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Dr. Timothy R. Wood
Biography

Timothy Wood began to preach at the age of ten. Throughout his teenage years he preached in local churches around the Baltimore, Maryland region. At the age of 16 he moved to Cleveland, Tennessee to study Bible at Lee University. A year later he was licensed to preach with the Church of God denomination. He continued his schooling at the University of North Alabama where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Education. He pursued his education with Logos College, Jacksonville, Florida where he earned his Master of Divinity degree. He earned his Doctorate degree in Christian Education from Faith Theological Seminary in Tampa, Florida. He has served as Evangelist, Associate Pastor, Senior Pastor, Christian Education Director, Elementary School Principal, High School Teacher, and College Professor of Biblical Studies. Presently, he is serving in Waldorf, Maryland as Senior Pastor of Calvary Gospel Church and President of Calvary Christian College.

A Message from the President

Calvary Christian College has been established as a community of learners working together to better understand who we are and how to live. As a Bible college, our responsibility is to educate ourselves and the ever-changing larger community, recognizing the importance of Scripture as the foundation of learning for spiritual, ministerial, and life-long development.

The objective of the College is to understand the Christian tradition in an open, non-sectarian way, upholding the importance of one's own beliefs with respect for and fair consideration of others' beliefs. As a college in the shadow of the Nation's Capital, we seek to understand the history and environment of our region as a bridge to understanding the history and environment of the larger world.

We value the diversity and the interrelatedness of knowledge, the importance of rational inquiry and open discussion, and the interdependence of all life. We believe individual success is characterized not only by independent and creative thought, but also by evidence of an ethical commitment to others. Calvary Christian College seeks to prepare students to act responsibly as members of an academically, socially, ecologically, and spiritually interconnected world.

Dr. Timothy R. Wood

President

Calvary Christian College

THE URGENCY OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING

During the Protestant Reformation, a great Bible truth was re-discovered regarding the priesthood of all believers. In our generation of worldwide spiritual renewal, the church is going a step further in realizing that “Each Member is a Minister.” With this exciting understanding that every believer can receive, develop, and activate spiritual gifts, there is a great need for all Christians to be trained, equipped, and released so that the entire Body of Christ can function effectively in the world to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

We realize that the opportunity to quit secular work and become a full-time resident in Bible College is not available to all. Thus, we have designed our curriculum to accommodate busy students who must schedule their academics around work, ministry, and family duties. We have placed the tuition as low as possible so that all can afford higher education.

The program is rich in biblical content and very practical in its application of Christian living and ministry. Our vision is very broad so that Christians from a variety of church backgrounds will feel comfortable in the College and receive the necessary tools to serve God effectively in their particular area of calling.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Faculty of Calvary Christian College (CCC), I invite you to prayerfully consider choosing CCC to enhance your knowledge of the Scriptures, earn a college degree, and prepare for the ministry to which God has called.

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ALL ABOUT CALVARY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

It is our aim to provide quality education to enrich Christian living, enhance practical service, and equip for ministerial placement.

Calvary Christian College (CCC) affirms that every Christian is a minister. The academic program is designed to enable believers to discover, develop, and deploy their spiritual gifts. CCC provides scholarly teaching, Spirit-filled mentoring, and hands-on internship to promote in students a solid grip on sound doctrine, a visionary sense of multi-faceted ministry, and a balanced lifestyle of Christian maturity.

WHY SHOULD I ENROLL?

The degree programs of CCC are solely for religious vocations.

MAY ALL CHRISTIANS ENROLL?

A degree from CCC will give a student the personal satisfaction of completing a formal higher-education program, the dignity of holding a degree from a recognized college, the knowledge for more effective ministry, and the educational credibility that increases marketability for employment.

What is the Cost?

CCC specializes in educating, not indoctrinating. CCC is a non-denominational, independent college. The basic and essential doctrines of Christianity will be taught with emphasis upon effective practical ministry. Christians from a wide variety of backgrounds will enjoy the rich diversity and common faith that is promoted within the fellowship of the College.

Undergraduate Tuition	\$200 per course
Graduate Tuition	\$260 per course
Doctoral Program	\$260 per course plus Research phase fees.

Where and When do Classes Meet?

The CCC campus is located at 11150 Berry Rd. Waldorf, Maryland in the Family Life Center.

Courses requiring a weekly class will meet once a week for 10 consecutive weeks. Courses requiring a seminar format will meet on an announced Saturday near the beginning of the semester.

What is the Accreditation of CCC?

Calvary Christian College satisfies all of the criteria for the status of a religious degree-granting institution as set forth in Section 11-202 of the Education Article. CCC is exempt by the State of Maryland and is not licensed by the State or Federal Government. CCC is not on the U.S. Department of Education list. CCC is a legitimate College with legal allowance from the Government to operate as a Bible College. Degrees from CCC do not permit a person to sit for a State counseling license or for State certification for teaching public schools.

