



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 Scripture 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 purpose and plan from beginning to end;
- introduce you briefly to each book of the Bible;
- offer concentrated study of selected biblical books;
- provide you with principles and tools for biblical study.

2. Theological studies:

- establish the value of true doctrine in the church and in your life;
- teach you the fundamental Christian beliefs and doctrines;
- equip you with a framework of truth, enabling you to identify and 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:

- establish the necessity of belonging and walking in fellowship;
- present biblical foundations and instruction for Christian life and service;
- encourage you in worship and prayer;
- 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 cannot happen effectively outside of committed relationships within 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 recognizes and regards the spiritual responsibility and authority your pastor has been given in your life, as a member of the congregation with which he has been entrusted.

b. We also ask you to seek out support from another believer who is able and willing to encourage your progress and discuss what the Holy Spirit is teaching and working in your life as you study His Word.

Our tutoring and 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 practicing ministry, applying biblical patterns and guidelines in the opportunities you have to serve, and pursuing spiritual gifts the Spirit is developing in your life.

We ask our students to seek their pastor's direction and help in providing ministry opportunities and training. At the same time our courses present biblical foundations and principles and offer insights and examples from the way God's Spirit has led and taught His people through the centuries to live out His life within them.

Our Provisions for Studying

Our curriculum provides the equivalent of a one year (nine-month) Bible school program.

Course access

There are no course fees, but we 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.

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.
 - KOBBS has a limited selection of texts on hand and available for student purchase.
 - A few books are available online.
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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.
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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 the congregation entrusted to His care. 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 for you in 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 by email.
- 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 whatever portions of Scripture are 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

We highly commend and encourage an ongoing life-time commitment to memorizing psalms and chapters of Scripture.

Growing:

This is the Holy Spirit's purpose and constant work, confronting and conforming each believer's life to bring forth Christ's character.

We pray for each of 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 you;
- to be teachable.

We ask you to keep a journal, noting what God is saying and doing in your life. You will find suggestions for journaling in the Introductory Course.

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;
- seek Jesus' heart of compassion;
- be alert to needs in others' lives;
- respond courageously to the Holy Spirit's leading.