

CHRISTIAN LIFE COLLEGE - MADISON
Non-Credit Certificate in Biblical Studies
(Ten Courses)

The *Certificate in Biblical Studies* is ideal for those who wish to expand both their knowledge of the Bible and their effectiveness as disciples of Jesus Christ, while gaining a solid, biblical foundation for life and career. This certificate is intended for those not planning on further academic or ministry training, but who wish to have a greater understanding of the Bible and theology.

Old Testament Survey (CLCM #BI101-M) - The Old Testament serves as the beginning of the revelation of God's heart for humanity. For some, the Old Testament can be a daunting challenge. Yet, the revelation of God in the Old Testament makes our New Testament faith fuller and richer. The Old Testament offers an exciting discovery of the character and ways of God. From the beginning of the world in the opening chapters of Genesis thru to the last prophecies of Malachi, God was clearly at work in humankind, preparing the world for the revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ. We have the privilege of hearing God's revelations of himself through all of this history and the challenge of applying it to our world today.

New Testament Survey (CLCM #BI102-M) - Understanding the New Testament is a daunting but exciting task. Our world is so different from that of the first century. Yet it is important to understand the context and content of the New Testament if we are to be faithful followers of Jesus. This survey addresses the who, what, where, when, why, and how questions that readers of the Bible may have, such as: How can we tell if what is written in the New Testament is true history or just mythology? When were these books written and why? And, what can today's believers get out of letters addressed to people who lived two millennia ago? Taught in an easy, informal style, this survey is accessible and enjoyable to anyone who wants to better understand the New Testament.

Systematic Theology I (CLCM #TH201-M) - Systematic Theology I is a study in the foundations of Christian, Evangelical theology. With particular emphasis on understanding the teaching of Scripture as a whole and in its unity, this course will focus on the doctrines of Scripture, God, man and the person of Christ. Special emphasis will be given to the practical application of these doctrines to gospel ministry in contemporary culture. The course will also provide an occasion for students to think deeply on these theological truths, especially of how they relate to their own understanding of God and His creation.

Systematic Theology II (CLCM #TH202-M) - Systematic Theology I is a study in the foundations of Christian, Evangelical theology. With particular emphasis on understanding the teaching of Scripture as a whole and in its unity, this course will focus on the doctrines of Salvation, Church and End Times. Special emphasis will be given to the practical application of these doctrines to gospel ministry in contemporary culture. The course will also provide an occasion for students to think deeply on these theological truths, especially of how they relate to their own understanding of God and His creation.

Life and Letters of Paul (CLCM #BI221-M) - A study of the life of Paul as it is traced through the New Testament writings. Students will examine his conversion experience and subsequent ministry with an emphasis on his mission to the Gentile world. Key biblical themes will be addressed in this course.

The Tora Story (CLCM #BI112-M) - A comprehensive study of the first five books of the Bible. The early history of man is studied with emphases on the creation the flood, the patriarchs, the exodus, the law, the tabernacle, and history.

Jesus: His Words and Works (CLCM #BI111-M) A study in the nature, origin, religion and cultural background of the four Gospels. Emphasis will be given to each narrative and its contribution to the understanding of Jesus. A detailed examination of what the Gospels teach about Jesus' ministry, message, death and resurrection.

Old Testament Historical Books (CLCM #BI201-M) - The study of the Old Testament from Joshua to Esther which deals with the nation of Israel in its rise, disruption, fall, captivity and restoration. Special emphasis is given to the background for the further study of the prophets.

Pre-Reformation Church History (CLCM #MS321-M) Pre-Reformation Church History will introduce students to the thought and life of the Christian church from Pentecost to the dawn of the Protestant Reformation. Special emphasis will be placed on the development of doctrinal, institutional, and ethical patterns including the tracing of core theological issues within the various traditions of the church. *Pre-Reformation Church History* will provide students with a fascinating and panoramic view of the dramatic events, colorful characters, and revolutionary ideas that shaped the first fifteen centuries of the church.

Post-Reformation Church History (CLCM #MS331-M) Post-Reformation Church History will introduce students to the thought and life of the Christian church from the Reformation to the dawn of the modern day. Special emphasis will be placed on the development of doctrinal, institutional, and ethical patterns including the tracing of core theological issues within the various traditions of the church. *Post Reformation Church History* will provide students with a fascinating and panoramic view of the dramatic events, colorful characters, and revolutionary ideas that shaped the past fifteen centuries of the church.