Commission Status Regarding Accreditation, Transferability, and Recognition

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CCC offers degree programs solely for religious vocations and is not required to have traditional accreditation. The separation of church and state is very important for Bible colleges to exercise freedom in ministry and teaching. Most religious ministries and employers in the private sector do recognize religious degrees. However, under the Constitution of the United States, no one can be forced to hire anyone they choose not to employ. Some vocations require specialized skills and training and demand education at specified schools. It would be wise to consult in advance with the employers of desired vocations to determine what is required for being hired. Generally, a Bachelor's degree of any nature will increase a person's marketability for sacred or secular work, because that degree represents the perseverance of a formal education.

Calvary Christian College's instructional program is only designed for and aimed at persons who hold or seek to learn the particular religious faith or beliefs of the church or religious institution, and provides only educational programs for religious vocations or purposes. An institution of higher education is not required to accept transfer credits earned at Calvary Christian College, and a potential employer may determine that an award earned at Calvary Christian College does not meet the educational requirements for employment. All colleges and universities, whether accredited or not, including CCC, reserve their sovereign right to determine what credits or degrees they will transfer into their institution. In this respect, accreditation never means automatic transfer of credits to any institution. Any inquiring student can contact other schools to determine if CCC credits would be received as transfer.

Calvary Christian College is a member of the Council of Private Colleges of America. Although not recognized as a higher education accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of this council is to protect and preserve the traditional freedoms of private faith-based higher education. The CPCA has a website that states their standards: <http://www.cPCA-edu.us/>. Calvary Christian College is in compliance with the high standards of this organization. This is an agency that inspects our campus and files and assures the public of quality.

Admission Requirements

It is incumbent upon prospective students to prayerfully consider where God would have them attend college.

1. A copy of a high school diploma, or its equivalent, for entrance into the undergraduate program.
2. A copy of a Bachelor's degree for entrance into the Master's program.
3. Original and sealed official transcripts from all previous learning institutes must be sent directly to CCC for consideration of transferability. (Transcripts do not have to be in personal file to enter into the program. However, a personal file must be completed before graduation).
4. Admission to CCC is subject to approval by the administrative staff, whose decision is final.

Admissions Process

1. Complete Application for Admission.
2. Include with Application copies of degrees, awards, certificates, etc.
3. If presently available, include all transcripts from previous learning institutions.
4. Complete the Life Experience form with required verifications.

Enrollment Procedures and Textbooks

Registration forms are available six weeks prior to the start of a new semester. Students are to complete the registration form and submit it to the Registrar prior to the commencement of a new semester. A letter of confirmation will be sent to the student. Tuition is due on the first night of classes. Students must purchase their textbooks on their own.

Financial Information

Undergraduate Tuition	\$200 per course
Graduate Tuition	\$260 per course
Doctoral Program	\$260 per course plus Research phase fees.
Graduation Fee	\$150 *(Non-Refundable)
Unofficial Transcript	\$5
Official Transcript	\$7
Degree Replacement	\$30
Return Check Fee	\$30

Scholarships

In a sense, all students receive scholarships because the tuition cost has been placed at a minimum so that all can afford to attend. However, special discounts are given upon discretion of the administration. The following are granted special scholarships:

Full-time pastors	20% off tuition
Spouses of full-time CCC students	15% off tuition
Senior adults (55 and above)	20% off tuition
Active military	15% off tuition

There are no discounts for Doctoral students.

These categories are not accumulative. The student is to select one category of scholarship from which to benefit.

Refund Policy

Registration fee is non-refundable. Tuition refunds to students withdrawing before the end of the third week of the semester will be made as follows:

Prior to first class	100 percent
First week (1 st - 7 th day)	100 percent
Second week (8 th - 14 th day)	80 percent
Third week (15 th - 21 st day)	60 percent

No refund after the third week or 21st day.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

***Undergraduate**

Bachelor of Religious Science in Biblical Studies	120 Credit Hours
Master of Theology (Prerequisite: Bachelor in Biblical Studies)	48 Credit Hours

***Graduate**

Master of Biblical Studies (Prerequisite: Bachelor in any field)	60 Credit Hours
Doctor of Ministry (Beyond Master)	64 Credit Hours

A student may be awarded transfer credits and life experience credits. The total that can be awarded is 60 credits. A student must take at least 60 credits from Calvary College to earn a degree from Calvary College. A maximum of 24 Life Experience credit hours may be substituted for stated program requirements (**Bachelor level only**).

Students may pursue their degree by taking as few classes each semester as desired. There is no time limit on obtaining a degree (except in the doctoral program).

The Educational Tour is optional and could substitute 12 credit hours for stated program requirements. The Academic Dean will determine how to apply those hours. Bi-annually CCC will sponsor an overseas trip of an educational nature. This will require the keeping of a journal and special readings. A person may earn 12 credits if tour is taken as an undergraduate, 12 credits if taken in the master's program, and a tour may fulfill 12 credit hours (in place of 4 of the required 16 courses) for a doctoral student.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Requirements

The Doctoral Program will consist of four distinct phases. Each phase has a minimum time frame of 6 months and a maximum of one year. A month break will separate the phases. Each phase requires a 150 page research paper and the completion of three courses. These courses are to be taken at Calvary Christian College (on a graduate level).

