

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

FACT SHEETS FOR

2012-2013 COURSES

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GENESIS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The substance of Genesis lies in its timeless themes: God’s mighty power and greatness, God’s love for His creation, and His grace toward fallen mankind. In its pages, human dignity and purpose, mankind’s rebellion and judgment, and forgiveness by means of a promised Redeemer, are revealed at the very beginning of history—in the Garden of Eden. Though Noah’s Flood wiped out one sinful generation, afterwards, people still rejected God and built the Tower of Babel. God’s redemptive plan continued to play out in the formation of the Hebrew nation. The lives of the Patriarchs are traced with the great stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and the sojourn of the Hebrew nation in Egypt. Genesis displays God’s holiness and faithfulness, and His patient development of mankind’s faith in a coming Messiah.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. The Book of Beginnings
2. The Creation Genesis 1:1–2:3
3. The Fellowship and Fall of Man. Genesis 2:4–3:24
4. Where Rebellion Leads: Part I Genesis 4:1–6:4
5. Where Rebellion Leads: Part II Genesis 6:5–9:29
6. A Lesson Not Learned Genesis 10–11
7. Abram: Chosen, Chastised, and Choosing. Genesis 12–13
8. Living in a Declining Society. Genesis 14
9. Trusting God’s Promises Genesis 15–16
10. The Sign of God’s Covenant with Abraham Genesis 17
11. Abraham the Intercessor Genesis 18
12. Corruption Judged and Destroyed. Genesis 19
13. God Fulfills His Promise Genesis 20–21
14. God Tests Abraham Genesis 22:1–19
15. Abraham the Sojourner Genesis 22:20–23:20

Volume 2

16. Marks of a Successful Servant Genesis 24
17. The Death and Descendants of Abraham Genesis 25
18. God Confirms His Promises Genesis 26
19. God Reaches Out to Jacob. Genesis 27–28
20. The Children of Jacob Genesis 29–30
21. God Protects Jacob Genesis 31
22. Wrestling With God Genesis 32–33
23. God Reconfirms the Promises Genesis 34–36
24. Joseph: The Beginning of Israel’s Journey to Egypt Genesis 37–38
25. Joseph Distinguishes Himself Genesis 39–40
26. The Exaltation of Joseph and the Guilt of His Brothers. Genesis 41–42
27. The Testing of Joseph’s Brothers. Genesis 43–44
28. Joseph Reveals His Identity Genesis 45–46
29. The Providence and Blessings of God Genesis 47–48
30. Jacob’s Final Blessings Genesis 49–50

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
 Year first written: 2008
 Last year edited: 2009

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for new classes as an introduction to the Old Testament.

COMMENTATOR

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DEUTERONOMY

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Deuteronomy leads students to respond to a holy God in obedience and love. Deuteronomy was originally paired with Psalms but you may now mix-and-match it with the other short courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Renewal of the Covenant
 2. Israel, the People of God Deuteronomy 1–3
 3. God’s Mighty Acts and Righteous Law Deuteronomy 4–5
 4. The Difficult Commandments Deuteronomy 6–7
 5. Choice Before the People of God Deuteronomy 8–11
 6. God’s People in Worship Deuteronomy 12–13, 26
 7. Annual Reminders of Redemption and Grace Deuteronomy 16:1-17
 8. The Character of Israel’s Leaders . Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:2-7; 17:14–18:22
 9. Covenant Renewal. Deuteronomy 27–28
 10. The Challenge to Commitment. Deuteronomy 29–30
 11. Transition of Leadership Deuteronomy 31:1–32:47
 12. Moses’ Blessing and Departure Deuteronomy 32:48–34:12
- Review Lesson

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 12 weeks
Year first written: 1989
Year last edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for classes that have studied the Old Testament before.

