

Christian Life Series

What is the next step after a person has taken the initial step of faith and accepted Jesus Christ as Savior? New converts must be oriented in the Christian ways of life. That is why the 18 courses in the Christian Life Certificate Program have been developed.

Your New Life - When you asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, something wonderful happened. You began a new life. Your sins were forgiven, and you were born into the family of God. Although your new life is a gift from God in heaven, you begin to live it now on earth. Learn how to live it according to God's principles. Let **Your New Life** teach you how to grow and find joy in your new life in Christ.

Your Bible - Your Word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path," said King David many years ago. No matter how difficult your situation is, or what decision you need to make, you can have the same assurance that King David had. This 107-page course adapted by Judy Bartel from the original course written by Louise Jeter Walker, will introduce you to the Bible and help you study it in order to gain insight into the way that God views our circumstances and helps us when we ask him.

Who Jesus Is - The best place to learn about the identity of Jesus is the Bible. This course, written by Elton G. Hill and adapted by Louise Jeter Walker, gives a vivid look at the life of Jesus beginning with His birth and continuing to the prophecies about His second coming. At the end of this course there is an invitation for the reader to have a personal encounter with Jesus. Available in print.

The Church - This course not only describes the church (where it came from, how it began, what will happen to it in the future), it also shows how each member of the body of Christ can be more useful as they put into practice what they learn. This 110-page course by Donald Smeeton gives the believer a better understanding of their place in the church and also shows them how to go about fulfilling their potential as one of the indispensable parts of the body of Christ.

Personal Evangelism - Jesus was our example in taking the good news to people everywhere and He wants us to share the gospel wherever we go. This 144-page course by Jean-Baptiste Sawadogo will help the reader to understand the true nature of evangelism. Knowing the principles contained in this course will enable believers to share Christ with the people around them in a more convincing, powerful and positive way.

Bible Ethics - Far too often we dwell on the things we feel are prohibited to us because we are Christians. But the motivating factor behind righteous living should be that Jesus said, "Be holy because I am holy." This 158-page course by John and Sara Miles clarifies the reasons behind the rules which were made to help believers enjoy serving God and being holy as He is holy.

When You Pray - When God made us, He put something in us that reaches out for Him. We realize that we need a power greater than our own to solve our problems, protect us, and meet our needs. Through prayer we learn to reach out to God for help and this 100-page course by J. Robert Ashcroft shows us how to get our prayers answered and have our needs met as we pray and worship God.

How to Study the Bible - Once we have chosen to follow God's plan for our lives, we are not only responsible to conform our lives and characters to Christ's image, but to share Christ's love with others so that their lives can also be transformed. We can best fulfill our responsibilities as we respond to the Holy Spirit when He reveals God's mind to us as we study the Bible. This 132-page course by Thomas Maphori gives a great deal of necessary insight for those who are interested in organizing their study of the Bible.

Your Helpful Friend - Everyone needs friends and everyone values those special friends who are always there when you need them the most. Each of us has a special friend in the Holy Spirit, and this course by Louise Jeter Walker tells about this very special friend in its 144 pages. Many students have experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit after studying this course.

Christian Worship - As you grow in your Christian life, the desire to worship the Lord grows—and that desire must be fulfilled. God also longs to have fellowship and communion with His children. This 118-page course by Judy Bartel will help those who seek to maintain consistent private devotions by illustrating both the need for and the benefit of worship. It also gives some essential guidelines that will be beneficial for group worship.

Christian Workers - You can know how to fit into God's design as a member of the body of Christ and learn how God will equip you to serve Him in the church. This 119-page course by Marian Brandt relates how God organized the church and put each member in the body of Christ according to His plan. It also gives practical suggestions to follow in order to find and develop the gifts that will allow each individual to edify the church. It will help in understanding how to work with the leaders of the local church and how gifted believers can minister to those who need their help.

Marriage and the Home - Many young couples take this course in preparation for marriage and find a number of time-tested rules for developing a happy home. As they study this 160-page course by Rex Jackson, family members learn to appreciate each other more by learning the basic principles of proper relationships in the home. Marriage was established by God and the family is the building block of society. Without strong family units the church cannot be what God intended for it to be. This course deals with all of the aspects of marriage and home that make the family the strong unit that the church rests upon.

God's Design—Your Choice - God has a design for your life, but He has left it up to you to choose whether or not you will follow His plan. This 155-page course by Lowell Harrup will help you find out more about God's design for you and the many ways in which God will help you if you choose to follow Him. Knowledge about God's design and our choice will help everyone when they are confronted with the bewildering array of decisions that each person must make everyday.

John's Gospel - This course follows the pattern of John's Gospel and centers on the person of Jesus. It deals with many of the intimate details of Jesus' life, His teaching, and His claims that are not found in the other Gospels. In its 184 pages, author Rex Jackson takes the reader on a chapter-by-chapter study of the Gospel of John, and presents the vivid description of Christ that was given by the beloved disciple who was His closest human associate during His years of ministry.

We Believe - Learning from God's Word helps us to answer the questions of what we believe and why we believe. Hence, we become what we believe. The themes in this course are challenging, the content is biblical and the end result will impact the rest of your life.

What Churches Do - What is the purpose of churches and why do people go to church? What does it mean to be baptized? Why should a believer take communion? Is it scriptural to dedicate babies? This 154-page course by Robert and Evelyn Bolton will answer many of the most frequently asked questions about the church. The experiences of Mary, a new convert, and her fiancé, Timothy, are followed throughout the book to illustrate the biblical basis for what churches do and why they do it.

The Teaching Ministry - Teaching is like throwing a small rock in a pool of water. As we teach and our students in turn teach others, the results are like ripples of water, reaching out to the world around us. This 144-page course by Marjorie Steward will help illustrate how to have a teaching ministry that is both productive and rewarding. Jesus commissioned his followers to "...teach all nations... teaching them to obey and to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded..." This is the mandate that must be carried out by the church. Available in print.

The Christian in the Community - If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have already experienced profound changes in your life. Certainly one of these changes was an alteration of your attitude towards others. We are all part of the same community and this 158-page course by Donald Stuckless teaches us that this community is much more than the place where we live. It is a spirit, or attitude that we have towards others and God wants us to realize the importance of demonstrating the proper attitude towards others.