Tuition and Costs

Courses: \$260.00 per course

Research Paper Fees: \$1000 per paper

The registrar will bill accordingly.

*The cost of each phase is \$1,000 plus the tuition of each course (graduate prices). Half is to be paid at the start of the phase and the balance is due at the close of the phase. Tuition is to be paid at the start of the classes.

Requirements for Enrollment

Prerequisite: Master of Biblical Studies or Master of Theology
Complete the steps delineated in the doctoral packet.

Steps to Enroll

- 1.Fill out application.
- 2.Submit to the registrar.
- 3.Receive a letter of acceptance.
- 4.Register for the first phase with the registrar.
- 5.Pay the initial \$500.
- 6.Plan your three courses with the registrar.

The Time Line

•Phase One

Research paper on The Doctrine of the Bible (150 pages)

Four courses!

•Phase Two

Research Paper on the Doctrine of Salvation (150 pages)

Four courses

•Phase Three

Research Paper on the Doctrine of Christ (150 pages)

Four courses

•Phase Four

Research paper on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (150 pages)

Four Courses

How to be Successful

Count the cost! This is a joyful journey, but one that is very demanding. This program is designed to truly make you worthy of holding the title “Doctor of Ministry.” When you have completed this journey, you will have established your theological position on the major doctrines of the Bible as well as creating an abundance of material for a life of preaching and teaching. So enter the program with commitment, courage, and a bright sense of future.

The student will have access to the supervisor of the Doctoral program for discussions, clarification and book references. Mentoring is important! The student will need to use the internet and research publishing companies (like CBD) for book titles and relevant material. The student will be at great advantage if he or she will collect some solid systematic theology books. These books cover many of these topics and list references for further studies.

It is important to stay with the prescribed timeline. Failing to conform to our chronology will disqualify the student from continuing. Exceptions will be made upon special request to the supervising professor. Situations involving death, illness, injuries and the such will be given sensitive consideration.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Probation and Termination

A student who does not maintain a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 (a “C” average) will be placed on academic probation for the next semester. If, at the end of the probation term, a student’s GPA is not raised to at least 2.0, the student will be dismissed due to lack of satisfactory academic progress. Students may appeal to the Administration for reinstatement. If reinstated, a student must raise their GPA to 2.0 within a semester in order to be removed from probationary status.

Attendance Policy

Semester Courses meet for twelve 1-hour classes. Students may be absent for two classes without penalty. Three absences will lower the student’s grade by one letter. Four absences will result in failure of the course. Since no absences are considered excusable, it is important for students to save their provisional absences for unexpected sickness and emergencies.

Tardy

With classes meeting for only 50 minutes a week, it is imperative that students arrive on time to complete the educational objectives. Two tardies equal one absence.

Missing more than 60 minutes of a Saturday seminar will result in student being dropped from that course and tuition being refunded.

Late Assignments

Mid-term exams turned in a week late will lower the grade of the project by one letter. Mid-term exams turned in two weeks past

the due date will not be accepted.

Final exams and semester projects turned in beyond the due date will not be accepted. Teachers have a rigid schedule to turn semester grades in to the office for report cards and the official closing of the semester.

Withdrawals

A student may drop a class without grading penalty if the withdrawal is made before the drop date. The drop date is the end of the fourth week of classes. The procedure for withdrawing from a class is as follows: Submit a letter to the instructor of the class requesting to drop. The letter must be signed by the teacher and then submitted to the College office for approval. The student will be notified if the request is approved.

Transfer Students

Calvary Christian College welcomes transfer students. If the transfer credits involve Bible courses, these may be matched to the specified required program, and a minimum of 60 credit hours would have to be taken from CCC to earn a Bachelor's degree from CCC. Nothing can be transferred into the Masters or Doctoral program.

Transferability

The transferability of credit earned at Calvary Christian College to other institutions is at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Life Experience Credits

Undergraduate students who qualify may be eligible for advanced standing through Life Experience Credit to a maximum of 24 semester hours of credit. A Life Experience Form will be attached to each application. There are four categories from which students can apply for Life Experience Credits. The next page will outline these guidelines.

*CHURCH INVOLVEMENT –

Calvary Christian College will grant credit for each year of faithful involvement in a local church. This means the applicant attended services regularly, participated in group fellowship, supported the ministry prayerfully and financially, and carried out the values of the church in every-day life.

*TRAINING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Calvary Christian College will grant credit for each substantive training seminar the applicant attended. Substantive involves a format of learning, a qualified instructor, quality instructional material, relevant subject, sufficient hours of participation.

*MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Calvary Christian College will grant credit for each year of participation in Christian ministry. This may involve ushering, youth work, missions, music ministry, children's ministry, evangelism, etc.

*CHRISTIAN LIBRARY

Calvary Christian College will grant credit for every five substantial Christian books read. Substantial means that the content is biblical, the author is reputable, and the format covers a sufficient range within the given subject.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation ceremonies are held once a year the last week of September. Students who have earned a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral Degree may participate.

To qualify for graduation, a student must—

- * Gain the required number of semester hours with a passing grade on assignments.
- * Pay all outstanding fees.
- * Register for graduation during prior Summer.
- * Pay graduation fee of \$150.
- * Have personal file completed with all necessary information.

Grading Scale

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 59 and less

Confidentiality of Student Records

Calvary Christian College protects the confidentiality of the education records of current and former students. At its discretion, CCC may provide directory information to include the following: student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, and participation in officially recognized activities. Students may withhold directory information by notifying the registrar in writing within 2 weeks of the posting of the annual notice advising students of their rights. Upon visitation to the administrative offices of CCC, students are provided with the right to inspect and review the information contained in their records with the exception of the following: financial information submitted, confidential letters and recommendations associated with admissions, employment, job placement, or honors to which they have waived their rights of inspection and review, or education records containing information about more than one student, in which case the institution will permit access only to that part of the record that pertains to the inquiring student.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Calvary Christian College admits students of any race, color, gender, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

Transcripts

A transcript contains all essential academic data such as the courses, grades, credits awarded, degree (with major), and graduation date.

The Official Transcript has the seal of Calvary Christian College, date, and an appropriate signature for students who have attended this institution. These are only issued directly to other institutions, colleges, or employers and are \$5.00 each. Official Transcripts can only be released upon receipt of official letters of confirmation.

The Unofficial Transcript is an unofficial record of grades earned by the student at CCC. It is issued to the student and has the appropriate signature and is dated without the College seal. When all course work is completed, and all financial obligations are fulfilled, one Unofficial Transcript will be available at no charge. All subsequent Unofficial Transcripts are \$2.00 each. Official or Unofficial Transcripts will not be issued for a student who has failed to meet all financial obligations to CCC.

Requirements for Papers

- 10-15 pages.
- Typewritten.
- Double-spaced.
- size 12 font.
- 1-inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right).
- Accompanied with a cover sheet that identifies date, course, teacher, assignment, title).
- Stapled in the upper left-hand corner (no fancy covers, folders, plastic wrap, etc.).
- All quotes and references are to be formally identified and foot-noted.

Components of a Textbook Interaction Paper

•Summarization -- The main theme and development of the book is to be covered.

•Evaluation -- What is your opinion of the book? Did you personally enjoy it? Was it written in a style that was easy to read? Did the author make a persuasive case? Was there a good balance between text and illustration? Was the material well referenced and documented?

•Personal Involvement -- How did this paper affect you personally? What main points did you agree with or disagree with? How will you be able to apply this teaching to your life and work? How does this material compare or contrast with other teachings you have heard? What material was brand new to you? What material challenged some of your traditional way of thinking? What part of the book was most interesting to you? What issues have created such curiosity within you that you would want to do more research?

GENERAL SCHEDULE FORMATS

•Winter Semesters

- Mid January to Mid April

•Spring Semesters

- Mid May to Mid August

•Fall Semesters

- Mid September to Mid December

•Tuesday Evening Classes

- Class #1 - 7:00pm—8:00pm

•Thursday Evening Classes

- Class #1 - 6:45pm—7:45pm
- Class #2 - 8:00pm—9:00pm

•Saturday Seminars

- 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (1 hour for lunch)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God
- We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; namely, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection from the dead, in His ascension back to the Father's right hand to make intercession for believers, and in His Second Coming to rule and reign in power and glory.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly and empowered life.
- We believe that Spiritual gifts, as found in the New Testament, are a reality to be experienced by every believer today.
- We believe that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; therefore, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is necessary for the salvation of lost man, and this miracle is wrought through simple faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved will experience resurrection unto life and glory, and the lost will experience resurrection unto eternal death and damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CCC is committed to the basic tenets of the Christian faith and leaves the controverted points to the local church for dogmatic position. CCC builds on the broad base of Christian fellowship and respectfully discusses the non-essential aspects of Christianity from a variety of positions.

***Each course offers three credit hours.**

These courses are offered on a graduate and undergraduate level. When classes are combined, distinct syllabus will be issued. Master level students will always have a research project connected with the course. This includes a list of courses generally offered. Not all courses are listed.

I Corinthians

Here is a church that came to birth through the mighty ministry of the Apostle Paul. Several years into their existence, they found themselves plagued with problems, such as sexual immorality, drunkenness, selfishness, abuse of spiritual gifts, preacher-religion, arrogance, taking each other to court, misunderstanding of future things, chaos in worship, and malicious slander. Paul corrects each problem with the wisdom of God and gives practical instruction for the church to be balanced, orderly, and healthy.

