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Escape the pollutions of the world through
the knowledge of Jesus Christ 2 Pet. 2:20



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WELCOME TO BIBS NEWS

One of the most important consideration for the majority of parents is their children's secular education: they seek out the best quality schools to ensure that their children get the finest education. While this is commendable humankind also need to be taught about God because He created them in His own image; He is also the source of all knowledge and wisdom. As a result of this imbalance, we have created a secular society that looks to science and philosophy for answers, not the Bible.

Knowledge per se is not a bad thing but is a destructive force in the manipulating grip of the wicked and self-seeking. With the advent of computer and medical science, scientists and specialists often play god with peoples lives; some pagan groups esteem knowledge as the saviour of mankind; more worrying, education is being promoted over the anointing in some Churches. This thinking was inherited from Adam, whose nature became corrupted when he rejected God's wisdom and authority to become as gods, knowing good and evil. Read our special feature on page 10.

Until recent years the library and the media were the main sources of information; however life is much more challenging now and moving at a very demanding pace; individuals therefore need access to a wealth of information speedily.

In this edition we look at how the devil is drawing in all who are thirsting for knowledge and its derived power through his latest net, the Worldwide Web (internet): Over eighty percent of the UK population, godly and ungodly, has been lured into the devil's net, the cesspool of good and evil and the perfect platform for crime and every manner of evil. Read page eight for more information ...

God is the source of all knowledge and wisdom and the Bible is the Word and mind of God: I beseech you therefore to spend time studying the Bible because it is the encyclopedia of the omniscient God and the fountain from which the knowledge of God and all Truth flows. Whether you are a Christian or an intellectual, you will be deceived in these last days if you don't know Bible Truth.

Come to BIBS, the Bible College that teaches the unadulterated truth of God's Word; our courses are designed with you in mind. Anointed teachers, in an atmosphere of worship, will take you through a systematic and divine order of study.

Study tours and retreats are also integrated into the curriculum to help enhance your learning experience and improve your relationship with God. Read the testimonies of the students who have experienced BIBS, you too can have a life changing experience.

Our courses, enrolment and contact details can be found on page three.

Our teachers will be available on Saturday 10 September 2011, 9am to 4pm, to discuss the courses and help you decide which one is suitable for you.

I thank the Board of bishops, teaching and administrative staff, intercessors and all who make BIBS happen; thanks also to the people who produced this magazine; above all I thank the Almighty God for upholding BIBS with the right hand of his righteousness.

Enjoy!



*Evg. Mavis Taylor
Dean of Studies*

STUDY TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD

To know God is to love Him...

We are living in perilous times and the catastrophic events taking place around the world suggests that we are in the last days. So who or what can we turn to for answers? Many are turning to philosophy for understanding and science for answers but why? Is not the God of the Bible the creator of heaven and earth and every living creature; is the Bible not the Word of God and the mind of God? The Bible is relevant for the times in which we are living and Jesus is the answer for the world today.

Bethel Institute of Biblical Studies (BIBS) is the Bible College of Bethel United Church (UK). We believe that the Bible is true, that it is the Word of God, that Jesus is the Word incarnate and that the Word of God is the final authority. Our mission is to propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ, edify the body of Christ and equip men and women for life and ministry.

Wisdom is the principal thing and the knowledge of God is understanding, so delay no longer; Come to BIBS and learn of Him.

Enrolment is on Saturday 10 September 2011 and our academic year commences 17 September 2011. The courses on offer are outlined below:

The Foundation Course

Do you want to know what the Bible is all about but can only commit to ten weekends; then this is the course for you?

Our aim is to help you understand the fundamental teachings of the Old and New Testaments and how they interrelate.

The Certificate Course in Biblical Studies

This two-year course aims to provide a deeper understanding of the Bible through a systematic approach and is suited to newly appointed officers, Sunday school teachers and those needing a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.