COMMENTATOR

Dr. Sam Schultz

Dr. Schultz earned his Doctor of Theology degree from Harvard Divinity School. He was professor of Bible at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois for 30 years and headed its Biblical Studies department for 22 years. He has written many books on the Old Testament, including the widely acclaimed and circulated *The Old Testament Speaks*. He serves as a trustee of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

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SERVANTS OF GOD

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This study encourages today's believers to recognize God's power and availability. The course covers the period from Joshua's leadership through David's rule in Israel by exploring the books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and 1 & 2 Samuel. Some lessons involve skimming through large portions of Scripture.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. Joshua: Commissioned by God
2. Joshua and Rahab Joshua 1–2
3. Joshua: Faith and Worship. Joshua 3–5
4. Joshua: Trust and Victory Joshua 6–8
5. Joshua: Justice and Power Joshua 9–12
6. Joshua: Obedience and Peace. Joshua 13–21
7. Joshua: Loving and Honoring God Joshua 22–24
8. Judges: God's Chosen Deliverers Judges 1–3
9. Deborah and Barak Judges 4–5
10. Gideon: Mighty Warrior Judges 6–8
11. Jephthah: The Judge Judges 9–12
12. Samson: The Judge Judges 13–16
13. Ruth and Naomi Ruth 1
14. Ruth and Boaz Ruth 2–4
15. Hannah, Eli, and Samuel 1 Samuel 1–2

Volume 2

16. Samuel and Eli: Submission and Responsibility. 1 Samuel 3–6
17. Samuel: Allegiance and Prayer 1 Samuel 7–8
18. Samuel and Saul: Availability and Charge 1 Samuel 9–11
19. Samuel, Saul, and Jonathan: Problems and Solutions. 1 Samuel 12–14
20. Samuel, Saul, and David: Knowing and Doing God's Will 1 Samuel 15–16
21. David: Triumph and Trial 1 Samuel 17–18
22. David and Jonathan: Danger and Benevolence 1 Samuel 19–21
23. David: Hope and Courage. 1 Samuel 22–24
24. David: Respect and Liberty 1 Samuel 25–31
25. David: Loyalty and Humility. 2 Samuel 1–4
26. David: Joy, Assurance, and Homage 2 Samuel 5–10
27. David: Sin, Repentance, and Forgiveness 2 Samuel 11–12
28. David: Trouble and Sorrow 2 Samuel 13–18
29. David: Restoration and Praise 2 Samuel 19–22
30. The Everlasting Covenant 2 Samuel 23–24

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
 Year first written: 1979
 Year last edited: 2010

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

This is a good Old Testament follow-up to *Highlights of the Pentateuch*.

COMMENTATOR

Dr. Eddy Swieson

Dr. Swieson received his L.Th. from Melbourne College of Divinity in Australia and his doctorate at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. He also studied at George Washington University and the School of International Service of American University. After serving in pastoral ministry for 34 years in the Washington, D.C. area, he moved to California in 1997 and joined the Volunteer Airport Ambassadors at San Diego International Airport to minister to the traveling public. In his book *Why the Angels Laughed*, Dr. Swieson chronicles his premature birth into a poor Chinese Buddhist family in Indonesia, his malaria-ridden youth, God's grace in healing him and sparing him from the atrocities of war, and his encounter with Jesus Christ while reading Paul's letter to the Romans. His motto is, "What I am now I am by the grace of God!"

