

The Free Grace Bible Institute System



Distance Education Study Program Guide
Certificate in Biblical Fundamentals

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Course Catalog for Distance Education

Our desire is for the distant students to be a part of the on-going instruction currently being conducted at West Side Baptist Church / Free Grace Bible Institute. If a student attends another church we desire them listen to the on-line teaching from WSBC on a weekly basis if possible. These classes are generally part of the lengthy in depth studies and thus are updated by both study notes and audio as they are presented. All the audio studies are on the website www.DoctrinePastor.com.

Our path to learning and transformation

Bible Institute distance education classes will be offered as follows:

1. Supervised Independent Studies is the source of course completion.
2. Additional reading or audio/video material will be given depending upon the course. The student's grasp of the material will be evaluated in a variety of ways.
3. One-on-one counseling, guidance, and personal instruction will be given to each student to help them apply what they are learning to the details of their life.

The Free Grace Bible Institute is designed to take average people on an adventurous discovery of the depths of God's Word. Some lessons are presented in a simple format while others are demanding college and seminary levels courses. Most include Hebrew and Greek word studies, concepts, doctrinal categories, isagogics, and exegetical presentations which are designed stimulate the serious student's knowledge of the Word of God to a higher level and to live it out in daily life.

The work will be accomplished through supervised independent study. To complete the courses in more traditional two, four or five year program the student should achieve 16 or more credit hours every six months. However, it is not required for a student to complete a Supervised Independent Study course in any specific time limit.

Credit hours are given on parentheses. The syllabus for specific courses will list all course requirements.

NOTE: We are working to reduce and eliminate the number of printed books a student needs. It is very important to us that the distant student have the best education possible and we will do all that is possible to achieve this goal! See the specific course syllabus for more particulars on the requirements of each course.

Distance Education Courses Required to Achieve the
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(32 credit hours)

1. **20 Basic Doctrines (1):** David Pearson. A very simple introduction to 20 basic doctrines of the Scripture. The student looks up various Scriptures and answers questions. The course includes reading two small booklets by Robert Wilkins and a summary of learning report on these booklets.
2. **The Basics (3)** Gene Cunningham – Basic Training Bible Ministries. This categorical Bible study is divided into five units of five lessons each. The student must also listen to Gene Cunningham teach through the 27 lessons. Unit lessons are: 1) The Plan of Redemption; 2) The Provisions of God’s Grace; 3) Spiritual Growth; 4) The Christian Way of Life; 5) the Angelic Conflict. In addition the booklet “Rebound and Keep Moving” by R. B. Thieme is required and will be provided to the student. The student will write a summary of learning from this booklet with a special focus on the doctrine of the sin nature.
3. **The Great Truths of Free Grace – an Overview (2)** David Pearson. A condensed study of four key questions: A: How can I have eternal life? (What do I believe to receive eternal life?) B: How can I know that I have eternal life? (The doctrines of eternal security and assurance) C: After I have eternal lie, now what? (Some doctrines of the believer’s spiritual life) D: What can I expect after I am with God? (The doctrine of rewards). The student will read the paper “The High Cost of Reward” by Scott Crawford and write a summary of learning from the paper. Finally, the student will read *The Hungry Inherit* by Zane Hodges and submit a book report to compete the course.
4. **Foundations (6)** Drue Freeman. This basic course covers such topics as (1) Old Testament Survey; (2) New Testament Survey; (3) Basic Principles of Interpretation; (4) Basic Doctrinal Survey; and (5) Implementation of the Learning. The student must read through the entire Bible during this course. It is not *required* but is *highly recommended* that the student acquire the two-volume work entitled The Grace New Testament Commentary before beginning the New Testament section of this course. It is available from www.FaithAlone.org.
5. **Studies in Free Grace One (3).** *The Race of Grace* by Marty Cauley. This introductory book studies performance-related themes (such as perseverance) which are considered essential for rewards in heaven. Entrance into heaven, in contrast, is regarded as free. A strong defense of unconditional security derived from believers being given to Jesus is a particular strength of this book. Evaluation questions written by David Pearson for the book will be provided electronically by FGBI. This course also includes the study notes with evaluation questions and audio by David Pearson entitled “Are You Afraid of Grace?” The study further requires the student provide a summary of the teaching in the paper entitled “Gospel Wars” by Robert

Dean. An article entitled “A Return to Rome: Lordship Salvation's Doctrine of Faith” by Paul Holloway will also be evaluated by the student. Finally, the student will read the booklets, “What is Free Grace Theology,” by Robert Wilkin and “The Five Warning Passages of Hebrews” by Scott Crawford and provide a summary of learning.

6. **Creation Science One (3):** *A Study of God’s Creation* by Roland Beard with FGBI study guide. Do you know where you come from and why you exist? Basic questions like this arise in adults but especially in young people. Answers from the Bible lead directly to the question of origins and what happened at the beginning. Did a cosmic undirected bang or the conjectured “multi-universe” lead to our existence or did it have everything to do with the actions of Eternal God and what the first humans did? This study addresses God’s view from His record but also provides a comparison to the popular naturalistic [there is no supernatural, no God exists] view. It will not shy away from the ramifications for the sciences or history. As a matter of fact, which will become evident in the study, God promotes observing and studying the universe, and so do I. The question of origins, however, is not a question of operational science—science that studies and experiments with the present-day world. Rather, it is a question of faith in a worldview about how things began. A worldview is the set of glasses through which a person interprets everything he sees, but he cannot measure or experiment with origins because he was not there. It is, however, a question of history. We have an Eyewitness (God, Himself) as well as His record.
7. **The Gospel of John (2)** Bob Bryant. The Gospel of John has been called, “The Gospel of Belief.” This course will take the student through the entire book of John using the inductive method of study (the attempt to use information as written in the Scripture and draw a correct interpretive conclusion). When the course is completed the student will have a clear understanding of the purpose of the Gospel of John and the offer of eternal life made so clear by Jesus Christ. An electronic copy of the commentary on this Gospel by Dr. Harry Ironside is included.
8. **The Angelic Conflict (6)** David Pearson. This extensive course includes audio, notes, and study guide This course gives the student a real understanding of Angelology, Satanology, Demonology, the purpose for human history, and the believer’s spiritual warfare. The study further requires the reading of *Spiritual Warfare*, by Robert Dean and Tommy Ice with a book report required.
9. **Basic Church History (3)** Robert Dean. A quick survey of church history that serves as a basic introduction to this critical topic. The FGBI study guide has 240 questions. *The Pilgrim Church* by E. H. Broadbent is required extra reading with a student report required.
10. **The Kingdom of God (3)** David Pearson. This study includes two short studies with questions, eight articles in “Extra Readings for The Kingdom of God” with study questions, and four articles entitled “The Greatness of the Kingdom” by Alva McClain.