

Basic Missionary Theology

Preparing to Do Theology Cross-Culturally

Course Resources:

- *Basic Missionary Theology* student workbook: \$50
- Online exams for *Basic Missionary Theology*: \$50

Order from www.abwe.org/training/programs/biblical_studies/

This course can be studied on at least three levels:

1. For personal enrichment (non-academic) only. Personal enrichment students may opt to take the online course exams (for a \$50 online testing fee) or not to do so.
2. To fulfill ABWE's basic theology (Bible doctrines) studies requirement. To satisfy this requirement, the student must make at least a final averaged score of 75% over the online course exams.
3. For academic credit through Baptist Bible Graduate School or Seminary. The course design document below describes the study procedures and requirements for academic credit.

Academic Credit Course Design

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Course design for two graduate credits through Baptist Bible Graduate School or Seminary

See www.abwe.org/training/programs/graduate_degree_credit/ for more information.

I. Course Rationale

ABWE missionaries are required to have a thorough knowledge of the doctrinal content of the Bible, God's Word. This knowledge is intended to be applied to the devotional lives of the missionaries, and to their evangelistic, apologetic, and discipling ministries. ABWE missionaries are expected to be able to give Biblical answers to those who inquire about their faith, and to be able to disciple those who believe, within the cultural context of their ministries. This course is designed to enable them both to know the major Bible doctrines, and to understand many of the theological issues involved in applying the teachings of the Bible in a culture other than their own.

II. Course Units

- A. *Prolegomena*—An Introduction to Theology
- B. *Bibliology*—How has God communicated with His creatures?
- C. *Theology Proper*—What does the Bible reveal about who God is?
- D. *Christology*—How does the Bible describe the person and work of the Messiah?
- E. *Pneumatology*—Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do?
- F. *Angelology/Satanology/Demonology*—What does the Bible say about spirit beings?
- G. *Anthropology*—What did God intend mankind to be and what has mankind become?
- H. *Hamartiology*—How has the fall of Adam and Eve impacted us all?

- I. *Soteriology*—How did God provide salvation to the lost human race?
- J. *Ecclesiology*—What does the New Covenant community look like in Scripture?
- K. *Eschatology*—How will God’s plan work out in the future?

III. Course Goals and Objectives

A. Unit Goals and Objectives

One goal and several objectives are stated at the beginning of each unit in the course workbook.

B. The Overall Course Goal and Objectives

By the end of the course, the student will demonstrate an understanding of basic Bible doctrines, with their extensions into missionary praxis in other cultures, by...

1. Stating doctrinal points from the key texts that support them.
2. Distinguishing between accurate and inaccurate statements of doctrine.
3. Responding to the teachings of the predominant religion of a region.

IV. Instructional-Learning Model and Procedures

The instructional-learning model for this course was designed to make it possible for students to achieve effectively each of the course and unit goals and objectives. In order to achieve these goals and objectives, the student will...

- A. Read and study each unit in the content of the course workbook.
- B. Read the appropriate Biblical texts given by name, chapter, and verse in each unit of this course.
- C. Take a series of 11 online exams that cover the content in the *Basic Missionary Theology* course workbook.
- D. Take a final exam consisting of questions drawn from the unit exams.
- E. Briefly contrast and refute some of the major tenets of the religious worldview of the people group the student intends to serve with the doctrines studied in this course.

V. Evaluation Procedures

In order to evaluate the student’s knowledge of the content in the *Basic Missionary Theology* course, the student will:

- A. Take an examination on each of eleven units contained in the *Basic Missionary Theology* workbook.
 1. BMT Exam 1—Prolegomena (5 % of final grade)
 2. BMT Exam 2—Bibliology (7 %)
 3. BMT Exam 3—Theology Proper (7 %)
 4. BMT Exam 4—Christology (7 %)

5. BMT Exam 5—Pneumatology (7 %)
6. BMT Exam 6—Angelology, Satanology, and Demonology (7 %)
7. BMT Exam 7—Anthropology (7 %)
8. BMT Exam 8—Hamartiology (7 %)
9. BMT Exam 9—Soteriology (7 %)
10. BMT Exam 10—Ecclesiology (7 %)
11. BMT Exam 11—Eschatology (7 %)

B. Take an online final examination (BMT Exam 12) consisting of 50 questions that will be drawn randomly from the pools of questions used for the eleven unit exams. (10 %)

C. Complete a chart in which summaries of various teachings of the majority religion of the region where the student will be serving are noted through writing Biblical responses to those teachings based upon the doctrines studied in this course. (15 %)

Notes:

1. Information regarding ABWE's "CEIM Biblical Studies" Atrixware online examinations can be found on the following page of the Training section of the ABWE website: www.abwe.org/training/programs/biblical_studies/
2. A final score of 75% is required to fulfill ABWE's basic theology (Bible doctrines) knowledge requirement.
3. For students who are taking this course for academic credit through Baptist Bible Graduate School or Seminary, the grading scale of those institutions will be applied to this course.

Who to Contact with your Questions

For questions regarding Baptist Bible Graduate School enrollment and other related academic procedures contact **Howard Hicks** (hhicks@bbc.edu).

For questions regarding Baptist Bible Seminary enrollment and other related academic procedures contact **Paul Golden** (pgolden@bbc.edu).

For questions regarding general CEIM-related academic procedures contact the CEIM Director for Academic Studies, **David Heyd** (graduatecredit@abwe.org).

For questions related to course assignments, etc. for this course, contact **Jim Ruff** (jim@abwe.org or 717-703-3427).