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**COMMUNITY
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THE DIVIDED KINGDOM AND THE MINOR PROPHETS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Conspiracies. Idolatry. Murderous plots. This epic drama begins with the death of King David. After Bathsheba and Solomon narrowly escape assassination, God vindicates His Word by seating Solomon on the throne of Israel. As Solomon's many foreign wives succeed in turning his heart away from the one true God, king following king spiral deeper into spiritual darkness, leading their people into sin and idolatry. In the midst of widespread spiritual collapse, the ministries of the prophets Elijah and Elisha demonstrate the reality and power of God to an unbelieving world. From the splendor of the kingdom during Solomon's reign to the final collapse of the surviving kingdom, these books teach personal and institutional faithfulness to God. Interspersed among the stories of the kings are the messages communicated from God through the minor prophets: warnings of judgment, yet hope for a restoration of a godly kingdom. Despite Israel's determination to rebel, the Lord's faithfulness and love for His people never ceases.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. Kings and Prophets Various Scriptures
2. Solomon's Rule Established 1 Kings 1–4
3. Solomon the Builder 1 Kings 5–7
4. Solomon's Glory and Decline 1 Kings 8–10
5. Divided Heart, Divided Kingdom 1 Kings 11:1–12:24
6. A Religion of Convenience 1 Kings 12:25–13:34
7. The Fruits of Royal Waywardness 1 Kings 14:1–15:24
8. Elijah: God's Man in Chaotic Times 1 Kings 15:25–17:24
9. Battle of the Gods 1 Kings 18
10. The Sound of a Gentle Whisper. 1 Kings 19–20
11. The Last Days of Ahab 1 Kings 21:1–22:40
12. The Passing of the Mantle 1 Kings 22:41–2 Kings 2:25
13. Elisha and the Adequacy of the Word 2 Kings 3–4
14. The Power of the Word 2 Kings 5–7
15. The End of an Exasperating Era. 2 Kings 8–10

Volume 2

16. The Day of the Lord Joel
17. Slender but Unbreakable 2 Kings 11–13
18. Royal Arrogance, Royal Chaos 2 Kings 14–16
19. The Education of a Reluctant Prophet Jonah
20. Prophet in Prosperity. Amos
21. Passion for the Unfaithful Hosea 1–7
22. Pursuit of the Unfaithful Hosea 8–14
23. The Fall of Israel and the Rise of Hezekiah 2 Kings 17–18
24. The Deliverance and Decline of Judah 2 Kings 19–21
25. The Joys of the Faithful Remnant Micah
26. Your Sins Will Find You Out. Obadiah and Nahum
27. Josiah and the Revival of Judah 2 Kings 22–23
28. Judgment Before Glory Zephaniah
29. A Conversation With God. Habakkuk
30. The End of the Surviving Kingdom 2 Kings 24–25

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
 Year first written: 2007
 Year last edited: 2009

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

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JOB

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The book of Job examines the role of God in a world where suffering touches every life. When great personal loss and agonizing disease descend on the godly man Job, his trust in God is challenged. As he struggles to figure out why a loving God would allow such pain, his friends are convinced that Job is hiding secret sins that deserve God's wrath. The book concludes with a confrontation between Job and God. Many spiritual truths are revealed in this unique study.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. The Beginning of Job's Trials Job 1:1-5
2. The Trials and Testings of Job Job 1:6-2:10
3. Bad Advice and Unfair Accusations Job 2:11-26:6
4. Will the Real God Please Stand Up? Job 27-37
5. What Happens When God Shows Up Job 38:1-40:5
6. Job Learns the Truth About God Job 40:6-42:17

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 2010

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SOLOMON'S WISDOM

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Solomon's Wisdom is applied in Proverbs (7 weeks) to successful living at work, in marriage, family, and other relationships. Ecclesiastes (3 weeks) views life from a secular perspective, concluding that life without God is meaningless. Song of Songs (2 weeks) is an intimate look at what God intends marriage to be, and describes how deep intimacy is also available in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

This course is atypical of most CBS studies in that it uses a topical approach to Proverbs, but the course has been very well received. The Home Study Questions are straightforward in dealing with challenging biblical material.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. The Purpose of Proverbs Is Wisdom Proverbs 1–2
2. How to Build a Wise Family Selected Proverbs
3. How to Succeed in the Business of Life Selected Proverbs
4. Building Strong Relationships Selected Proverbs
5. The Key to Success in Every Realm Selected Proverbs
6. Living Wisely Before God Selected Proverbs
7. The Power of Godly Womanhood Proverbs 31:10-31
8. Discourse 1: The Limitations of Pleasure Ecclesiastes 1–2
9. Discourses 2 and 3: The Limitations of Human Wisdom Ecclesiastes 3–8
10. Discourse 4: Life in View of Its Limitations Ecclesiastes 9–12
11. Lovers Together Song of Songs 1:1–5:1
12. Lovers Apart Song of Songs 5:2–8:14

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 12 weeks
Year first written: 2001
Year last edited: 2011