The units include:

The Pentateuch Writings;
Israel's Conquest and Life in Canaan;
Return of the Jewish Remnant from Exile;
Jewish Studies;
The Four Portraits of Christ's Life;
The Principles of Christ's Doctrine;
Christian Church History up to the Nicene Council and
The New Testament Epistles.

The Short Courses

Do you know how to unlock the intended meaning of difficult Bible passages? Do you know what the Bible teaches about the end times? Are you aware of the plans for a one-world religion?

If you answered no to any of the above questions, you would benefit from attending one or more of our Short Courses. The duration of each course is two weekends.

You should already have a good working knowledge of the Bible and willing to participate in group projects.

Contact the Secretary for more details.

A warm welcome awaits you



How to Apply?

Request a leaflet and application form from the Secretary by:

Email: applications@bibsuk.org or
Tel: 07515 407 808 or
In person from the BIBS stand at the Bethel Convention Centre (BCC) 24-28 July 2011

Send your completed application and non refundable deposit of £150 to: BIBS, PO Box 14755, B6 9BW (Cheques are payable to 'BIBS')

Enrolment

Date: Saturday 10 September 2011
Time: 9am to 4pm
Venue: Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.
Or post to the address above.

BIBS Weekend Dates 2011/2012

Weekends

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| 1 | 17 September 2011 |
| 2 | 15-16 October 2011 |
| 3 | 19-20 November 2011 |
| 4 | 17-18 December 2011 |
| 5 | 7-8 January 2012 |
| 6 | 18-19 February 2012 |
| 7 | 24-25 March 2012
(Graduation - 24 March) |
| 8 | 21-22 April 2012 |
| 9 | 19-20 May 2012 |
| 10 | 23-24 June 2012 |

OUR BIBS



Bro. Dean and Sis. Hannah

A Marriage Made in Heaven

The 4th September 2010 was truly amazing. It was a day filled with sunshine, laughter, and tears; we would not have changed anything for the world.

God has truly blessed us both and we are eternally grateful. We recognise that our coming together was pre-

determined and our plan is to continue to follow the path that God has mapped out for us. Lastly, we extend our gratitude to our family, brethren and dear friends who have prayed for and supported us, even to this day.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Hannah

Showers of Blessing

Over the last two years of my life I have proven God; in January 2009 whilst doing the degree course at BIBS I was diagnosed with Lupus disease. Due to ill health I was unable to carry on the course as I would've liked however I still pressed my way to classes trying to glean as much as I could. BIBS had too much on offer, for me to miss out.

In May 2009, Brother Ossie and I were married. Not only did God bless us with a beautiful wedding but in the following February we received the good news that we were having a baby.

I was told that this was a high-risk pregnancy due to my age and the Lupus disease. I was at the hospital almost every week as the doctors and midwives kept a close eye on me. I had daily injections and took medication that would normally be avoided during pregnancy however I prayed and God kept my child in my womb; he placed a protective barrier around him.

On 17th November 2010, I gave birth (a normal delivery) to a healthy baby boy, 'Joshua'. The umbilical cord was

wrapped around his neck three times but there was no sign that he lacked oxygen or needed resuscitation. Praise the name of Jesus.

Seven weeks after Joshua's birth, on the morning he was to be blessed, I was admitted to hospital and was diagnosed with chronic heart failure; the pumping action of my heart was only 25%. I felt as if I was thrown into the deepest valley. How could this happen to me? How could God allow me to have a child and then take me away from him? I was torn, weak and helpless. I have said too much; encouraged others and testified in the congregation but now it was time to prove God. I said to myself, "I have to believe that God is my refuge and strength; that my help cometh from the Lord".

I thank God for my pastor, my Church family and the BIBS prayer team who fasted and prayed. Without your prayers and support I wouldn't have made it this far.

The doctors have said that the heart disease is irreversible but I know that with God all things are possible. I have had no serious symptoms since

my hospitalisation and at my last appointment with the Rheumatologist; I was told that "the Lupus is in remission". I believe that God will be glorified through my illness and will heal me completely. The doctors, my family and friends will also be led to glorify him.

