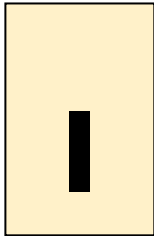
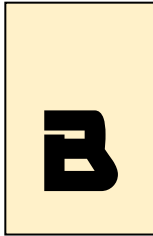
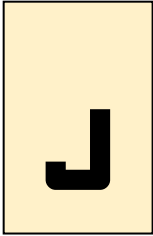


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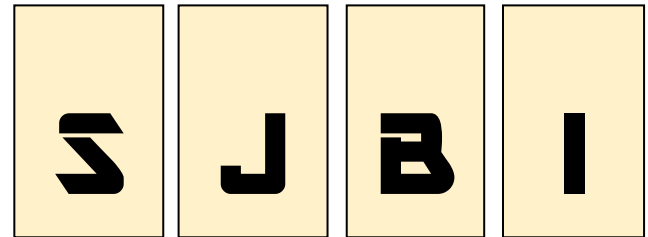
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 a work for the Master”*



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*B.Th; Christian Bible College, 1998*  
*M.Th./D.Th.; Andersonville Theological Seminary, 2013, 2014*



## Bachelor of Theology Degree Requirements

(120 Credit Hours)

Credit Hours

### *Prerequisites:*

Completion of SJBI 3-year program	<b>90.0</b>
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### *Pastor Requested Courses:*

PR301-7	Ministerial Ethics	3.75
PR301-8	The Origin of the Bible	3.75
PR301-9	The Person of the Holy Spirit	3.75
PR301-10	The Person of Christ	3.75
PR301-11	The Person of God	3.75
PR307-12	Hermeneutics	3.75
PR307-12	Systematic Theology	3.75
P&307-14	Eschatology	3.75

Sub-total Credit Hours	<b>30.0</b>
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>120.0</b>
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- ❖ A cumulative 2.00 GPA (out of a possible 4.00) must be maintained
- ❖ The school does not recognize life-learning credits
- ❖ Certificates of Completion issue for each course

It is with great joy that we, the SJBI President, instructors and staff, offer this Christian educational program, which has benefitted so many in their respective ministries and in their personal walk with the Lord. Our mission is to educate men and women of all Christian faiths, with the Word of God, thereby enabling them to be more effective in all areas of ministry. We are committed to do all that we can to ensure that our students receive quality instruction and care while enrolled at SJBI.

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Prayerfully consider joining us at St. John Bible Institute. We hope to see you soon.

Bernice K. Ruth, Registrar and Dean of Students:  
*Biblical Studies Diploma; St. John Bible Institute, 2005*  
*B.Ed./M.Ed.; Southern University, 1975/1979*

## Diploma in Biblical Studies Requirements (90 Credit Hours)

<i>Old Testament Courses:</i>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
OT101 The Pentateuch	3.75
OT102 Early Israelite History	3.75
OT103 The Kingdom Period	3.75
OT104 The Post Exilic Period	3.75
OT105 Old Testament Literature	3.75
OT106 The Major Prophets	3.75
OT107 The Minor Prophets	3.75
<i>New Testament Courses:</i>	
NT201 The Gospels	3.75
NT202 Acts – II Corinthians	3.75
NT203 Galatians – II Timothy	3.75
NT204 Titus – Revelations	3.75
<i>In-Depth Courses:</i>	
GD301-1 Great Doctrines I	3.75
GD301-2 Great Doctrines II	3.75
LC302 The Life of Christ	3.75
BP303 Biblical Prophecy	3.75
PE304 Personal Evangelism	3.75
CH305 Church History	3.75
GP509 Galatians and Philippians (In-Depth)	3.75
HOM309 Sermon Preparation & Delivery	3.75
<i>Pastor Requested Courses:</i>	
PR307-1 Discovering Your Gifts	3.75
PR307-2 The Tabernacle	3.75
PR307-3 Spiritual Leadership	3.75
PR307-5 Christian Counseling	3.75
PR307-6 Creative Bible Teaching	3.75
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>90.0</b>

- ❖ A cumulative 2.00 GPA (out of a possible 4.00) must be maintained
- ❖ The school does not recognize life-learning credits
- ❖ Certificates of Completion issue for each course

## OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

<u>Course OT101</u>	<u>The Pentateuch</u>	<u>3.75 Hours</u>
<b>Lectures 1, 2:</b>	<b>Genesis</b>	
<b>Lectures 3, 4:</b>	<b>Exodus</b>	
<b>Lectures 5, 6:</b>	<b>Leviticus</b>	
<b>Lectures 7, 8:</b>	<b>Numbers and Deuteronomy</b>	

All of God’s truth that is later revealed exists in germ form in the Book of **Genesis**. **Exodus** demonstrates that Jehovah God is a God who knows the condition of His people, who comes down to deliver, who redeems by blood and power, who supplies every need, who gives victory, who reveals His holy character, and who dwells among His people. In **Leviticus**, God revealed laws to prepare and secure the physical, moral, and spiritual well-being of the people. **Numbers** can be summed up in three words: wilderness, warfare, and wandering. The course concludes with **Deuteronomy** and Moses reminding the people of the law and their call to holiness before God.

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<u>Course OT102</u>	<u>Early Israelite History</u>	<u>3.75 Hours</u>
<b>Lectures 1, 2:</b>	<b>Joshua and Judges</b>	
<b>Lecture 3:</b>	<b>Ruth</b>	

Carl Armerding states that the Lord promised **Joshua**: Just as He had been with Moses, so He would be with him. There was only one condition, which Joshua had to meet - obey the Word of God without deviation. **Judges** covers 300 years of history from Joshua's death to the death of Samson, the last of 13 "Judges" sent by God to deliver His people. As quoted by J. Vernon McGee, “The book of **Ruth** is a love story.” This little book gives to us a picture of the wonderful relationship that exists between Christ and His church.

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## THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Course PR307-9      **The Person of the Holy Spirit**      3.75 Hours

This course is a one-semester comprehensive study of the Person of the Holy Spirit. More specifically, this study will focus on the indwelling power and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, as seen from the Bible.

Textbook:      The Holy Spirit  
Author:      Charles C. Ryrie  
Copyright:      Moody Publishers, Chicago, Illinois, 1970

Instructor:      Rev. Donald R. Ruth  
                         B.Th., Christian Bible College  
                         M.Th./D.Th., Andersonville Theological Seminary

## THE PERSON OF CHRIST

Course PR307-10      **The Person of Christ**      3.75 Hours

This course is a one-semester comprehensive study on the person of Christ. The riches of divine revelation embodied in Jesus Christ are immeasurable. The course looks at Christ in eternity past, Christ in the Old Testament, Christ's incarnation, His suffering and death, His resurrection and His future work.

Textbook:      Jesus Christ Our Lord  
Author:      John F. Walvoord  
Copyright:      Moody Publishers, Chicago, Illinois, 1969

Instructor:      Rev. Kenneth Chandler  
                         B.Th., Christian Bible College

## THE PERSON OF GOD

Course PR307-11      **The Person of God**      3.75 Hours

This is a one-semester course on the person of God. God is not a person, but a Spirit. Throughout the Bible, there are various names assigned to God. By studying the various names for God, we come to understand His power and His person. The course explores some 52 Biblical names of God.

Textbook:      The Names of God  
Author:      Ann Spangler  
Copyright:      Zondervan Press, Grand Rapids, MI, 2009

Instructor:      Leroy Williams, Jr.  
                         B.Th./M.Th./D.Th., Christian Bible College of Baton Rouge

## OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

Course OT105      **Old Testament Literature**      3.75 Hours

**Lectures 1, 2:**      **Job**  
**Lectures 3, 4:**      **Psalms and Proverbs**  
**Lectures 5, 6:**      **Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon**  
**Lecture 7:**      **Lamentations**

The book of **Job** is God's answer to "Why should the righteous suffer?" The **Psalms** are the finest expression of human devotion and delight in the Almighty God. To read the **Proverbs** is to be ready for life. To believe them is to be safe from the snares in life's pathway. **Ecclesiastes** recognizes God Himself as the highest value in His creation, and that the truly meaningful life is the life lived in His service. **Song of Solomon** represents an actual occurrence in Solomon's life in which he experienced a pure and holy love. **Lamentations** is a sequel to the prophecy of Jeremiah. This hymn of intense sorrow shows men inspired by God's spirit as they seek to reach up to Him.

