

Overview

About MZBI

The *Mount Zion Bible Institute* is a Bible school for both independent and correspondent study. It has hundreds of students in North America, and mails thousands of courses each year to individuals, church groups, prison chaplains, and foreign branches (operated by native pastors and missionaries).

All the Mount Zion courses are designed to promote knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and growth in grace to live a life of humility in His service. Because the focus is on application to the heart for a changed life, we do not offer diplomas or seek accreditation from institutions. A certificate is sent upon course completion.

Distribution

We send without charge: 1) single copies to *individuals* and 2) quantities to *prisons* and *foreign ministries*. 3) We supply multiple copies to other *groups* for a small charge at cost. Courses can be downloaded worldwide free of charge from www.ChapelLibrary.org. This is important for missions and evangelism outside North America.

Description

The Mount Zion courses are designed to encourage the probing of one's true heart condition before God. Most courses consist of a text to read with questions for each chapter, take from one to four months to complete, and include from 4 to 20 lessons. Each lesson takes from 1 to 4 hours to complete. The courses consist of 5 x 8.5 inch (A5) study guide booklets, some with a separate reading booklet or paperback.

Whenever possible, we use reading texts from proven authors of the past, such as C. H. Spurgeon (Baptist, 1834-1892), H. Bonar (Presbyterian, 1808-1889), J. C. Ryle (Anglican, 1816-1900), and A. W. Pink (independent, 1886-1952). The courses are used in several ways:

1. *individuals* studying independently,
2. *groups* studying together (including church, school, home, and prison groups),
3. *correspondence* study, where individuals mail lessons to MZBI for written feedback.

Courses from MZBI

The *level* is either “basic”—for those new to Bible study, “intermediate”—for those with some experience in Bible study (or who have completed our basic courses), or “advanced.”

We recommend starting with *What Is a Biblical Christian?* There are eight courses designed for easy reading: *Life of Christ* (LC1-2), *Joy in the Gospel of John* (JG1-3), *Pilgrim's Progress in Pictures* (PL1p), *Bible Doctrines Simply Explained* (BD1-2).

Salvation # lessons

What Is a Biblical Christian? 3 Basic level

Biblical salvation: our need, the amazing cross of Jesus Christ, and our response.

Forgiveness 3 Basic level

Our need for forgiveness, God's way, marks of being forgiven (J.C. Ryle - 1870).

Look to Jesus* 4 Basic level

Biblical truth about coming to a personal relationship with Jesus (W. Reid - 1880).

Decisional Regeneration 3 Basic level

Compares modern evangelistic methods with the Scriptures.

Man's Ruin, God's Redemption* 10 Basic level

For those seeking Christ: seeing man's need and God's answer in Romans 1:16-32.

All of Grace* 10 Basic level

God's salvation for the ungodly, and His unmerited grace through faith (C.H. Spurgeon - 1886).

Biblical Repentance* 5 Intermediate

God's call for daily repentance from all sin.

True versus False Gospel* 12 Intermediate

The Biblical Gospel vs. “carnal Christianity” (a “decision” with no real commitment to Christ).

Saving Faith: Its Meaning/Object 10 Advanced

Man's free will and God's sovereignty in true faith.

Practical Walk # lessons

A Call to Prayer 13 Basic level

Exhortation for a deeper commitment to pray (J.C. Ryle - 1875).

Freedom from Bitterness 2 Basic level

What it is, its causes, knowing if we have it, and surprising steps to freedom.

Set Apart for Christ 3 Basic level

Biblical holiness in heart and life: concept, history, hindrances, growth, and joy.

Divine Guidance 2 Basic level

Biblical guidelines for making decisions.

Spiritual Warfare 6 Basic level

How and why Satan attacks God's people, and how to respond victoriously.

Thoughts for Young Men* 5 Basic level

The real issues facing men who want to be free in Christ (J.C. Ryle - 1880).

Biblical View of Self-esteem 3 Intermediate level

Biblical truth about loving yourself, self-worth, and being a new person.

Altar of Sexual Idolatry* 18 Intermediate level

Only for those who are currently struggling with sexual sin: freedom in Christ!

Available through Mount Zion only for prison inmates with independent study (no mailing lessons). Others: contact Pure Life Ministries; PO Box 410; Dry Ridge, KY 41035; (859) 824-4444.

Hidden Life of Prayer* 8 Intermediate level

How to communicate with God effectively in personal prayer (D. MacIntyre - 1913).

Profiting from the Word 10 Intermediate

Ten practical applications of the Word (Pink).

Holiness - A,B 10 ea. Intermediate

What it is and how it grows (J.C. Ryle - 1879).

The Walk of Repentance 24 Intermediate

24 week day-by-day discipleship course; requires one hour per day commitment!

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Minister's Self Watch 4 Advanced

Why ministers must be truly saved and of great piety and holiness (C.H. Spurgeon 1856).

Spiritual Foundations of Ministry 5 Advanced

For pastors and church leaders: reawakening spiritual zeal (H. Bonar - 1866). *Independent study only (no mailings).*

To Preach Christ 3 Advanced

Emphasis and exhortation for pastors to exalt Christ in preaching.

General Study # lessons

The Life of Jesus Christ (LC)* 13 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 Basic level

Basic study of special stories from John.

Mark's Sketchbook of Christ 16 Basic level

A workbook on seeing Christ as the great miracle worker in the Gospel of Mark.

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Guide to Bible Study 2 Basic

An insightful introduction to reading the Bible profitably (H. Newcomb 1851).

Story of the Puritans, The 4 Basic level

Introduction to Christians of the 17th & 18th centuries.

Fundamentals of the Faith* 13 Intermediate

Essential discipleship lessons about faith and practice in the Christian life. *Available through Mount Zion only for prison inmates and overseas missions.*

New Testament Survey 13 Intermediate

God reveals His Son, Jesus Christ, in the first century through the 27 books of New Testament.

Old Testament Survey - 1-9 43 Intermediate

God's glorious purposes in the kingdom of Christ declared and prepared for in the OT.

The Church in History - A 19 Intermediate

The miraculous spread, sufferings, creeds, papal power, crusades, and heresies (AD 33-1517).

The Church in History - B 20 Intermediate

The Reformation, rise of denominations, cults, missions, and modern challenges (1517-1900s).

Church Officers 5 Advanced

Qualifications and duties of church deacons, elders, congregations (N Coxe - 1681).

Methods of Bible Study - A,B 8 Advanced

Introduction to Bible interpretation (hermeneutics).

Biblical Eldership 6 Advanced

The Biblical basis for church leadership (Strauch).

Doctrine # lessons

The Pilgrim's Progress (PL)* 10 Basic

Christian's progress in faith, through this world and to the next (J. Bunyan - 1672).

The Cross 2 Basic

The cross of Christ: its importance, its sufferings, “glorying” in it, our response.

Baptism 2 Basic

What the Bible says about believer's baptism and identification with Christ.

Infallible Word of God 2 Basic

The Bible without error: purity, majesty, immutability, testing, and use.

Bible Doctrines Simply Explained 8 Basic

The historic doctrines of the Christian faith: God, man, salvation, sanctification.

God's Astounding Grace 3 Basic

Concise summary and introduction to the historic doctrines of the Reformation.

God Reigns over All 3 Basic

God's sovereignty proclaimed in His gifts to men and in His providence.

Divinely Inspired Word - A, B 12 Intermediate

Unique characteristics of the Bible prove it must be from God.

- Sinners in God's Hands** 4 Intermediate
The gospel: God's just Law, man's inability, wrath on sin, Christ's redemption.
- Deity of Christ** 2 Intermediate
The truth and beauty of Christ's deity presented from Scripture
- Attributes of God*** 12 Intermediate
18 vital characteristics of God are described from Scripture (A.W. Pink - 1930).
- Doctrines of Grace in John*** 7 Intermediate
Biblical basis for the five doctrinal points of the Reformation's historic faith.
- London Confession of Faith*** 13 Intermediate
One of the most important statements of evangelical faith in history (1689).
- Justification and Law** 3 Intermediate
Excellent theological study of justification by faith alone (C. Hodge - 1841).
- Sovereignty of God** 13 Advanced
God's rule over all: election, reprobation, atonement, free will (A.W. Pink - 1929).
- The Holy Spirit - A,B** 13 ea. Advanced
In-depth study of who the Spirit is, what He does in *salvation* (A) and *sanctification* (B) (A.W. Pink - 1935).
- Foundational Doctrines Studies**
- Gospel (FDG)** 10 Advanced
Biblical study of law, sin, love, righteousness, faith (6 classic authors).
- Justification (FDJ)*** 9 Advanced
Thorough biblical study of justification by faith alone (8 classic authors).
- Substitution (FDS)** 7 Advanced
The biblical meaning of Christ's substitutionary atonement (5 classic authors).
- Repentance (FDR)** 11 Advanced
Its biblical parts, responsibility, continuity, motives, fruits (9 classic authors).
- Conversion (FDC)** 8 Advanced
Its meaning, causes, subjects, counterfeits, and faith (6 classic authors).
- Imputed Righteousness (FDI)** 8 Advanced
Christ's righteousness: the Law, imputation, consolations (8 classic authors).
- Mortification (FDM)** 9 Advanced
Doctrine, nature, and directions for killing sin at its root (9 classic authors).
- Doctrine of Sanctification** 10 Advanced
Biblical study of God's work in positional and practical sanctification (A.W. Pink - 1937).