I thank God for my valley; God took me aside to be tested and tried; down in the valley he restoreth my soul...

Sis. Deidre



Baby Joshua

FAMILY...

My Life Changing Experience...



Bro. Ben

My time at BIBS has been one filled with many challenges however I was able to endure all things through Christ who strengthens me, Phil.4:13. I know for a fact that God ordained that I should be at BIBS. The enemy was on the attack from the start; I lost my job and could not even find the first payment towards the fees but through it all, I've learnt to trust in Jesus.

In March of my final year I lost my mum and during that emotional state the enemy tried to prevent me from completing the course but the grace of God kept me going. I have really enjoyed my experience at BIBS and I was able to attend classes, although at times I felt both physically, mentally and spiritually exhausted.

The Word of God has strengthened me and I can truly say that learning the Word of God at BIBS has made me into a more equipped and more humble soldier for the Lord. I will go forward with confidence knowing that with God all things are possible.

Bro. Pawsey

The teaching I have received at BIBS has not only given me a sound understanding of the Word of God but has also furnished me with the confidence and tools to delve deeper into the Bible for myself. I have also found that BIBS is a place to have great fellowship and make lasting friends. I will always treasure these memories.

Bro. Ben

I thank God for the teaching! I have been blessed and well instructed at BIBS. I came specifically looking to increase my Old Testament knowledge and understanding. My course (even though it was Foundation) exceeded my expectations.

There is something about the rich truth of God's Word; the peace and joy that it brings. I thank God for the abundance of Word we received.

The only word I can think of to describe the year for me is, feast! So many Christians in this time are suffering from malnutrition; a lack of God's Word. We students at BIBS must cherish our blessing.

Bro. James

BIBS has been like attending a retreat every month; I have received 'spiritual therapy' for my soul through prayer, the lectures and fellowship with likeminded people. Being here has helped me to appreciate the discipline that is required to effectively study the Word of God so that it can impact my life and the lives of all who I will share the Word of God with.

Sis. Sylvia



Sis. Pauline

I first became interested in joining BIBS many years ago, when the course spanned the whole weekend: Friday evening through to Sunday morning. However as I examined the leaflet I convinced myself that I just did not have the time.

In September 2002, I took a leap of faith and enrolled on the Certificate Course. I was keen to know more about God and to gain a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and his will for my life. Although the course had been shortened to two days instead of three, I still had no idea how I would find the time to complete my assignments or to keep up with the course work. My only option was to "lean on the Lord."

BIBS far exceeded my expectations; the teachers were anointed, the lessons informative, thought provoking and life changing. The worship led me into a dimension, which I had never experienced before and the fellowship of the students from other assemblies was invaluable.

My testimony was and still is, "If I can do BIBS, I can do anything." BIBS gave me the confidence and motivation to take on further studies. While still in full-time employment I went on to obtain the Post Graduate Certificate in Education, the Post Graduate Diploma in Education and finally in October 2010, I passed the M.A. in Education with a commendation. To God be the glory!

Sis. Pauline

OUR FAMILY Cont'd...

Welcome to the Team

At BIBS we truly believe in organic growth; last year we were blessed to have Sister Audrey Beckford join our teaching staff: a former student who graduated from BIBS with a distinction. This is her testimony...



Sis. Audrey Beckford

"To say that my involvement with BIBS has been a journey and a process is an understatement! I was brought up in the Church and I had no true understanding and appreciation of the ministry and knowledge of God's kingdom. Had an unbeliever challenged me on many things, there was no substance or grounding to explain the truth of God's Word.

As a consequence I left the Church in my early twenties and began to feel that there was no way that God would ever accept me back into his home. During this time another member of my family left the Church and became a staunch and committed Muslim, who was well read and versed with the oracles of their religion. Time and time again I was questioned and challenged about the fact that I knew nothing about Jesus and the fact that we as Christians had mistakenly identified Isaac as the child of promise and not Ishmael, amongst other things.

