

Prayer Revolution Bible Institute

BE 350 PAUL'S LETTERS TO FOUR CHURCHES

Syllabus

Introduction and Course Description

The purpose of Prayer Revolution Bible Institute is to train leaders for the church and other places of ministry. The institute is designed to provide a Bible college-level training at no charge to the student, so that anyone with the desire to learn can get a Bible education. God calls all believers to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the systematic study and application of God's Word is the best way to grow spiritually. The Core Curriculum consists of six modules that progressively lead the student from the basic principles of Christianity to active evangelism. The Bible Exposition Courses build upon that foundation with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the truths of God's Word. These Bible Exposition courses are upper-level courses and contain a certain level of difficulty for the new student. Although each course is designed to be completed in fifteen weeks, the beauty of a self-paced online education is that the student can dictate his or her own pace.

Prayer Revolution Bible Institute is not currently accredited and therefore offers neither college credit, nor a college diploma. The student who completes the recommended course of learning, however, will have the personal satisfaction of achieving a good Bible education that will reap spiritual blessing and reward.

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Bible Exposition Course	Prayer Revolution Bible Institute
Designed as a one semester course	Textbook Author: Dr. Thomas L. Constable, PhD
Units: Equivalent of 3 credits (no credit is given)	Lectures: Dr. Thomas L. Constable, PhD
Designed for 3 assignments per week	email: support@prayerrevolution.org
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(Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians)

Discover powerful truths through the letters written by the Apostle Paul to the churches in Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonica. The Ephesian letter outlines the blessings and spiritual riches in Christ. The letter to the Philippians holds up Christ as an example of self-sacrifice and unity in purpose. The letter to the Colossians combats heresies. The letters to the Thessalonians focus on future events. INCLUDES AUDIO LECTURES.

Prerequisites

While students are encouraged to take all the Core Curriculum classes before taking any of the Bible Exposition Courses, this choice is not required. The Institute is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of the student according to the student's own needs and goals. The only requirement for Bible Exposition Courses is that the student must have completed CC 180 Old Testament Survey before taking an Old Testament Bible Exposition Course and CC 190 New Testament Survey before taking a New Testament Exposition Course. Therefore, the prerequisite for this course is CC 190 New Testament Survey.

Bible Reading Assignments

Students will be required to read each chapter of the book of the Bible that is covered in that Bible Exposition Course. While students are only required to read each chapter one time, it is recommended that the student read each chapter twice as time allows.

Required Textbooks and Materials

The textbooks for this course are *Notes on Ephesians*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Philippians*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on Colossians*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on 1 Thessalonians*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, *Notes on 2 Thessalonians*, 2014 Edition by Dr. Thomas L. Constable, and are made available free of charge in pdf format by special arrangement with the author for students of Prayer Revolution Bible Institute. These materials are protected by Copyright laws and may not be reproduced or distributed outside of Prayer Revolution Bible Institute. Some of these materials are available for purchase in Christian bookstores.

Lectures

Audio lectures are provided for many of the Bible Exposition Courses. These lectures are provided by courtesy of Plano Bible Church in Plano, Texas, where these lectures were first

presented. These lectures may also be heard at <https://planobiblechapel.org/> and some of them are available in other languages. This course presents audio lectures for Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, and 2 Thessalonians.

Examinations and Major Assignments

Exams consist entirely of questions on each chapter of the Bible that is covered in the course. The exams for this course are as listed below.

Examination Schedule

Week	Assignment	Bible Chapters Covered
21	Mid-Term Exam	Ephesians 1-6 Philippians 1-4
45	Final Exam	Colossians 1-4 1 Thessalonians 1-6 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Students should print the exams if possible, so that they can easily take the exam, grade the exam, and keep the exam for their personal future records. No records are retained by Prayer Revolution Bible Institute. All exams are OPEN BOOK, which means you may find the answers to these questions in your Bible while you are taking the test. The purpose of the class is to learn the material, and an open book test still accomplishes this objective. However, students are asked to NOT look at the answers until they are finished with the test. Students may not search the internet during the exam to find the answers to the test. Students may NOT ask others for their help or input during the exam. The Bible is the only reference that may be used during an exam. Students may take the exam twice, if they wish, and retain the best grade.