Instructor:      Rev. Alvin P. Joseph  
                         Biblical Studies Diploma/B.Th., St. John Bible Institute

Course OT106      **The Major Prophets**      3.75 Hours

**Lectures 1, 2:**      **Isaiah**  
**Lectures 3, 4:**      **Jeremiah**  
**Lectures 5, 6:**      **Ezekiel**  
**Lectures 7, 8:**      **Daniel**

**Isaiah** prophesied in Judah during the reigns of four kings and during great crises. Here you will find the practical aspects of biblical truth. **Jeremiah's** duty was to proclaim the judgment of the Lord and to advise the king and the people to submit to the enemy. **Ezekiel** was one of the three prophets during this period of captivity. Here is a book that combines sobering history and stirring prophecy. **Daniel** deals with three significant interpretations of dreams and visions about the future. This book shows a God of precision and power, a God active and involved in history.

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## OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

Course OT107      **The Minor Prophets**      3.75 Hours

**Lectures 1 to 4:**      **Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Obadiah**

**Lectures 5, 6:**      **Jonah and Micah**

**Lectures 7, 8:**      **Nahum and Habakkuk**

**Lectures 9, 10:**      **Zephaniah and Haggai**

**Lectures 11, 12:**      **Zechariah and Malachi**

**Hosea** means “salvation.” He married an unfaithful wife whom he forgave and redeemed. **Joel** introduces the great prophetic concept of “The Day of the Lord” and prophecies about the Holy Spirit. **Amos** means “bearer of a burden.” He proclaimed the coming destruction of neighboring nations, Israel, and Judah. In **Obadiah**, prideful Edom hated Israel and their doom was predicted. God calls **Jonah** to preach repentance to the people of Ninevah, the hated and evil Assyrians. **Micah** preached God's judgment on Samaria and Jerusalem due to their idolatry. **Nahum** predicts the doom of Ninevah, 150 years after Jonah. **Habakkuk** dialogues with God and receives a vision of the pending woes to come from the Babylonians. **Zephaniah** spoke of the great day of the Lord that was to come to all nations and calls Jerusalem to repent. **Haggai** returned after the captivity, and laid the foundation of the temple in Jerusalem. **Zechariah** also returned to encourage the rebuilding of the temple. He prophesied how Jesus would deliver Israel, be rejected, and return again. **Malachi** brought God's people a message of rebuke and promise.

Instructor:      Rev. Kenneth Chandler  
                         B.Th., Christian Bible College

## MINISTERIAL ETHICS

Course PR307-7      **Ministerial Ethics**      3.75 Hours

This course is a one-semester comprehensive study on ministerial ethics. This aim of this course is to provide practical and spiritual guidance in the area of ethics and etiquette and should be of benefit to persons, of all faiths, who share in the work of ministering.

Textbook:      Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette  
Author:      Nolan B. Harmon  
Copyright:      Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1978

Instructor:      Rev. Donald R. Ruth  
                         B.Th., Christian Bible College  
                         M.Th./D.Th., Andersonville Theological Seminary

## THE BIBLE

Course PR307-8      **The Bible**      3.75 Hours

This course is a one-semester comprehensive study on the origin and history of the Bible. This aim of this course is to provide students with a clear understanding of how the Bible came to be. Through this study, students will gain a more complete understanding of the Bible and this understanding should result into a better appreciation for the Bible.

Textbook:      From God To Us  
Author:      Norman L. Geisler and William E. Nix  
Copyright:      Moody Publishers, Chicago, Illinois, 1974

Instructor:      Rev. Kenneth Chandler  
                         B.Th., Christian Bible College



## NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

Course NT203	<b>Galatians – II Timothy</b>	3.75 Hours
<b>Lectures 1, 2:</b>	<b>Galatians and Ephesians</b>	
<b>Lectures 3, 4:</b>	<b>Philippians and Colossians</b>	
<b>Lectures 5, 6:</b>	<b>I and II Thessalonians</b>	
<b>Lectures 7, 8:</b>	<b>I and II Timothy</b>	