To cut a long story short, God began to call me back home and I returned to the Church with an intense desire to be reintroduced to Him and His Word and to find that relationship that

I began to crave for as a backslider. I joined BIBS in 2001; after every lesson and discussion I always asked myself the question, "What do I have to do now to please God?"

I graduated in January 2004 with a third child on the way. There was a sense of loss being away from such an anointed environment as BIBS but the hunger was still there. I continued to read, pray steadfastly and to seek the Lord in solitude. Surprise, surprise! My whole world turned upside down and the stable lifestyle that I had experienced before was no longer apparent. The more I sought God, the more the things that were important to me began to crumble and disintegrate.

Not appreciating that God was involved in this, I cried to him asking him to give me a focus to keep my mind sound and pure and behold after a retreat in August 2009, I was approached by Evangelist Mavis Taylor to teach at BIBS. Before she even opened her mouth, I knew what God had led her to say and my answer (although with some anxiety and fear) had to be "Yes".

BIBS has been my lifeline and my spiritual benchmark. I have been inspired by both co-lecturers and students alike.

Everything in BIBS is led by the Spirit; the very lessons I taught ministered to me and the circumstances in my life. Nothing is done by chance.

As I have grown in Christ, there continues to be problems but the difference is that I now walk and have a deeper relationship with the One who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that I could ever ask or think.



Lessons



Retreat 2011 - 'Defeating the Enemy within Me'

Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. 2 Cor. 10:5

The retreat was unlike any we had experienced before: the warfare began long before we commenced our seven day fast; which was called to prepare our hearts and separate us unto God. Those of us who were determined to deal with the enemy within engaged in a serious fight.

War broke out in the home, on the job, at college or wherever the enemy could strike. He was determined to stop us at any cost, even if it meant changing policies at work, blocking annual leave or attacking the physical body with sickness. The warfare was "Hot" BUT GOD...

DAY 1:

The breaking...

This retreat was ordained from heaven; as the brethren arrived from around the country you could sense the urgency of the call. God definitely had an appointment with us, there was no time for an icebreaker; the spirit broke through the barriers as we sung from the depth of our hearts. Self, the third of man's greatest enemies (the others being Sin and Satan) was sacrificed on the altar as the preacher beseeched God for "Maximum Heat".

DAY 2:

Deliverance through the Word and Worship

We rose up early at 5.30am to present our morning sacrifice to God; the prayers ascended through the stillness of the morning into the heavens.

By 10.00am, we declared war and an all out attack on the enemy through the teaching of the Word. Air and ground missiles were launched; we employed special tactics and weapons, yes mighty through God; demolishing all power of reasoning and our thinking; never again to say "I thought..." 2 Ki. 5:11; Lk12:17.

Later that day the teacher explained... that our two natures are at war; yes the Flesh against the Spirit and except we win the war on the inside we cannot win the war on the outside! When we disobey, we take sides with the enemy against God however obedience shuts the door to the enemy; ACCESS DENIED!

As a captain rallies the troops for battle, we received strength knowing that through Christ we could bring our flesh under subjection. We advanced declaring, **"Sin has no more dominion over us!"**

Towards the end of the evening, God spoke clearly through his servant; we had to deal with the enemy "in a me". We could no longer disguise the true condition inside by calling it an "ISSUE", we were forbidden to!

Our deliverance was dependent on identifying the enemy, calling it by name. We mixed the Word of Truth with faith and by the authority of the Holy Ghost evicted the spirits of anger, hatred and pride...

'obedience shuts the door to the enemy'

DAY 3:

Deliverance through Confession

By 6.30am we all assumed the posture of prayer; hearts bowed and ears open to hear from heaven. As we worshipped the Holy Ghost moved by demonstration. A sister was placed in the middle of the room; we were instructed to watch as she was wrapped in sheets: layer by layer; each layer representing a stronghold...