COMMENTATOR

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AMOS & ISAIAH

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Revised for 2007-08, this course highlights the attributes of God and speaks to the situations of our day, answering questions about life, human nature, and God. Students will find excitement in the prophecies concerning Messiah and comfort in the prophetic words of encouragement. The Commentary clarifies prophetic time periods, defines unfamiliar biblical terms, and explains symbolic language. The first 4 weeks explore the book of Amos, and the remaining 26 weeks concentrate on the study of Isaiah.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. Prophets: God's Voice to His People
2. Nations Accountable to God Amos 1-2
3. God's Message to Israel Amos 3-6
4. Judgment and Restoration Amos 7-9
5. God's Verdict on Judah Isaiah 1
6. God's Long-Range Plan Isaiah 2-4
7. God's Vineyard Isaiah 5:1-6:13
8. God Limits Kings and Nations: A Historical Perspective Isaiah 7-10
9. The Coming Messiah Isaiah 7-12
10. The Mighty Versus Almighty Isaiah 13:1-14:23
11. The Nations and God's Plan, Part 1 Isaiah 14:24-17:14
12. The Nations and God's Plan, Part 2 Isaiah 18-23
13. Universal Judgment and Blessing Isaiah 24-27
14. Man's Wisdom Versus God's Plan Isaiah 28-29
15. The Futility of Human Aid Isaiah 30-31

Volume 2

16. Judgment and the Kingdom of Righteousness Isaiah 32-35
17. Threats and Deliverance Isaiah 36-39
18. God, the Source of Comfort Isaiah 40
19. Predictions of Hope Isaiah 41:1-42:9
20. God and Israel Isaiah 42:10-43:28
21. Babylon's Idols Versus Israel's God Isaiah 44-47
22. Disobedient Israel and God's Obedient Servant Isaiah 48-50
23. Salvation Assured Isaiah 51:1-52:12
24. God's Righteous Servant Isaiah 52:13-53:12
25. The Results of the Servant's Atoning Work Isaiah 54:1-56:8
26. The Apostate and the Contrite Isaiah 56:9-57:21
27. God's Response to False and True Worship Isaiah 58-59
28. The Redeemer in Zion Isaiah 60:1-63:6
29. God's Answer to the Self-Righteous Isaiah 63:7-65:16
30. The New Heavens and the New Earth Isaiah 65:17-66:24

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
 Year first written: 1982
 Year last edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Because of God's judgments for disobedience, many students unfamiliar with the Old Testament need encouragement during the early lessons to persevere with the course, so this course is recommended for well-established classes.

COMMENTATOR

Dr. Sam Schultz

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HOME STUDY QUESTIONS AUTHOR

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Having taught Bible studies for many years, Chris Wood brings to the writing team her gift of teaching, a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures, a discernment of human needs, and a penchant for asking questions. Chris is associated with a diverse question-writing and editing team that meticulously answers and edits each question she prepares.



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DANIEL

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Giving us a glimpse into future events, Daniel shows us how God is the God of history and is in control of heaven and earth. The familiar stories of Daniel 1–6 are rich with meaning, and the commentary and question writers have made the chapters dealing with prophecy easier to understand by defining and explaining the symbolic language.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Don't Panic; God Still Reigns!
2. Daniel and His Friends Encounter Babylon Daniel 1:1–2:23
3. The Dream and its Interpretation Daniel 2:24-49
4. The Golden Image and the Blazing Furnace Daniel 3
5. The Great Tree Daniel 4
6. The Handwriting on the Wall Daniel 5
7. Daniel in the Lions' Den Daniel 6
8. The Four Beasts Daniel 7
9. The Ram, the Goat, and the Small Horn Daniel 8
10. Daniel's Prayer and the Seventy "Sevens" of Years Daniel 9
11. The Kings of the North and South Daniel 10:1–11:35
12. The Final Consummation Daniel 11:36–12:13

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 12 weeks
Year first written: 1996
Year last edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for established classes.