Additional courses are in development.

Comments from Students

"This course and your ministry have opened a new chapter in my life. I have never had such a Bible study, presented in such a way as to stir so much within me." – *Florida*

"Thanks be to God, I have seen the 'exceeding sinfulness of sin,' and have fallen on my knees, pleading the Lord's mercy...God has saved me (Eph 2:8). – *California*

"Your honest comments on my answers have helped me greatly." – *Texas*

"The study you sent me was a great blessing and edification to my Christian life. Not only have I started to live these principles, but have also started to share them with others." – *Florida*

"I find the Bible studies challengingly fun. Fill in the blanks are normal these days, and I'm usually left with a yawn. Not so with Chapel Library. You make people use their brains! What a blessing." – *Oregon*

"The first course...is by far the best course I have taken. It put...my perspective of His atonement on a higher level. I have never heard it put that way before. I was convicted by the second page. Now I truly understand what Jesus has done for me and the magnitude of God's love for us." – *Tennessee*

"I have found the feedback from the graders to be helpful as well as encouraging." – *Louisiana*

"I wish I could give each of you a great big hug. I thank you all for your tireless dedication. Every morning at 5:30 AM I read my Bible, then 'hit the books'—your awesome Bible study—to feed my brain and nourish my soul. I love the 'Making it Personal' questions." – *Texas*

"The historical value of the authors really caught my eye—a real treat to see these people come alive through the Holy Spirit to teach me." – *Florida*

"The studies are thought-provoking and focused... they systematically follow from point to point...due to ADD, I had been unable to get anywhere with study on my own. The studies...are perfect for me...They open the Scriptures, and challenge me to trust God." – *New Jersey*

"There are an abundance of free Bible courses that circulate throughout the prison system...Your material is very sound in doctrine and speaks the truth. I'm very partial to your use of classic materials by authors like Spurgeon, Pink, and others." – *California*

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Overview of Courses

| <i>Basic</i> | <i>Intermediate</i> | <i>Advanced</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Salvation</i> | | |
| What Is a Biblical Christian? | All of Grace* | Saving Faith |
| Forgiveness | Biblical Repentance* | |
| Look to Jesus* | Ruin-Redemption* | |
| Decisional Regeneration | True vs. False Gospel* | |

Practical Walk

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| Call to Prayer | Hidden Life of Prayer* | To Preach |
| Freedom from Bitterness | Biblical View of Self-esteem | Christ |
| Set Apart for Christ | Holiness-A,B | Ministers Self- |
| Divine Guidance | Profiting from the Word | Watch |
| Spiritual Warfare | Sexual Idolatry* | Foundations |
| Thoughts for Young Men* | Walk of Repentance-A-D | of Ministry |
| Times of Refreshing | | |

General Study

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| Life of Jesus Christ* | Fundamentals | Methods for |
| Joy in the Gospel | of the Faith* | Bible Study |
| of John | Mark's Sketchbook | Church |
| Story of the Puritans | Church History-A,B | Officers |
| Guide to Bible Study | Old Testament Survey | Biblical |
| | New Testament Survey | Eldership |

Doctrine

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| Pilgrim's Progress* | Deity of Christ | Holy Spirit |
| The Cross | Divinely Inspired Word | Sovereignty |
| Baptism | Sinners in God's Hands | of God |
| Infallible Word of God | Attributes of God* | The Gospel |
| Bible Doctrines | 1689 London Confession*Substitution | |
| Explained | Doctrines of Grace* | Justification |
| God's Astounding Grace | Mortification, Repentance | |
| God Reigns over All | Justification and Law | Conversion |
| | Imputed Righteousness | |
| | Doctrine of Sanctification-A,B | |

* indicates also available in Spanish.

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*To glorify God
by teaching His Word,
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*"And ye shall seek me, and find me,
when ye shall search for me
with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:13*