It was powerful to see! The sister was tied up, tangled up, cocooned like a caterpillar, and no matter how hard she tried to walk or move; she just could not. Suddenly the penny dropped! As the layers were removed one by one, the power of God swept through the room.

A mighty deliverance followed; many experienced a complete metamorphosis as confessions were made and strongholds demolished. Nine souls (young and old) were filled with the Holy Ghost; families were united; marriages were strengthened and ministries revived. The worship was intense. God was truly and awesomely glorified.



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Man's Unquenchable Thirst for Knowledge

From the beginning, yes as far back as the Garden of Eden, the serpent set out to destroy man. Using the bait of knowledge; he deceived man into believing they could be “as gods...” Gen. 3:4-5. The prophet Daniel foresaw this deception reaching its pinnacle; he warned us that in the last days knowledge would increase and here we are in the 21st century, living in the greatest information era known to man.

The antichrist in his final onslaught (as his time is short) is capturing the hearts and minds of men, through the World Wide Web (the information highway). Subtly casting his net, he draws in all who thirst for knowledge and its power.

Did you know?

- Over 51million, 80% of people in the UK access the internet . The average child starts using the web when they are only eight years old
- According to the Telegraph, “... figures show that we are in the middle of the information age”. There are now “295 Exabytes of data floating around the world, that’s – 29,500,000,000,000,000,000, pieces of information ... 315 times the number of grains of sand on Earth.” We are bombarded by the equivalent of 174 newspapers of data a day and the average person produces six newspapers worth of information every day; a 200 % increase in just 24 years

- In just six years, the number of people using Facebook has grown from Zero to 714 million. If Facebook was a country, it would be the third biggest country in the world after China and India
- Computers as we know it (servers and hard drives etc.) are being replaced by the “CLOUD” – not the fluffy white stuff in the sky but all documents, pictures and programs will be stored and accessed through the internet

Should we be concerned?

Very subtly, right under our noses, we are fast becoming a knowledge driven world, craving to know everything and

anything. We are being consumed: our time, our character and family life, without us being conscious of it.

Daniel spoke of the end time, when knowledge would increase. Dan. 12:4

TODAY we have knowledge at the touch of a button: there are OVER 9.5 billion web pages and rising... all easily accessed through our mobiles, iPhones, Blackberries etc. Computers that used to fit in building (mainframes) now fit into our pockets. In around 20 years they will be able to fit in our blood cells!

In recent years we have seen the convergence of technology; the internet (World Wide Web), computer software and hardware, powerful search engines (e.g. Google) and

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“...and knowledge shall be increased” Dan. 12:4

telecommunications are merging. In fact Microsoft recently purchased Skype and is looking to merge technologies with game consoles (entertainment industry) in the near future. Since 2000, when Time Warner merged with AOL, newspapers and broadcasters have also acquired online media. News Corp (owners of SKY, FOX, the Sun, and the Times) paid \$580 million for control of the social networking site, MySpace.

Is it an open door to the enemy or sheer coincidence?

Merging the most popular communications channels with entertainment will position the provider as the most powerful person (organisation) in the world. How? Well, if you acquire all the major global communications, you can influence the world by capturing people's hearts and minds and change their thinking and behaviour. In fact you can create a whole new world order. Imagine this power in the hands of the antichrist; the spirit that is now at work. 2 Thess. 2:7

The New Scientist magazine found that: “our moods are more strongly influenced by those around us than we tend to think...”, also “a whole range of phenomena are transmitted through (online) networks of friends in ways that are not entirely understood: happiness, depression, obesity, drinking and smoking habits, ill-health, the inclination to turn out and vote in elections, a taste for certain music or food... even the tendency to attempt or think about suicide”.

Can you escape the information highway?

It's scary but true. We live in a society where you are not socially acceptable unless you are on Facebook; you cannot work without being connected to the net and it is rapidly becoming the case, in certain professions, where you have to be social media savvy to get or even keep a job.