**Galatians** is the declaration of the glorious freedom that Jesus has won for all believers. It defends the truth of justification by faith alone, which imparts to us incredible freedom in Jesus. **Ephesians** unfolds God's wonderful workmanship in fashioning a new and invisible spiritual organism designated as the body of Christ. It stresses true church unity. The purpose of **Philippians** is to give thanks to the believers at Philippi for a gift that they sent to Paul and to correct friction that existed there. Paul gives words concerning Christ as the believer's life, pattern, object, and strength. **Colossians** discloses the fact that Jesus Christ is the head of the body which is the church and emphasizes that it is in Him that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells. **I and II Thessalonians** contain a rich presentation of the truth of God designed for young believers. Paul writes about thanksgiving to God, the secret of effective Christian service, the believer's sanctification, and the coming of the Lord. Some believed that they were already in the tribulations of the day of the Lord. Paul corrects this misapprehension and encourages them to go on with the Lord. **I and II Timothy** are addressed to men who have the responsibility for the administration of local assemblies. These letters reveal God's will regarding doctrine, church administration and discipline.

Instructor: Rev. Sam Williams, Jr.  
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## DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS

Course PR307-1 **Discovering Your Gifts** 3.75 Hours

This course is a one-semester comprehensive study of the God given, motivational gifts, found in the Book of Romans, chapter 12. Each gift is discussed in detail, and the objective is that the student, upon completing the course requirements, fully grasps the basic concepts related to each gift so that he or she can better relate to others with whom they interact.

Textbook: Discover Your God Given Gifts  
Author: Don and Katie Fortune  
Copyright: Chosen Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 1987

Instructor: April Hawkins; Diploma-Biblical Studies, B.Th..  
St. John Bible Institute

## THE TABERNACLE

Course PR307-2 **The Tabernacle** 3.75 Hours

This course is a one-semester comprehensive study of the Tabernacle that covers the purpose, significance and symbolisms of the Tabernacle, its furnishings, its Priests and its services during Israel's forty (40) year wilderness experience. This course is designed to be useful to both the lay person and the scholar in their bible study. An earnest and prayerful study of the tabernacle, and the purposes it served, cannot fail to increase the student's knowledge of the wonderful truths of redemption. Additionally, through the study of this course, one should gain added appreciation for the ministry and passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as the Tabernacle is most representative of Him.

Textbook: The Tabernacle – Shadows of the Messiah  
Author: David M. Levy  
Copyright: The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., Belmawr, NJ,  
1993

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## GALATIANS AND PHILIPPIANS

Course GP509 Galatians and Philippians (In-Depth) 3.75 Hours

### Galatians

Lecture 1:	The Magna Carta of Christian Liberty
Lecture 2:	Paul's Teaching Source
Lecture 3:	Paul's Source of Doctrine
Lecture 4:	Justification by Faith
Lecture 5:	The Covenant of God
Lecture 6:	Maturity Demands Faith
Lecture 7:	Christian Liberty
Lecture 8:	The Law of Love

**The Magna Carta of Christian Liberty.** It has a greater effect on us today than any constitution of freedom given to any group of people. **Paul's Source of Doctrine.** Paul establishes that he had been taught by God and God alone. **Paul's Rebuke of Peter.** Paul confronts Peter's segregation from those who had not been circumcised. **Justification by Faith.** Paul addresses those who believed that good works could be part of salvation. **The Covenant of God.** All men shall be blessed through the seed of Abraham, namely Jesus Christ. This covenant cannot be broken. **Maturity Demands Faith.** Can we go to God in intimacy? We are no longer servants, we are sons. **Christian Liberty.** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. **The Law of Love.** Paul gives practical counsel on Christian living.

### Philippians

Lecture 9:	Paul's Abiding Joy
Lecture 10:	The Mind of Christ
Lecture 11:	God's High Calling
Lecture 12:	Justification by Faith

**Paul's Abiding Joy.** From beginning to end Paul speaks of joy, confidence, and affection for his fellow Christians. **The Mind of Christ.** From prison Paul teaches the church at Philippi about a source of joy that overflows irrespective of circumstances. **God's High Calling.** The joy of humility. Paul rejoiced because he knew God and His power regardless of the suffering. **Triumphant Christian Walk.** Joy in hardship! Are we a joy and a crown to some tested and tried Christian? Is there someone who is glad for us?