II Corinthians

This is a letter of encouragement. This is Paul's most autobiographical letter! So much insight into his personal life comes to light. So many instructions about a ministry of integrity is shared.

I, II, III John

What does fellowship Divine mean? A study of God's love and how it is expressed in the community of believers! Attention will be given to critical doctrines upon which Christianity is built!

I and II Peter

An in-depth analysis of these two great Epistles that were written to encourage and comfort a church under the fire of persecution and severe trial. Great subjects are considered, including; submission, the Second Coming of Christ, family life, the meaning of trials, the danger of false teachers, and so much more.

I and II Timothy

Great pastoral advice on how to manage church, how to qualify for leadership, how to discern sound doctrine, how to keep the faith and much more. This will be a verse-by-verse analysis of these three great epistles.

I and II Thessalonians

An in-depth study of these two letters that deal with prophecy, evangelism, sanctification, and other issues that press upon the Christian community.

Acts

A dramatic, fast moving narration of the birth, infancy and growth of the early church! How was the church born? What principles contribute to church growth? What problems plague the primitive church? A great tracing of Paul's missionary journeys!

Addictions

How can we help people break free from destructive behavior? What are the root causes of addiction and how can they be uprooted? What therapies can be employed to assist in the deliverance? How does the Bible harmonize with 12 step programs that are promoted today?

Angels and Demons

Much confusion surrounds the world of the supernatural. What is the clear teaching of the Bible on angels? What are their names, classifications, functions, abilities, destinies, etc? What about demons? What are they capable of doing to people? What access do they have to believers? What limitations are placed upon powers of darkness?

Attributes of God

The nature of God has many dimensions that create a sense of wonder and worship within us. What are the communicable attributes of God and what are the incommunicable attributes of God? How can an understanding of the nature of God impact our daily walk?

Changing People

What methods and principles can be used to help people experience practical change? What are the objectives of real change and how can that be evaluated? What goes into serving as a change agent?

Christian Wellness

“Being every wit whole” involves financial soundness, mental health, physical strength, spiritual power and family harmony. How can this holistic goal be met? What disciplines promote wellness?

Church Growth Dynamics

A look at some of the growing churches of our day and how they are operating ministry. What are the Bible principles for church growth and how can a pastor balance out contemporary methods with the biblical message? What are some of the innovative and creative programs churches are using that find biblical support? How can a church be visionary and “cutting edge” and yet maintain spirituality and integrity?

Church History I - the first thousand years.

A survey of the history of Christianity with attention given to personalities, events, movements, ecclesiastical decisions, and controversies that have given shape to the Church as it exists today. From the Apostolic Period to the Reformation.

Church History II - covering the middle 700 years.

A survey of the development of Christianity from the Reformation to the present time.

Church History III

A survey of the development of Christianity, covering the history of last two hundred years. Attention will be given to key personalities and events that have shaped the church today.

Daniel

A book of predictive prophecy and stories of courageous faith! This book outlines humanity's history and shows activities that will take place at the consummation of all things. An amazing study of miraculous insight.

Depression

What are the symptoms of depression and how can it be addressed? What are the types and categories of depression? What tools and techniques can be used to help people who struggle in this area?

Developing a Children's Ministry

A children's ministry is vital to the health of any church. What tools and techniques are required for a fruitful ministry in this area? Successful models will be analyzed.

Development of Christian Education Ministry

A church must provide a department of education to fulfill the Great Commission. What is education? What is Christian education? How can a church put this ministry in place in terms of facilities, material, tools, management, curriculum, and implementation?

Developing a Youth Ministry

How can a leader organize and manage teen ministry? What methods are working for modern teens? What biblical truths will help teens with their special challenges?

Dynamics of Evangelism

A study of the mandate given to the Church and the methods needed to fulfill it. What are the biblical examples of winning souls? What principles can be applied to successful outreach? Focus will be given to global evangelism. Study will be made of the history of world missions and key personalities that paved the way for modern efforts.

Effective Teaching

What are the tools and techniques that make teaching exciting and effectual? This course will analyze teaching models and learning styles.

Effective Pastoral Leadership

Many different leadership styles will be analyzed. The obstacles to the ministry will be identified. The potentials of ministry will be examined. How can a minister organize his time, set his priorities, manage conflict, carry out ministry, and oversee the many operations of a church?

Esther: The Story of Providence

Here is a delightful story that provides insight into God's providence, the power of prayer, the strategies of Satan, the perseverance of God's covenant, and much more.

Fruit of the Spirit

The character of Christ is reflected in this cluster of fruit described by Paul. How do these qualities of grace manifest in everyday life? How can this fruit be cultivated? How do they relate to one another?

Galatians

Paul wrote this letter in a spirit of urgency and zeal. It is red hot with passion as Paul defends freedom. What was it that was threatening liberty? What is Christian liberty? How does liberty relate to responsibility? Legalism will be identified and unveiled. Paul's method of doing battle with heresy will be celebrated.