I put it to you that we are in the end time; Daniel's vision is manifesting before our very eyes. Don't miss it. I challenge you to seek the knowledge of God more than the knowledge of man. The knowledge of God can only be found in his Word and through spending quality time in prayer. Deny the enemy access to your soul.

So, am I saying you should not use the Internet or social media? No, as it can be used for the good. What I am saying is, do not to let it use you:

1. To destroy another soul through needless gossip or defaming another's character
2. To expose yourself to real danger; you don't know who has your details or what sites you are being linked to. Crimes (fraud, abduction, identity theft) linked to social networking sites increased 7,000% in the last year!
3. To destroy your own soul by becoming addicted: depriving yourself of quality time with the Lord by spending endless hours on Facebook, following twitter or surfing the net. According to a recent survey, 1-in-3 people said they could not live without the Internet.

4. To start a rebellion or uprising: in 2011 Egyptian citizens overthrew their government; the movement gathered momentum through Facebook. Do not underestimate its ability to influence.

5. To reason rather than believe God: turning to the web for answers instead of God.

On average a person spends 22 hours a week online. The question is, how many hours a week do you spend surfing the net, talking on Facebook and following twitter? How many hours do you spend with God? Why not join us at BIBS and spend your time surfing the Scriptures.

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The Devil's Bait – Knowledge is Power

“Knowledge is power” is the age-old adage used to inspire those hungry for success; for some this means money, which they believe brings happiness; for others this means being in the position of power and authority; coupled with the belief in oneself, it is set forth as the pre-requisite for choosing one's own path and thereby creating one's own reality. In effect, it is being in control of one's own destiny.

Adam and Eve, the first human beings, were created by God in his own image and placed in the Garden of Eden, a showcase of magnificent beauty designed by God for their enjoyment. The trees in the garden were beautiful and good for food and there was harmony in the garden. The tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were in the middle of the garden; Of every tree in the garden they could freely eat but God commanded them not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil: The day they ate from the forbidden tree they would die.

Desire is the devil's tool

Unsuspecting of the devil's wiles they allowed themselves to be persuaded otherwise: they would not surely die; they would be as gods, knowing good and evil; God had deceived them and did not have their best interests at heart; as gods everything would be in their power if they ate of the forbidden tree.

Perceiving that the tree would make them wise they rejected God's authority, assumed divine status, decided what was best for their lives and ate of the forbidden tree; they chose the way that seemed right to them, but would ultimately lead to death. They would soon learn that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov 1:7; 9:10).



Rejecting God is Servitude to the Devil

Knowledge came immediately: they became conscious of their nakedness; their Innocence was turned into guilt and shame; they made aprons out of fig leaves and covered themselves; afraid of the consequences, they hid themselves from the presence of God; sin had severed their relationship with God.

In addition, the curse of death was upon them, subjecting them to a lifetime of servitude to sin and the devil, who held the power of death (Heb. 2:14, 15).

In his wrath God cursed the ground; man would henceforth eat through toil and the woman would bring forth children in sorrow. In His mercy God promised them a redeemer (Jesus), killed an animal to atone for their sin, covered them with the skin of the animal, expelled them from the Garden of Eden and barred their way to the Tree of Life. They were experiencing God's Power and Mercy.

Now enslaved to sin and alienated from the Most High God, they were left to their own devices to fend for themselves in unknown territories. Each new day brought new experiences but when Cain, their firstborn son, murdered his brother Abel in a prideful rage, it was a real eye-opener: they discovered that their children were made in the sinful image of their father, and not in the image of God as Adam; the curse of death was upon them. They were in bondage to sin and its master, the devil.

As knowledge increased evil abounded more and more until the earth was filled with violence: the generational curse had taken its toll. Judgment was set: God would send a deluge to destroy all humankind from the face of the earth, except for Noah, a righteous man who feared God and his family. In his wisdom, God instructed Noah to build an Ark to preserve them through the flood; this afforded the wicked plenty of time to turn from their wicked ways; instead they scoffed at Noah's warning of coming judgment and his pleas to repent and laughed at his building the ark to escape the flood. The wisdom of God is foolishness to man.