COMMENTATOR

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MARK

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Mark is a vivid and accurate account of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The commentary and questions help students to make important discoveries in following Jesus on His earthly journeys and to see Him as a man of action.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. The Earliest Gospel
2. The Kingdom of God Appears in Person Mark 1:1-20
3. The Authority of the Son of God Mark 1:21-2:12
4. The Man Who Fits No Formula Mark 2:13-3:6
5. Insiders and Outsiders Mark 3:7-35
6. Parables: Ordinary Stories with Extraordinary Meanings Mark 4:1-34
7. A Stiller of Storms Mark 4:35-5:43
8. Misunderstanding and Martyrdom Mark 6
9. The Blindness of Religion Mark 7:1-8:26
10. Discipleship as the Way of the Cross Mark 8:27-9:29
11. The Importance of the Least Mark 9:30-50
12. Discipleship in Everyday Matters Mark 10
13. O Jerusalem Mark 11:1-25
14. Jesus Meets Increasing Hostility. Mark 11:27-12:44
15. The End of the Age Mark 13
16. Sacrifice and Cowardice: The Messiah and His Followers Mark 14
17. Meeting God on the Darkest Day of History. Mark 15
18. Death Could Not Hold Him. Mark 16

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 18 weeks
Year first written: 1991
Last year edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for all classes, new or established.

COMMENTATOR

Dr. James Edwards

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COMMUNITY
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LUKE

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The clear, concise commentary in this course handles the historic record as well as conveying the truth of the Gospel in such a way that students see Jesus as Savior and Lord as well as Jesus in His humanity. Questions are thought-provoking, but not difficult.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. A Gospel to the Gentile World Luke 1:1-4
2. Gabriel Brings Good News Luke 1:5-38
3. Praise and Prophecy Luke 1:39-80
4. The Birth and Boyhood of Jesus Luke 2
5. John the Baptist and Jesus Luke 3
6. Temptations and Victories Luke 4
7. Miracles and Worship Luke 5
8. Sowing and Reaping Luke 6
9. Trust and Forgiveness Luke 7
10. Receiving and Obeying Luke 8:1-21
11. Dominion and Power Luke 8:22-56
12. Mission: Its Call and Cost Luke 9:1-27
13. Knowing and Following Jesus Luke 9:28-62
14. Serving and Loving Luke 10
15. Jesus and Prayer. Luke 11:1-36

Volume 2

16. Jesus Challenges Hypocrites Luke 11:37-12:12
17. God and Our Priorities Luke 12:13-59
18. Sin and the Kingdom of God Luke 13
19. Consider the Cost Luke 14
20. God's Love in Parables Luke 15
21. Wisdom and Riches Luke 16
22. The Kingdom of God Luke 17
23. The Right Attitude Luke 18
24. Triumphant Journey to Jerusalem Luke 19
25. Jesus and the Religious Leaders Luke 20
26. Jerusalem and Christ's Return Luke 21
27. The Lord's Supper Luke 22:1-30
28. Testing and Suffering. Luke 22:31-71
29. The Passion of Christ. Luke 23
30. The Resurrection of Christ. Luke 24

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
Year first written: 1978
Year last edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for all classes, new or established.

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COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY

JOHN

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This warm, intimate study of the life and ministry of Jesus, the Word Incarnate, draws applications from His relationships with individuals and their distinct needs. The questions are straightforward, encouraging students to investigate the gospel first-hand, to understand Christ's claims, and to respond to the Truth.

COURSE OUTLINE

VOLUME 1

1. John the Apostle
2. The Background of the Gospels
3. The Word of God Incarnate John 1:1-18
4. The Beginnings of Christ's Ministry John 1:19-51
5. The Social Christ John 2:1-11
6. The Reformer John 2:12-25
7. The Divine Teacher John 3:1-15
8. The Messiah John 3:16-36
9. The Soul Transformer John 4:1-42
10. The Wonderful Physician John 4:43-5:15
11. The Lord of the Sabbath John 5:8-30
12. The Son of God. John 5:16-47
13. The Bread of Life John 6
14. The Living Water John 7
15. The Defender of the Weak. John 8

VOLUME 2

16. The Light of the World John 9
17. The Good Shepherd John 10
18. The Prince of Life John 11
19. The King John 12:1-19
20. The Challenger of the Gentiles John 12:20-50
21. The Servant John 13:1-20
22. The Prophet John 13:21-38
23. The Counselor and Consoler. John 14
24. The True Vine John 15
25. The Giver of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-26; 15:26-27; 16
26. The Great Intercessor. John 17
27. The Model Sufferer John 18:1-19:16
28. The Uplifted Savior John 19:17-42
29. The Conqueror of Death John 20
30. The Restorer of the Penitent John 21

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
 Year first written: 1975
 Year last edited: 2010

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

This course is excellent for new classes.

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**COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will see the Holy Spirit working through the lives of the apostles and the believers in the early church. This course includes pertinent applications for today's believers and strong teaching on the foundation of the church—Jesus Christ.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. The Birth of Christianity
2. The Promise Acts 1
3. The Festival With a Surprise Acts 2:1-21
4. The Church Begins to Grow Acts 2:22-47
5. Power in Word and in Deed Acts 3
6. The Church Under Attack Acts 4
7. Stormy Days for the Church Acts 5
8. Bridges for the Church Acts 6–7
9. Expansion Under Fire Acts 8
10. Saul's Dramatic Conversion En Route to Damascus Acts 9:1-30
11. You Are Peter, the Rock Acts 9:31–11:18
12. The Founding of a Church Acts 11:19–12:25
13. New Frontiers Acts 13
14. We Will Go to the Gentiles Acts 14
15. The Apostolic Council Acts 15

Volume 2

16. On to Europe Acts 16
17. In the Heartland of Greece Acts 17
18. The Gospel Comes to Corinth Acts 18:1-17
19. Interim Stops; the Third Journey Begins Acts 18:18-28
20. Ministry in Ephesus Acts 19:1-20
21. The Ephesian Riot Acts 19:21-41
22. A Long Way to Rome Acts 20
23. Into the Jaws of Captivity Acts 21
24. Farewell, Jerusalem Acts 22
25. Difficulty and Encouragement Acts 23
26. False Charges and a Clear Conscience Acts 24
27. Witness and Verdict Acts 25–26
28. God Will Take Care of You Acts 27
29. Chains With Hope Acts 28
30. Dear Esteemed Theophilus, P.S.. Acts 1–28

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 30 weeks
Year first written: 1981
Year last edited: 2009

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

This is a stimulating course. Questions are balanced, good for those new to Bible study, yet challenging for advanced students.

COMMENTATOR

Rev. Phillip C. Hiller

The Reverend Hiller received his B.A. from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota and earned a M.A. from the University of Wisconsin. He received his theological training at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota and Princeton Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. He was ordained to the pastoral ministry and served parishes and schools as pastor, teacher, author, and administrator. His favorite activity was that of a Bible teacher. He said of his assignment to write commentaries for the CBS Acts lessons, "I wouldn't be interested unless I thought I could learn something new."

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**COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY**

GALATIANS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Galatians is an outstanding treatment of Christian liberty, illuminating Paul's forceful declaration of justification by faith alone based on the finished work of Jesus Christ and freedom from the bondage of the Law. Originally, this course was 12 weeks long, but in 2008 it was reduced to 6 weeks.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Introduction and Greetings Galatians 1:1-10
2. Paul Establishes His Apostolic Authority Galatians 1:11-2:21
3. Faith or Law Galatians 3:1-4:7
4. Children of Promise Galatians 4:8-31
5. The Spirit and the Flesh. Galatians 5
6. Love in Action Galatians 6

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 1989
Year last edited: 2011

COMMENTATOR

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EPHESIANS (6 WEEKS)