Genesis I and II

Genesis is the seed plot of the Bible. It is the foundation for all that follows in Scripture. Great themes are introduced. It is important that we properly interpret this book and make sure the foundation is stable. Great stories will be analyzed – Creation, the Fall, the Flood, the origin of languages, the migration of Israel into Egypt. Great personalities will be discussed – Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph.

Hebrews

Hebrews is the New Testament answer to Leviticus. How does Christ fulfill the ceremonial worship of the Old Testament? What does it mean that Christ serves as our High Priest? What is apostasy and how can we avoid it? A fantastic journey into the excellences of our salvation.

Homiletics

A study of pulpit principles that each speaker must master! Students will actually deliver sermons and be evaluated. A great workshop!

Homiletics II

A follow up on Homiletics I in which deeper principles are taught for effective pulpit work and more practice is done in the class of preaching.

Introduction to Apologetics

Apologetics is the discipline of defending the Christian faith. Believers can be intelligent. There is a reasonableness to Christian faith. There is a foundation for believing. How can one demonstrate the existence of God? What are the alternatives to not believing? What is the history of atheism? How does God make Himself known today? How can one rise above doubt and skepticism?

James

An in-depth verse-by-verse study of this great epistle describing practical Christian living.

Jeremiah

The Weeping Prophet carried a heavy burden to guide God's people through a time of national destruction. He also offered hope and divine promise. A great study in compassion, restoration and courageous faith.

John

The fourth gospel shows Christ in His deity and majesty. What an intimate narrative on the life of Jesus written from the disciple who was loved by Jesus! Small details are included in this gospel that are not found in the synoptic gospels.

Joshua – Judges

These two books together carry on the story of Israel as they move out of the wilderness and come into their land and occupy it. They teach lessons on leadership, faith, courage, deception, family dynamics and much more.

Knowing God

What are the basic characteristics of God and how does His nature determine our response? What disciplines nurture our fellowship with God? What path does God prescribe for us to know Him in a more intimate way?

Leadership Principles

What are the qualities that make a church leader effective? What are the prominent theories of spiritual leadership? What are the pitfalls such leader faces? Profiles from Biblical history will be analyzed.

Leviticus, The Way to Wholeness

This was the ministry manual for the Priests. How does it speak to Christians today who are a "Royal Priesthood?" Attention will be given to the Tabernacle and how it pictures Christ and the Christian life. Study will be made of the five sacrifices and their spiritual applications. A description of the garments of the priest and their rights and duties will be given. The dietary laws will be analyzed in the light of New Testament principles. This is a fantastic study that leads the believer to maturity and completeness.

Luke

This third Gospel portrays Jesus as the perfect man who loved to tell stories and relate to common humanity. A beautiful picture of Jesus that reveals Him as the friend of sinners.

Master's Men

A look at the twelve disciples and the uniqueness of each one. Why did Jesus choose these? How did Jesus teach and train these "Fishers of men?" What strengths and weaknesses did each possess?

Nehemiah

So many lessons of leadership come out of this story of Nehemiah leading God's people in rebuilding the walls of the city and organizing the community in a spirit of revival. Nehemiah faced obstacles and opposition but he overcame. What strategies did he employ to achieve God's purpose?

New Testament Survey

A panoramic view of the New Testament messages, doctrines, personalities, and problems of interpretation. A study of the main theme of each of the 27 books of the New Testament.

Old Testament Survey

A book by book overview! What is the theme, author, outline, significance, audience of each book? A necessary study for foundational knowledge.

Pastoral Care Consultation

How can we provide counseling to people who are facing special crisis? How can we minister to people walking through bereavement, despair, illness, divorce, parental stress and other pressure-packed situations?

Person and Work of Christ

A study of the nature of Christ, His pre-figuration in the Old Testament, His character, the main events of His life, the theme of His teachings, and the grand purpose of His coming.

Person and Work of Christ II

Same as I but extended

Philippians - Colossians

Philippians is a study in joy through right thinking. This is a great journey to examine the attitudes of our minds. Many practical insights for successful Christian living. Colossians preserves us in right doctrine and guards us against many distractions. This is a thorough examination of these two wonderful books of the Bible.

Pilgrim Psalms

Psalms 120 – 134 were sung by Israel as they journeyed to the Holy City three times a year for special worship. These Psalms show us how to prepare for the weekly experience of worship and provide practical instruction as the believer makes a journey from earth to the heavenly City of God.

Prayer Principles

Prayer is the believer's buried treasure. How we must dig out this treasure and put it into circulation. What are the principles behind prevailing prayer? What biblical models will help us to understand prayer? What components go into prayer? Why do some prayers seem to go unanswered? How does prayer relate to the sovereign purposes of God? How can one turn prayer from duty to delight?

Probing Parables

Jesus told 35 parables that press us to examine the validity of our faith. These stories give us windows into the nature of God, the meaning of the Kingdom, the dynamics of discipleship, the environment of the end-time and much more.

