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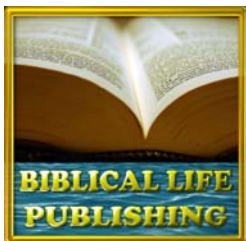
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Module Overview

Undergraduate Level Instructions

You will need the following to successfully complete this course:

1. This Study Guide.
2. Covenant Faith Lectures: 16 lectures on either CD or MP3 CD.
3. **Collateral Reading:**

Our Lost Legacy: Christianity's Hebraic Heritage by Dr. John Garr. Golden Keys Press, Atlanta, GA. ISBN: 978-0967827926. Note: Author is BLCS graduate.

4. Final Exam.

Steps to Completing This Course

1. Read through the notes to each lesson and then listen to the audio lecture. Take notes on significant information from the lecture that are not contained in the notes.
2. Answer the lesson review questions at the end of the lesson. Once you have completed the questions, check them with the answers at the back of the workbook. [The workbook is self-graded. These questions are to help prepare you for the final exam.] Continue on with each lesson until you have finished all 16 lessons.
3. Read through the collateral reading book and develop a 15 page paper on significant insights you gained from the book as well as steps you plan to implement those insights.
4. Mail in the resealed final exam and the book report together for grading.

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Graduate Level Instructions

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1. This Study Guide.
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3. **Collateral Reading:**

Our Lost Legacy: Christianity's Hebraic Heritage by Dr. John Garr. Golden Keys Press, Atlanta, GA. ISBN: 978-0967827926. Note: Author is BLCS graduate.

Second book is student's choice. Must be at least 250 pages in length.

4. Final Exam.

Steps to Completing This Course

1. Read through the notes to each lesson and then listen to the audio lecture. Take notes on significant information from the lecture that are not contained in the notes.
2. Answer the lesson review questions at the end of the lesson. Once you have completed the questions, check them with the answers at the back of the workbook. [The workbook is self-graded. These questions are to help prepare you for the final exam.] Continue on with each lesson until you have finished all 16 lessons.
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Covenant Faith – Lesson One

Introduction & Foundational Issues - Part 1

Introduction

The state of the Body of Christ today is an interesting one. Part of the Body is asleep at the wheel, just going through the motions with little hope of things getting better until they get to Heaven. Another part of the Body knows deep in their hearts that something is wrong. There should be more to their walk with God, and they realize that the traditional Church has wandered so far off the path established by God that they cannot even see the original path anymore. The latter have been awakened by the Holy Spirit to their Hebraic heritage, and it is happening in greater numbers worldwide every day.

This course is also about returning to the power of God, miracles, answered prayer, divine protection, divine provision, communion with God, and a host of other things on God's terms - not ours!

Putting Faith Back in Its Place

It is time to put faith back in its place. Faith was made to rest on the power of Covenant. Faith is not a force in itself; rather, it is an expression of covenant. If you separate faith from covenant, it becomes a force of the soul and of the flesh. In other words, it becomes a force of witchcraft and the Word of God becomes little more than sets of formulas to get what your flesh wants or a book of spells.

Faith must rest upon covenant, and covenant must rest upon a foundation made up of two things:

- Grace
- Commandments

This may sound like a contradiction to modern theology, and it is. Our modern theologies have also got us into the mess we are in today. It is time to take a thorough look at the Word of God and begin to return to the truth of God!

I. A Foundation to Understanding God

God is complete in and of Himself as there is nothing He needs, or ever will need. He does not need creation to worship and glorify Him, nor does He need any kind of being to help Him in any way. God existed before creation and did not need humanity to boast in Him, but only allowed creation to boast in Him.¹

God is complete in Himself. He does not need Heaven, angels, this universe, or man. He did not create anything because He needed something. All of creation is an expression of the Grace of God.

¹ Dewalt, Michael. The Self-Sufficiency of God. Article. <http://gospelcenteredmusings.com/2009/11/11/the-self-sufficiency-of-god/>

II. Creation by Grace and Commands

Genesis 1:3-5 (KJV)

³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was good*: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

God entered into creation because of His grace. The very essence of creation is built upon that grace and responding to the commands of God.

- God commanded that there would be light and light became!
- God commanded light to separate from darkness and it was so.

The first five days of creation were accomplished by the commands of God. At the elemental level, all of creation responds to the commands of God!

Within a command from God is the power for both its fulfillment and its maintenance.

Hebrews 1:3 (KJV)

³ Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

III. Man

Genesis 2:7 (KJV)

⁷ And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷ So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

1. Man was created by the grace of God. God did not need anything that man could give Him.
2. Man came into existence by the breath of God. Man longs to be continually filled with the Spirit (breath) of God.

Living: Strongs # H2416 יָצַח chay {khah'-ee} ²

² Strong's Enhanced Lexicon. BibleWorks for Windows 7.0. BibleWorks, LLC, Norfolk, VA. Copyright © 2006.

Meaning: adj 1) living, alive 1a) green (of vegetation) 1b) flowing, fresh (of water) 1c) lively, active (of man) 1d) reviving (of the springtime) n m 2) relatives 3) life (abstract emphatic) 3a) life 3b) sustenance, maintenance n f 4) living thing, animal 4a) animal 4b) life 4c) appetite 4d) revival, renewal 5) community
Origin: from 02421; TWOT - 644a

Man's sustenance and maintenance to real life are found in prayer and in true worship. Through prayer and worship we have access to the Spirit of God.

3. The first thing given to man was commandments:

- Be fruitful and multiply
- Replenish the Earth.
- Subdue It.
- Take dominion over creation

God later added to those commandments:

Genesis 2:15-17 (KJV)

¹⁵ And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

- Cultivate the Garden.
- Watch over the Garden and guard it.
- Do not eat of this one tree.

It is within the spiritual DNA of man to be filled with the Spirit of God and to function within the commandments of God – all by the grace of God. If you separate man from God's grace, God's Spirit, or God's commandments, he cannot function properly!

Review

All of creation, to include man, was an expression of God's Grace.

All of creation is designed to respond to the commandments of God.

For man to really be alive, he requires three things:

- God's Grace
- God's Spirit
- God's Commandments

If we deny any of these, we have reduced our function in both the earth and in God's Kingdom, and we have fallen short of the life God intended for us!

