



Syllabus

BIB 263: EPHESIANS **Genesis Bible Institute**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ephesians is a marvelous letter which presents the Apostle Paul's writing at its most profound and sophisticated level. Insightful teaching on love, unity, the church, the centrality of Christ and spiritual warfare are woven together in this theological treatise. Ephesians is a working document meant to inform and shape the lives of all who read, hear and study its message.

In this course, you will examine Paul's letter to the Ephesians, engaging in a verse-by-verse study as you learn the book's various themes and how they apply to your life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Discuss the historical issues related to Ephesians: date, authorship, audience and purpose;
- Identify the spiritual themes of the letter;
- Describe the "who, how, and why" of God's work of reconciliation;
- Explain the message of the gospel through biblical terminology used in Ephesians;
- Demonstrate how Ephesians has direct application to your life;
- Explain how Paul's use of figurative "clothing" describes the transformation of character in a believer;
- Describe the different pieces of the armor of God and why a believer must be prepared and protected;
- Examine what Paul says about God's will, God's grace, God's purpose, God's power, and God's plan for humanity through Christ;
- Quote three verses from Ephesians by memory – Ephesians 1:7-8 and 4:29.

REQUIRED READING

- The Book of Ephesians from one of the following translations: ESV, NASB, NIV, NRSV, RSV

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 45 points / 45% of grade)
After you read the Study Guide and Paul's letter to the Ephesians, you will answer questions related to the content of each chapter of the epistle. The Study Guide questions are designed to help you dig into the content of Ephesians and understand Paul's theology and its implication for your life. There are a total of 30 questions.

- *Assignment 1: Short Essay Responses* (worth 25 points / 25% of grade)
In these five short essay responses, you will demonstrate how the book of Ephesians applies to your life. Each essay response must be a minimum of 100 words.
- *Assignment 2: Essential Teachings* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
For this assignment, you will compose in EXACTLY 25 words the essential teachings from each chapter. You will also write a reflection on the theme you most appreciate from Ephesians. The reflection must be 100 words or fewer.
- *Final Exam:* (worth 20 points / 20% of grade)
The final exam consists of true/false, multiple-choice questions, and Scripture memory verses. The exam will help to measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	45 points	45%
Short Essay Responses	25 points	25%
Essential Teachings	10 points	10%
Final Exam	20 points	20%
Total	100 points	100%