There are 50 questions on each exam. The highest possible score is 50. Record the number of correct answers and write that score at the top of the exam. Keep a record of your score for the Mid-Term Exam and add that score to the Final Exam score to get your final grade for the class. For example, if your score for the mid-term exam was 42 and your score on the final exam was 46, add the two scores together, and your final grade for this course would be 88. A score of 88 is a B+, according to the Grading scale below. Write your final grade at the top of your final exam.

Grading

Here is the Prayer Revolution Bible Institute grading scale.

LETTER GRADE	PERCENT GRADE	4.0 SCALE
A+	97-100	4
A	93-96	4
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1
F	Below 65	0

Remember to save your tests for your own records. Prayer Revolution Bible Institute does not maintain any student records. Exams make up the only grades for this course. To determine your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in the institute, add together all your final course grade point equivalents and divide by the number of courses you have taken so far. For example, if you took five courses, and the final grades were B+, C+, A, A-, and A+, then the grade point equivalents would be 3.3, 2.3, 4, 3.7, and 4. The total is 17.3. Divided by 5, the GPA would be 3.46 up to this point. **No grades are reported to the Institute.**

Study Habits

Remember that this is a college-level course. It is usually expected that students will spend approximately 1 to 2 hours of study time for each daily assignment in addition to listening to any audio lectures. Since this is a 3-unit class, you should expect to study an average of 3 to 6 hours each week. Some students may need more study time and some less. Since this course is self-paced, students might not be able to go at the accelerated rate and may need to take longer than fifteen weeks to complete this course, which is fine. It is better to take longer to finish the course than to not finish at all.

Course Goals and Primary Learning Outcomes

Course Goals:

By the end of this course:

1. The student should be able to understand the overall message of the bible chapters covered in this course.
2. The student should recognize the names of major bible characters presented in these bible chapters.
3. The student should be able to identify some spiritual truths that can be applied to believers today.

Course Schedule Suggested Plan for Three Days per Week

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WEEK NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	BIBLE READING	TEXTBOOK READING	LECTURES
1	1	EPHESIANS	EPHESIANS PGS 110	(no EPH lectures)
	2	1	11-20	
	3	2	21-30	
2	4		31-40	
	5	3	41-50	
	6	4	51-60	
3	7		61-70	
	8	5	71-80	
	9	6	81-93	
4	10	PHILIPPIANS	PHILIPPIANS 1-10	PHILIPPIANS
	11	1	11-20	1A
	12		19-30	1B

5	13		26-40	1C
	14		33-39	1D
	15	2	40-46	2A
6	16		47-53	2B
	17	3	54-60	3A
	18		61-67	3B
7	19	4	68-74	4A
	20		75-83	4B
	21	MID TERM EXAM	EPHESIANS 1-6	PHILIPPIANS 1-4
8	22	COLOSSIANS 1	COLOSSIANS 1-6	(no COL lectures)
	23		7-12	
	24		13-18	
9	25	2	19-24	
	26		25-30	
	27		31-36	
10	28	3	37-42	
	29		43-48	
	30		49-54	
11	31	4	55-60	
	32		61-64	
	33	1 THESSALONIANS	1 THESS PAGES 1-6	1 THESSALONIANS
12	34	1	7-12	1
	35	2	13-18	2A
	36	3	19-24	2B,3
13	37	4	25-30	
	38		31-36	4
	39	5	37-42	5
14	40	6	43-48	
	41	2 THESSALONIANS	2 THESS PAGES 1-6	2 THESSALONIANS
	42	CH 1	7-12	1
15	43	2	13-18	2
	44	3	19-27	3
	45	FINAL EXAM	COLOSSIANS, 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS	