

Rev. Ross A. Trumble, Parkes

***Cameroon – Central Africa***

Pastor Kris Odili, Douala

***Colombia – South America***

Pastor Hector Melano, Bogota

***Fiji Islands***

Pastor Vijay Chandra, Ba

***Ghana - West Africa***

Pastor MacDouglas Ampabu, Accra

Pastor Noah Quarshie, Accra

***Guyana – South America***

Pastor Sewnauth Punalall, Berbice

***Honduras – South America***

Pastor Walter Paz, Tegucigalpa

***India***

Pastor A. Gunasekaran, Omalur

Pastor Victor Gopi, Maharashtra

Pastor Pat Horner, Guwahati

Pastor Isaac Raj, Andhra Pradesh

***Kenya - East Africa***

Pastor Jacob Auma, Kiserian

Pastor Keith Underhill, Nairobi

***Liberia - West Africa***

Pastor Gary Dunseath, Monrovia

***Mexico***

Pastor Nemorio Santiago, Oaxaca

Pastor Wayne Andersen, Mexico City

***Malawi - Central Africa***

Mr. Joel Maxson, Blantyre

### **Myanmar**

Rev. David Mang, Yangon  
Rev. Timothy Mang, Yangon  
Rev. Van Cung Tum, Yangon  
Pastor Michael H. Zahau, Yangon

### **Nigeria - West Africa**

Pastor Ani R. Ekpo, Port Harcourt  
Pastor Tony Okoroh, Lagos

### **Papua New Guinea**

Pastor Timothy Kwara, Mt. Hagen

### **Philippines**

Pastor Freddie Briones, Ilocos Sur  
Pastor Leo. F. Galanza II, Rizal  
Pastor Stephen Hofmaier, Paranaque  
Pastor Raul Q. Horlador, Bacolod City

### **Romania**

Mr. C. Gabriel, Odorheiu Secuiesc

### **Republic of South Africa**

Pastor Karl Peterson, Barberton

### **Spain**

Mr. Demetrio Canovas, Madrid

### **Uganda - East Africa**

Mr. Stephen Ewach, APAC  
Mr. Jim Robinette, Kampala

### **UK**

Rev. Ray Pulman, Belfast, N. Ireland  
Mr. Graham Prosser, England  
Rev. Geoffrey Stonier, England

### **Zambia - Central Africa**

Pastor Edward Musonda, Mbala  
Pastor Bernard Mwepu, Luanshya

## **About Mount Zion Bible Institute**

*to glorify God by teaching His Word,  
distributing courses worldwide without charge*

MZBI offers courses without charge for both individual and group study. Because we desire to glorify God and not men, the courses are offered without "diplomas." (We send a certificate of completion to those who complete a course via correspondence.)

*Please write for an application.*

### **Overview of Courses**

	<b><u>Basic</u></b>	<b><u>Intermediate</u></b>	<b><u>Advanced</u></b>
<i>Salvation</i>	Look to Jesus <sup>s</sup> Ruin-Redemption All of Grace <sup>s</sup>	Biblical Repentance <sup>s</sup> True vs. False Gospel <sup>s</sup>	Saving Faith
<i>Practical</i>	Call to Prayer Hidden Life of Prayer <sup>s</sup> Sexual Idolatry * <sup>†s</sup> Thoughts for Young Men <sup>s</sup>	Footprints of the Lamb <sup>s</sup> Profiting from the Word Holiness-A, B Walk of Repentance *	Foundations of Ministry <sup>†</sup>
<i>General</i>	Life of Jesus Christ <sup>s</sup> Joy: Gospel of John Mark's Sketchbook * <sup>†</sup>	Fundamentals of the Faith * <sup>s</sup> Church History-A Church History-B	Methods for Bible Study Biblical

	Story of the Puritans	New Testament Survey	Eldership
<i>Doctrine</i>	Pilgrim's Progress <sup>s</sup>	Attributes of God <sup>s</sup>	Holy Spirit-A
		Doctrines of Grace <sup>s</sup>	Holy Spirit-B
		1689 London Confession of Faith <sup>s</sup>	
* These courses are donated from other ministries, therefore only available to prisoners or overseas.			
† These courses are available only as independent study, without mailing of lessons for feedback.			
s These courses also are available in Spanish.			

The course materials are used in several environments.

1. *individuals* working in independent study without mailing lessons
2. *correspondence* (North America): receiving written feedback
3. *groups* studying together, with feedback from a group coordinator
4. *overseas branches* using the courses in their own country
5. *satellite schools* (N.A.): churches ministering in discipleship & outreach



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