

King's Online Bible School
Introductory Course

Introducing King's Online Bible School

Our Goals for our Students

We desire and pray that you will:

- abide in Christ
- abide in His Word
- abide in His church
- abide in His love

For all things belong to you, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come, all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God (1 Corinthians 3:21-23).

His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him Who called us by His Own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Our Objectives

The training King's Online Bible School offers centers around three fundamental issues in Christian life: biblical truth, biblical character, and biblical servanthood.

A. Truth Objectives

To help you toward a life time of growing:

- in apprehending the Persons and realities His Word presents;
- in appreciating, desiring, and reverencing God's Word;
- in understanding its truths;
- in anchoring your command of truth in the foundations of biblical doctrine.

Our curriculum pursues truth objectives in four major areas of study:

1. Biblical studies:

- present the Scriptures as the authoritative and reliable record of God's truth;
- help you trace God's determinations and plan for man and for His creation;
- familiarize you with the history, purposes, and message of the Old Testament;
- introduce you briefly to each book of the New Testament;
- offer concentrated study of selected biblical books;
- provide you with principles and tools for biblical study.

2. Theological studies:

- establish the value of doctrine in the church and in your life;
- acquaint you with the fundamental Christian doctrines;
- equip you with a foundation of truth, enabling you to reject error.

3. Historical studies recount how the Spirit of God has guarded His people in Christ's truth and life through the centuries.

4. Christian life studies:

- encourage you in worship and prayer;
- establish the necessity of belonging and walking in fellowship;
- present biblical foundations and instruction for Christian life and service;
- teach you how to identify and prepare messages from Bible texts;
- challenge you to live your life for the gospel;
- help you walk in the realities and responses of faith;
- urge you to receive the Spirit's gifts and calling on your life.

B. Character Objectives

1. Because the Holy Spirit is forming Christ's character in our lives, every exposure to God's Word shines light in our hearts and on our ways.

2. Growth in Christ's life and character is best supported and achieved through committed relationships with others in His body.

- a. For this reason we ask our students to discuss their intentions with their pastors, seeking their approval and blessing before beginning to study. This regards the spiritual responsibility your pastor has been given for you as a member of the congregation with which he has been entrusted.
- b. We ask you to seek out another believer to encourage your progress and discuss issues and questions that arise as you study.

Our mentoring courses offer brief biblical and doctrinal reviews and some suggestions for mentoring relationships.

C. Servanthood Objectives

As the defining characteristic of Christ's life and the governmental principle of His kingdom, the call to servanthood emerges repeatedly in our Bible courses.

The understanding you desire will come most readily and profoundly as you are interacting with His people and giving of yourself for others' sake.

Christ builds His church and places His members in His church as He will. Ministry and service is learned and sustained within the local church setting. This is the ideal place for growing in your life in Christ, practicing ministry, and pursuing spiritual gifts the Spirit is developing in your life.

We are gradually developing courses that present the biblical foundations and instructions for each aspect of Christian life and ministry. We ask our students to seek their pastor's direction and help in providing coaching and opportunities for service and ministry.

Our Provisions for Studying

Our present curriculum provides the equivalent of a nine-month Bible school program.

Course access

There are no course fees, but we do welcome donations.
There is no preliminary registration or enrollment process.

Logging in on our website provides immediate access to all of our courses.

Selecting a course will open a page with instructions for completing each lesson along with the links to each audio and text file.

Course characteristics

Our courses vary in length.
Our shortest course has only five lessons and the longest has twenty.

Each assignment (lesson) typically includes:

- a lecture (presented in audio with text notes);
- a study guide, asking questions based on the lecture.

Careful completion of a lesson will usually require a minimum of about three hours of studying.

There are no exams.
Research projects are limited to exercises in studying biblical texts.
There is no grading.

Course textbooks

We have modified our assignments so that secondary sources (including reference books and Bible study tools), while helpful, are not necessary.

- Students who wish to acquire suggested textbooks may purchase them directly from Amazon or Christian Book Distributors.
- KOBS has a limited selection of texts on hand and available for student purchase.
- A few books are available online.

Studying options

Casual Study: choosing and working through one course at a time.

We set no time limit for completing courses, but encourage you to set goals and schedule regular study times each week.

Maintaining continuity is important. If your studying is going to be interrupted for more than a few weeks, it is best to wait until you can give full attention to it again. A suggested time frame for completing a ten-unit course would be three months.

Part-time Study: selecting a number of courses from the start and working through them sequentially, one or two at a time.

There is no time limit or prescribed list of courses for part-time students.

When you have completed all the courses you have selected, you may request a certificate, acknowledging your work.

Full-time Study: choosing to work through the entire curriculum at whatever pace is manageable and most effective. There is no time limit. "Full-time" status is based on your intention to complete all the courses, not on the number of hours you study each week.

Those who complete all the courses in our curriculum may request a diploma.

Because our school is not accredited, courses completed at King's Online Bible School are not usually counted as credits in other schools' program requirements.

Group Study:

All of our courses lend themselves to adaptation:

- for use in small groups and leadership training programs in local congregations;
- for classroom settings in Bible schools and seminaries.

Our Expectations of our Students

Beginning:

1. We ask you to consult with your pastor about your intention to study, using our courses.

Your pastor carries a spiritual responsibility for you as a member of his congregation. It is important that he be aware and that you receive his consent.

2. We ask that you would arrange (perhaps with your pastor's help) to have someone in your local fellowship who will encourage and help you as you work through each course, discussing questions and thoughts you would like to pursue further.

Studying:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you give your thoughtful attention to the material and to receive all that He desires from each lesson.

2. Complete each assignment as carefully as possible.

3. Mark sections of the lecture and questions in the study guides that you need to clarify or to discuss further.

Answers to all the study guide questions are available online in the *Mentor's Kit* or can be requested as email attachments.

4. We encourage you to post a question or comment to which others can respond on the forum that is provided with each course on our website. Please check the forum entries frequently and join the discussion with any helpful contributions.

Reading:

1. Please read the portions of Scripture being discussed in each course and each lesson.
2. We ask each student to pursue a plan for daily Bible reading.
3. We ask those desiring a full-time diploma to read thoughtfully through the entire Bible.

Memorizing:

Some courses include memorization assignments.

We ask students desiring a full-time diploma:

- to memorize the names of the books of the Bible
- to commit to memory:
 - The Ten Commandments
 - The Apostles' Creed
 - The Nicene Creed

Growing:

This is the Holy Spirit's purpose and constant work, bringing forth Christ's character in each believer's life.

We pray for our students:

- to desire to grow in God;
- to spend time in His presence daily;
- to be willing to be vulnerable with those in whose care God has entrusted them;
- to be teachable.

We ask you to keep a journal, noting what God is saying and doing in your life.

Serving:

We desire that you will:

- pray for a grateful, worshipping heart;
- be moved by God's Own longings;
- learn Christ's love for His church and His regard for each of His members;
- seek and practice spiritual gifts;
- practice compassion;
- be alert to needs in others' lives;
- respond courageously to the Holy Spirit's leading.