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Written to the church at Ephesus by the apostle Paul, the letter beautifully describes how God regards believers. Paul exhorts the Ephesians about what should be evident in their lives in view of what God has accomplished in them. Our study explores God's purpose and power, the power of regeneration in Christ, and the unity and standards of the church. CBS has two Ephesians courses by different writers—this is the 6-week course.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Ephesian Believers Ephesians 1–6
2. God's Purpose and Power Ephesians 1
3. Regeneration in Christ, Reconciliation Through Christ. Ephesians 2
4. The Mystery of the Gospel: The Unity of the Church Ephesians 3:1–4:16
5. The Church and Its Ethical Standard. Ephesians 4:17–5:20
6. The Christian Home and Christian Warfare Ephesians 5:21–6:24

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 1976
Year last edited: 2011

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EPHESIANS (12-WEEK)

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ephesians is an in-depth study encouraging understanding of deep spiritual truth and seeking to activate the will in matters of daily life and practice of faith. (CBS has two *Ephesians* courses by different writers; this one is 12 weeks.)

COURSE OUTLINE

1. All Things Are United in Christ
2. Hope for the Hopeless Ephesians 1:1-14
3. To Know the God Who First Knew Us Ephesians 1:15-23
4. The Key to Salvation Ephesians 2:1-10
5. Christ the Bridge Builder Ephesians 2:11-22
6. Paul and His Ministry Ephesians 3:1-13
7. The Power and the Glory Ephesians 3:14-21
8. Growing Into the Likeness of Christ Ephesians 4:1-16
9. Put off the Old Self, Put on the New. Ephesians 4:17-32
10. The Imitation of Christ Ephesians 5:1-20
11. Divine Rules for Human Relationships Ephesians 5:21-6:9
12. The Armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-24

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 12 weeks
Year first written: 1991
Last year edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for all classes, new or established.

COMMENTATOR

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PHILIPPIANS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

One of the most quoted New Testament epistles, Paul wrote to friends at Philippi to show them how joy does not depend on surroundings, but on the Savior. Our study explores working for the Kingdom, Christian unity and charity, and enduring persecution.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Rejoice! Philippians 1:1-11
2. Paul's Personal Testimony Philippians 1:12-30
3. Christ: The Supreme Model Philippians 2:1-11
4. Workers in the Kingdom Philippians 2:12-30
5. Moving Toward the Goal Philippians 3
6. Unity and Charity Philippians 4

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 1976
Year last edited: 2011

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COLOSSIANS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A letter written to combat error in the church, Paul points the believers at Colossae to Jesus as the head of His body, the church, who gives believers fullness in Christ. The questions are thought provoking and challenging.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Beware of False Teachings!
2. The People of ChristColossians 1:1-14
3. The Person and Work of ChristColossians 1:15-2:7
4. The Superiority and Sufficiency of ChristColossians 2:8-23
5. The Love of Christ.Colossians 3:1-17
6. The Lordship of Christ Colossians 3:18-4:18

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 1996
Year last edited: 2010

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

Recommended for established classes.

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1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Written by the apostle Paul to the young church in Thessalonica, this epistle focuses on the hope and the habits of faith when tested. The CBS study looks at how Paul's words of encouragement and warning guided new believers and how they apply to believers today.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Letters to Christians in Crisis. 1& 2 Thessalonians
2. A Man of Integrity 1 Thessalonians 1:1–2:16
3. A Pastor's Concern. 1 Thessalonians 2:17–4:12
4. A Living Hope 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11
5. Encouragement and Warning 1 Thessalonians 5:12–2 Thessalonians 1:12
6. The Day of the Lord 2 Thessalonians 2–3

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 1988
Year last edited: 2010