POLLUTIONS...

...thru The Knowledge of Jesus Christ

Sin is Embedded in Man's Nature

Despite being given a second chance the sin nature was still alive in Noah and his descendants; this was evidenced by Noah's drunken behaviour and Ham's evil act towards his father, which led to him cursing Canaan, Ham's son and ultimately the entire Canaanite nation. The devil was once again working through the source family to corrupt future generations.

United in one language and still determined to be in control of their own destiny, they built a city and a monument to their own greatness, rather than extolling the name of the Most High God. Knowing their intellectual capacity and the evil intents of their hearts, God confounded their language, so that they could no longer understand each other. However in their wisdom they gathered together in language groups and scattered throughout the whole earth.

Out of these sinful people God called out one man (Abraham) to birth a people (the Jews) for Himself: they would be his people and He would be their God. He separated them from the world (Gentles), gave them a constitution by which to live and a sacrificial system to deal with their sins, appease His wrath and keep the bond of fellowship with Him. He planted them in the land of Canaan and forbid them to intermarry with the Gentiles, who were in servitude to the devil, or adopt their way of life. They were commanded to be holy because He, their God, was holy.

They soon yielded to the temptations round about them and polluted themselves with the evil and God-forbidden practices of the ungodly. They failed to retain God in their minds, the only way to escape the devil's net. They could not keep the laws of God because sin was embedded in their nature.

You Must Be Born Again

Alienated from God and in bondage to the devil, humankind was powerless to resist him: sin reigned supreme in their mortal bodies. Enslaved to sin and under the sentence of death, they were held captive to their lustful desires.

As it was in the days before the flood, the earth is full of violence, even among women and children; Knowledge is also increasing at a rapid pace but without experiential knowledge of God, there is no escape from the pollutions of the world: only the almighty God, through his Son Jesus Christ (the promised Redeemer), can save humankind from self-destructing.

Approximately two thousand years ago Jesus came and died in our stead, to redeem us from the bondage of sin and the devil: **the tempter's power was broken.** Jesus' death secured a pardon for all humankind but to obtain it **you must be born again** by first believing that Jesus came and died for your sins, then forsake sin and the world to be with Him, through repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus.

The new birth is the only way of escape; the Spirit of God will take up residence in you and empower you to resist sin and the devil; God will embed His laws in your mind and engrave them on your heart; you will know God and no longer be under the sentence of death if you abide in Him.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom, and the knowledge of God is understanding. So believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved; thereafter keep His commandments and retain Him in your mind to escape the pollutions of this world.



In Jesus is Life and His Life is the Light of Men. Jn. 1:4

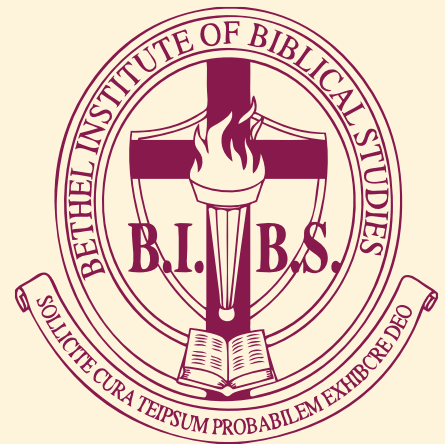


Are you trying to make sense of life? Seeking a deeper understanding of God's word?

Our Introductory Course to the Bible gives you insight into the meaning of life and provides answers to questions such as:
Why do I need to be saved; and from what?
Who is Jesus; and why do I need him?

Our Certificate Course puts the Old and New Testament Scriptures into perspective.

Our Short Courses focus on subjects that are relevant to the times we are living in, such as: Christian Church History and Understanding the End Times. See inside for details.



To begin your journey call the Secretary on **07515 407808**,
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Enrolment is 10th September 2011, 9:00am to 4:00pm, at
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Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich B70 7JW

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