Prophecy

What chronology does the Bible give us for future things? What different schools of interpretation determine various views in eschatology? What can we expect as Christians as we move forward in time?

Reasons to Believe

Apologetics is a great discipline within biblical academics. How can we defend our faith in an age of skepticism? What answers do we have for those who would question the validity of the Christian claims? What arguments make the Bible intellectually respectable?

Revelation

Many have shunned this book because of fear. So many have mishandled this book. Here is a broad survey that will clarify some main issues concerning its interpretation. What do the symbols mean? What is the chronology of the book and how does it match other places of Scripture? How does it outline the story of God's prophetic future? Are these the last days? Do we see the fulfillment of prophecy even now?

Romans

Romans is the key book of the New Testament in understanding the plan of God for mankind. Many great themes will be studied: total depravity, general revelation, justification, sanctification, the place of the law, spiritual living, security, the role of Israel, evangelism, Christian service, and much more.

Sermon on the Mount

This has been called the “Constitution of Christianity.” Here are keys of kingdom living. A close analysis of each sentence found in Matthew chapters 5-7.

Studies in Isaiah

A precious Book of Prophecy that is filled with Messianic pictures and predictions. How is the book outlined and what are the historical situations that explain the utterances of the Prophet? What practical instructions come out of the teaching of this book?

Studies in Salvation

Salvation is a deep and broad subject that includes redemption, election, predestination, grace, faith, repentance, propitiation, atonement, preservation, perseverance, adoption, regeneration, and glorification.

Spiritual Warfare

Who is Satan and what are his objectives? What devices does he employ? How can believers withstand attacks from the enemy? Attention will be given to demonology, prayer, angels, temptation, and much more.

Tabernacle Truths

The tabernacle that served as a tent of meeting between God and His covenant people stood as a testimony to many great spiritual truths. We can see Jesus in that structure as well as many great lessons on worship and discipleship. How was the tabernacle constructed and how does it typify Christ and provide insights for spiritual worship? What tabernacle truths find fulfillment in the new covenant?

Ten Commandments and Today's Crisis

Does the Decalogue have moral authority for today? If so, how is it to be interpreted and applied? How does it relate to the NT and what controversies surround it throughout church history?

The Bible and Finances

The Bible has much to say about our attitude toward money and principles for financial increase. What dangers are connected with money? What strategy can be employed to prosper? What do we do with our prosperity?

The Life of David

This course will follow the life of David from the time he was anointed by Samuel until his death. Attention will be given to the major developments of his life and how God providentially trained, protected and provided for him. David had seasons of great faith and seasons of disturbing doubt. He had moments of courage and moments of cowardice. He enjoyed great victories and suffered humiliating defeats. There is much we can learn from his journey. What qualities did he possess that made him an incredible leader?

The Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit? What are His attributes? What was His mission in the Old Testament era? What is His mission in the world and the Church in modern times? What is the fruit of the Spirit? What are the gifts of the Spirit? What does it mean to sin against the Spirit? How can one be filled with and empowered by the Spirit?

The Meaning of Marriage

The marriage relationship faces great stress and struggle in this complex society! How can a couple safeguard their relationship and ensure happiness and permanence? How can a marriage survive financial pressure, infidelity, temptations, daily pressures, communication challenges, definition of roles, social expectations and spiritual mandates? A very practical Biblical study for helping marriages survive, recover and repair.

Theology of Counseling

An insightful introduction into the ministry of counseling and how the Bible functions as the authority to establish guidance for Christian behavior and thinking.

The Prophets Speak Today

A study of the Major and Minor Prophets, beginning with Isaiah and ending with Malachi. What was the personality and message of each Prophet? What was their historical situation? How does their message relate to the church today?

Truths the Cults Have Twisted

A focus on the truths the cults twist. What is the definition of a cult and how can they be identified? What are the practical characteristics of cultic behavior? A close look at some of the major cults of today.

Victorious Christian Living

How can a Christian live in holiness, joy, productivity and balance? What are the main obstacles facing Christians today and how does God equip His people to be more than conquerors?

What is the Bible

Can we trust the Bible to be the authoritative Word of God? What are the marks that demonstrate the Bible to be a supernatural book? How does the idea of "inspiration" relate to the human element in the writing and preserving of Scripture? Why do we accept our present 66 books in the canon? What about various translations of the Bible? What are the rules for properly interpreting Scripture?

Worship Dynamics

What are the various forms of worship? What is the meaning of liturgy, convergence and contemporary worship? What are the Bible principles and examples of true worship? Focus will be given to the attributes of God, the object of our worship.

You and your Personality

There are four main personality types with twelve blends. It is of practical value to know these categories so we can learn to respect people who are different from us and learn to harmonize with them. Also, it is helpful to know why we act like we do.