COMMENTATOR

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HEBREWS

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Hebrews challenges students to gain confidence in the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ, presenting the theme of Jesus as High Priest. Using Old Testament references, the study leads students to see how the Old Testament worship system foreshadows the New. Hebrews used to be paired with Galatians, but now it is available to mix-and-match with the other short courses.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Fulfillment in Jesus Hebrews 1:1-4
2. The Superiority of Christ Hebrews 1:5-2:9
3. The Excellence of Christ Hebrews 2:10-3:6
4. The Peril of Unbelief Hebrews 3:7-19
5. God's Promised Rest Hebrews 4:1-13
6. A Great High Priest Hebrews 4:14-5:10
7. Warning Against Apathy and Apostasy Hebrews 5:11-6:8
8. Hope and the Surety of God's Promises. Hebrews 6:9-20
9. A Priest in the Order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 7
10. Our Great High Priest Hebrews 8
11. The Old and the New Covenants Hebrews 9
12. Christ's Finished Work Hebrews 10:1-18
13. A Call to Persevere. Hebrews 10:19-39
14. Those Who Exercise Faith, Part 1 Hebrews 11:1-22
15. Those Who Exercise Faith, Part 2 Hebrews 11:23-40
16. The Value of Hardship Hebrews 12:1-11
17. Responsibilities of Spiritual Maturity. Hebrews 12:12-29
18. Living Out Our Christian Faith. Hebrews 13

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 18 weeks
Year first written: 1989
Year last edited: 2011

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

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JAMES

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

One of the most practical books in the Bible, the lessons for this epistle encourage each student to lead a more consistent, caring Christian life and to explore the practical application of faith in family and society.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Faith and Action James 1:1
2. Faith and Life James 1:2-27
3. Faith and Society James 2
4. Faith and the Human Tongue James 3
5. Faith and Human Struggle James 4
6. Faith and Practice James 5

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 6 weeks
Year first written: 1976
Year last edited: 2011

COMMENTATOR

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1 & 2 PETER

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

These two letters examine how Christians face suffering, knowing their safety and security are in God. The apostle Peter also teaches his readers how to handle heresy and recognize false teachers in their midst.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. A Promising Future
2. A Living Hope in Troubling Times 1 Peter 1:1-12
3. Faithful Children Before a Holy Father 1 Peter 1:13-25
4. Living Stones in the Temple of God 1 Peter 2:1-10
5. The Testimony of the Servant Life 1 Peter 2:11-25
6. Jesus Christ: From Servant to Sovereign. 1 Peter 3
7. Good Managers of God's Bounty 1 Peter 4:1-11
8. The Fires of Adversity 1 Peter 4:12-19
9. Advice to Christian Leaders 1 Peter 5
10. The Human Response to God's Initiative 2 Peter 1
11. False Teachers 2 Peter 2
12. The Promise of the Lord's Return 2 Peter 3

COURSE STATISTICS

Length: 12 weeks
Year first written: 1996
Year last edited: 2010

RECOMMENDED CLASSES

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COMMENTATOR

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1 JOHN

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This letter is filled with assurances and provides practical advice to believers. The CBS study looks at the differences between true believers and those who have been deceived, evidences of a new life in Christ, and the great love of God for all of His children.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. The Word Among Us. 1 John 1:1-4
2. Walking in the Light 1 John 1:5-2:6
3. Evidences of the New Life 1 John 2:7-29
4. God's Love Personified 1 John 3
5. Truth and Error. 1 John 4
6. Faith and Its Certainties 1 John 5

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REVELATION

CBS COURSE FACT SHEET

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exciting and challenging study of the end-times prophecy, the book of Revelation reveals the full identity of Christ, His sovereignty, judgment, and triumphant return. The commentary gives an unbiased point of view on sometimes difficult-to-understand passages.

COURSE OUTLINE

Volume 1

1. Prophecies of Future Events Revelation 1:1-8
2. The Vision of Christ Revelation 1:9-20
3. Letters to Four Churches Revelation 2
4. Letters to Three Churches Revelation 3
5. The Throne Scene Revelation 4
6. The Lamb and the Scroll Revelation 5
7. Six Seal Judgments. Revelation 6
8. Tribulation Saints Revelation 7
9. Seventh Seal, First Four Trumpets Revelation 8
10. Fifth Trumpet, First Woe: The Locust Plague. Revelation 9:1-12
11. Sixth Trumpet, Second Woe: The Euphrates Angels Revelation 9:13-21
12. The Mighty Angel and the Edible Scroll Revelation 10
13. The Two Witnesses and the Seventh Trumpet Revelation 11
14. The Woman and the Dragon, Part 1 Revelation 12:1-9
15. The Woman and the Dragon, Part 2 Revelation 12:10-17

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