Instructor: Rev. Alvin P. Joseph  
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## NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

Course NT204 Titus – Revelation 3.75 Hours

Lectures 1, 2:	Titus and Philemon
Lectures 3, 4:	Hebrews
Lecture 5:	James
Lecture 8, 9:	I, II and III John
Lecture 10:	Jude
Lecture 11, 12:	Revelation

Paul put **Titus** in charge of the church in Crete and gave him this letter of instruction on how to do the work there. The letter to **Philemon** from Paul asked him to take back his runaway slave, Onesimus, who had met Paul and was converted to Christ. The author of **Hebrews** wrote in order to encourage and energize the Christian readers into a viable and active faith in Jesus. It appears they had begun to lose heart and were in danger of allowing unbelief to grow. **James** is a book that speaks of works. It teaches that we are saved by faith only, but saving faith never is alone. It is always accompanied by good works. **I Peter's** purpose is to strengthen and comfort those believers who are called upon to bear severe testing as a trial of their faith. **II Peter** warns against church leaders allowing sin in the church for the sake of monetary gain. Sin will bring blindness, and they will no longer look for the Lord. **I, II and III John** speak about fellowship, to not belittle the deity of Jesus, to live righteously by faith, to love one another, to resist false teachers, and to hold fast to the faith. **Jude** is devoted to the great apostasy of the last days and the conditions before the apocalyptic judgments fall. It brings to a climax all the teaching regarding apostasy. **Revelation** is a book of prophecy containing descriptions of unique animals, angels, demons, beasts, harlots, and brides. Christ remains a central figure throughout the books record of the ages. "Blessed is he that reads it and they that hear it and keeps those things that are written therein."

Instructor: Rev. Shelia J. Brock  
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## GREAT DOCTRINES

Course GD301-1      **Great Doctrines 1**      3.75 Hours

- Lecture 1: Why Believe the Bible**
- Lecture 2: God the Father**
- Lecture 3: God the Son**
- Lecture 4: God the Holy Spirit**
- Lecture 5: The Forgiveness of Sin**
- Lecture 6: The Virgin Birth**
- Lecture 7: The Resurrection**
- Lecture 8: The Ascension**
- Lecture 9: The Atonement**
- Lecture 10: Redemption**

Instructor: Leroy Williams, Jr.  
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Course GD301-2      **Great Doctrines 2**      3.75 Hours

- Lecture 1: Repentance**
- Lecture 2: Faith**
- Lecture 3: Regeneration**
- Lecture 4: Justification by Faith**
- Lecture 5: Assurance**
- Lecture 6: Sanctification**
- Lecture 7: The Life of Victory**
- Lecture 8: The Believer and the World**
- Lecture 9: Man's Destiny**
- Lecture 10: The Second Coming of Christ**

These courses provide a good understanding of the basic doctrines of the Christian Faith. The distinctive features of Christianity are studied. Spiritual truths that form the foundation of the Christian world are brought forth with resounding clarity. The student will be able to define why he believes as he does. It is by the explanation of these truths the believer is able to effectively explain and interpret the teachings of Scripture to those met in everyday life.

Instructor: April Hawkins  
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## SERMON PREPARATION & DELIVERY

Course HOM306      **Sermon Preparation & Delivery**      3.75 Hours

- Lecture 1: How to Select a Proper Subject**
- Lecture 2: How to Choose & Interpret a Text**
- Lecture 3: How to Organize a Sermon**
- Lecture 4: How Sermons are Classified**
- Lecture 5: How to Construct a Topical Sermon**
- Lecture 6: How to Construct a Textual Sermon**
- Lecture 7: How to Construct an Expository Sermon**
- Lecture 8: How to Gather and Use Materials**
- Lecture 9: How to Prepare an Introduction & Conclusion**
- Lecture 10: How to Improve the Preaching Style**
- Lecture 11: How to Improve Sermon Delivery**
- Lecture 12: How to Prepare a Sermon Series**
- Lecture 13: Persuasion In Preaching**

Textbook: Sermon Preparation & Delivery  
Author: Nathaniel M. Van Cleave  
Copyright: International Bible Institute, Sante Fe Springs, CA, 1974

This course is a one semester comprehensive study on homiletics, which has to do with structuring sermon messages. Though preaching is a Divine element, there is also a human component involved. This study has to do with the human part of preaching, that is, properly structuring messages so that they may be easier understood and retained by the hearers.

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