



Syllabus

BIB 269: Hebrews

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In his book, *Be Confident*, Warren Wiersbe calls the epistle to the Hebrews “a book of evaluation, proving that Jesus Christ is better than anything the Law of Moses has to offer” (22). Hebrews was written not only to the believers of the first century, but to believers of every age so that all may rest in the knowledge that Jesus has proven himself superior in every way to the characters, systems, sacrifices, and ordinances of the Old Testament.

This course is an exploration of the themes, purposes, and general message of the epistle to the Hebrews. Students will explore authorship, numerous Old Testament references, and the imperative endurance of faith. Special attention is given to the warnings, exhortations, and revelations the author conveys. The key to the book is the Old Testament’s culmination in the New regarding the ultimate supremacy of Christ.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Explain the historical context of the epistle, its date, authorship, audience, and purpose;
- Identify the major themes of Hebrews;
- Identify and compare Old Testament types and prophecies with their fulfillments in Christ;
- Explain the descriptions and titles given to Christ in Hebrews;
- Explain the superiority of Christ as contrasted with the people and rituals of the Old Testament;
- Identify the author’s warnings and exhortations found in Hebrews;
- Discuss the various theories regarding the authorship of the epistle;
- Explain the different positions regarding eternal security and apostasy found in Hebrews;
- Defend the necessity of faith, hope, and love exemplified in the life of a Christian;
- Recite from memory Hebrews 4:16 and Hebrews 11:6.

REQUIRED READING

The book of Hebrews from any one of the following translations: ESV, NIV, NRSV, NASB, NKJV.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- Study Guide Answers (60 points / 60% of grade)**
After you read the epistle to the Hebrews and the Study Guide, you will answer questions in each unit related to the content of the chapter(s) noted. These assignments in the Study Guide are designed to help you understand the meaning of the text. There are a total of 60 questions. Each answer is worth 1 point.
- Assignment 1: Views of Jesus (16 points / 16% of grade)**
You will be required to complete a table listing eight Old Testament passages that are relevant to the presentation of Jesus in Hebrews. In the table, you will include a brief description of the original context and the view of Jesus highlighted in the corresponding passage in Hebrews. Each response is worth two points.
- Assignment 2: Warnings and Exhortations (16 points / 16% of grade)**
You will be required to identify and list each of the five warnings and twelve exhortations found in the book of Hebrews. For each warning passage, you will describe the nature of the warning and the consequence for ignoring it. For the exhortations, you will note the directions that the author conveys to the audience. Each warning is worth two points, and each exhortation is worth a ½ point.
- Final Exam: (8 points / 8% of grade)**
The final exam consists of six true/false statements, six multiple-choice questions, and your assigned memory verses. The exam will help to measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	60 points	60%
Views of Jesus	16 points	16%
Warnings and Exhortations	16 points	16%
Final Exam	8 points	8%
Total	100 points	100%