

Emmaus Correspondence School
Why Study The Bible

The Bible is an Amazing Book

Although its writing involved at least 40 human authors over a period of 1,600 years it is a cohesive, harmonious unit. The last chapter was penned nearly 2,000 years ago, but it is more contemporary than today's newspaper. Much of it is written in language simple enough for a child to understand, yet the greatest minds of the ages have failed to exhaust its immeasurable riches.

But the Bible is more than an interesting book. It is a book to be read, to be studied, to be loved and to be used. No other book tells us so much about what God is really like. Nor does any other book give us such an honest and straightforward report on the human race. And finally, only the Bible shows us how God can meet the deepest longings of our hearts and how we can have a satisfying, fulfilling, God-glorifying relationship with Him and with our fellow man.

Study By Correspondence

Correspondence study is not new. It is a tried and proven method of study that offers the student many advantages over other study methods. The apostle Paul used the correspondence method in his teaching ministry both with individuals and groups of Christians. Research has shown that correspondence students often retain more knowledge than students studying the same material by other methods, including traditional classroom techniques. Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) has been using correspondence courses since 1942 to help people gain an understanding of the Bible.

Here are some of the advantages of correspondence study to *you*:

- *Greater flexibility*: You arrange your study periods to fit your own schedule—you can go as quickly or as slowly as you wish.
- *Low cost*: Emmaus Correspondence School is committed to keeping its course cost as low as possible to enable as many as possible to study the Bible. You also save travel and possible room and board costs when you study from home.
- *No loss of earnings*: It is not necessary for you to quit your present employment. You study at home in your spare time.
- *Greater self-discipline*: You learn valuable lessons in setting goals for yourself and you acquire good study habits as you work toward those goals on your own.
- *Personalized instruction*: You benefit from interaction with an instructor who gives you personal attention and is ready to assist you with your studies. This is one of the most valuable features of a correspondence course and sets it apart from other methods of home study.

What our Courses offer You

Emmaus Correspondence Courses are designed to help you get the most of your study of the Scriptures. When you purchase in an ECS course you will receive:

- Written lessons taught by gifted, experienced teachers of God's Word

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- Exams designed to help you reinforce your understanding of important Biblical Principles
- The help and counsel of an Emmaus Correspondence School instructor who is interested in you as a person

What Happens Now?

An ECS course links the student by mail with an Instructor who gives personal attention and is ready to assist the student in his studies. It **IS** this feature of correspondence study “an instructor as close as the mailbox” that sets it apart from other methods of study.

Our interest continues long after you enroll. We follow up your progress and our commitment is to ensure that you receive the maximum possible benefit through your studies.

- When you decide to study with the Bible with our material you join a world-wide student body.
- The courses you select to study are sent to you promptly.
- When you send in your completed exam and we receive them they are separated from the other mail and passed to the Student Services department who handles the grading of students exams and questions.
- Ever wonder how your instructor can identify you each time among the hundreds of other students sending in exams? The answer is a confidential file kept on every student that helps the instructor remember what courses each student has taken and in which he records information that will help him pray intelligently for you.
- The instructor has resources that are designed to assist in grading objective exam questions efficiently and quickly. If the student misses any questions he is directed to the appropriate place in the text of the course and to scripture itself where the correct answer is found in addition the instructor takes time to personally respond to fundamental questions missed by the student, thereby reinforcing the learning process.
- Students often ask questions. These may be related to the lesson material or may concern some aspect of the student’s relationship to God or other people. The ECS staff has compiled answers to some of the most frequently asked questions which the instructor can draw from in responding to the student’s specific query.
- For answers to other questions the instructor can utilize the reference works in the Emmaus Bible College 16,000 volume library or ask one of the Emmaus faculty members for assistance in formulating an answer to a student’s questions.
- Every effort is made to return each student’s graded exam with the instructor’s comments promptly. Occasionally a heavy workload or questions that require research to answer may result in some exams being delayed.
- When the student completes his course this information is entered in the student record in the ECS files that contains course completion information on tens of

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thousands of North American students. The student is also issued an attractive certificate indicating he has completed the course.

- By completing certain requirements the student can earn multiple unit certificates that are suitable for framing. He also becomes eligible to participate in the ECS Incentive Award Plan and receive Bible reference books free or at greatly reduced cost to himself. (See information on the incentive Award Plan elsewhere).

Getting Started

We invite you to become a part of the world-wide student body. Look over the course descriptions available to you at our web site or request a Resource Guide. You will notice that our courses have been grouped under a number of series—some courses may appear in more than one category. Units for the successful completion of each course accumulate towards series and multiple unit certificates and Diplomas.

What to do Now?

- Decide which course will best meet your needs (if necessary your instructor will help design a sequence of study for you).
- Complete the course Order Form and return it with your remittance covering the course costs and shipping and handling to Emmaus Correspondence School at the address below or order online at our web site www.ecsministries.org. (Your order will be handled promptly, but please allow 2 to 3 weeks for delivery).
- Consult the Student Handbook available at our web site (ECS document Q108) for more information.

Welcome to a Worldwide Family

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Through Regional Directors in more than 100 countries over one million courses are sent out each year. Courses have been translated into over 125 languages. Join with us in prayer for people all over the world as they study the same courses with you.

“This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes” (Psalm 118:23).