Electives

Dimensions of Discipleship

What are the practical implications of following Christ? How does one develop the disciplines of Christian living? How does one achieve balance and wholeness in life? How can one be effective in prayers and joyful in stewardship? What does it mean to be like Christ?

Facets of the Future

Study will be made of prophetic themes, such as the Rapture, the Tribulation Period, the Judgment Seat of Christ, the career of the Anti-Christ, signs of the end-time, Daniel's eschatological visions, the Battle of Armageddon, The Second Coming of Christ, The Millennial Reign of Christ, and much more. Various views will be considered.

Keys to Spiritual Growth

A study of Christian maturity and how to achieve it. Attention will be given to physical wellness, financial wisdom, mental health, and personal integrity.

Effective Leadership

What is the definition of leadership and various descriptions? What special dangers face the role of leaders and what does the Bible say about leadership principles?

Wisdom Books

A study of the books of the Old Testament ranging from Joshua through Song of Solomon. Each book will be observed to identify theme and development.

The Life of Moses – Ministry Dynamics

What a thrill to follow the journey of Moses and learn principles for successful godly leadership. His personality will be studied and how God developed him. What influenced and shaped Moses? What was the significance of the Exodus and the plagues? What Psalms did Moses write? What problems did he encounter in the wilderness and how did he solve them? This is a practical study.

Disciplines that Grow Godliness

What is godliness and how do we train for it? What are the classical disciplines that must be built into each schedule for spiritual muscles to be developed? This is a highly practical study that will encourage, motivate and instruct.

Ephesians

This is the Epistle of the Church. What is the correct theology for Ecclesiology? Paul shares great truths regarding the theology of church life and imparts practical instruction on managing a triumphant church.

How?

Practical instruction on how to worship; how to pray; how to handle money; how to overcome stress; how to tame temptation; how to defuse depression; and much more.

Mastering Preaching Skills

A technical look at the dynamics of public speaking. Voice tone, physical gestures, and facial expressions will be considered. How does a speaker relate to the audience? How can a sermon be constructed in a way that will capture attention? What obstacles must a preacher face in sharing a message?

Miracles with a Message

The Gospel of John records seven of the miracles of Christ and labels them as “signs.” What does this word mean and how are we to perceive Christ because of these miracles? How do these miracles harmonize and how do they speak to our daily lives?

Contemporary Christianity

The church today faces many unique situations! What modern questions are raised that demand answers from the Christian community? How can the church be relevant without compromising gospel truth? What methods and techniques can be used in evangelism that will have the sanction of God? A great study!

Bible and Science

How do the Bible and science harmonize? Does history show some tension between the two groups? What mistakes have the church made in the past in relationship to scientific discovery? What challenges does the scientific community bring to biblical authority today? How does the church respond to modern theories that discredit the teaching of the Bible?

What is the Church?

Christ loves the church and gave Himself for her. What is this love affair all about? How does the Bible define the church? What is the purpose and vision of the church? What is the authority and power of the church? What should be the liturgy of the church? What should be the government of the church? How should the church handle sacraments?

Apologetics II

Content similar to Apologetics I, however extended

Christ's Present Ministry

Jesus said "It is Finished" from the cross! But that does not mean that His ministry is finished. He now carries on a very specific ministry from the heavens. What is this ministry and how do we avail ourselves of these royal offices?

Sacred Secrets

Paul shares with us 16 mysteries in his New Testament letters. These are truths that were not revealed in the OT but now revealed in apostolic times. What are they and how do they affect our discipleship?

Influence and Impact of Christianity

Christianity has changed society in so many ways. How has Christianity affected the status of women, the institution of slavery, the treatment of children, the condition of families, the place of education, the writing of constitutions, and much more.

Harmonizing Bible and Psychology

The Bible provides much insight into the behavior of people! Why do people act the way they do? Scripture is the authority for defining action and understanding motivation. It also sets forth eternal truth that sets people free. How does the Bible correspond and conflict with modern theories on human psychology? What theories need to be adopted, sanctified, or dismissed?

Deeper Studies on the Cross

The cross is the center piece of the Bible! Different theories have been proposed concerning atonement. What theories are heretical and what theories are biblical? What OT passages picture the cross? What do the Gospel narratives show us about the true meaning of the crucifixion and what actually took place? How can Christians today live within the power and influence of the cross?

Select Psalms

The Psalms carry a variety of topics that relate to depression, worship, failure, renewal, healing, corporate ministry, deliverance, and much more. A wide range of topics will be discussed from the perspective of the Psalms.

Growing Healthy Churches

Church growth must be defined biblically! Growth does not just mean bigger, but more developed. There is a quality that must be achieved and preserved! How can a church mature in the graces and activities of God?

Keys to Pastoral Success

A pastor must measure up to biblical standards. The description of a shepherd is clearly pictured in the Bible. How can a pastor function in ministry in a way that is pleasing to God? What tools, strategies, skills and training are necessary for productivity in fulfilling the sacred call of God?

Studies in Sanctification

Holiness is a scary doctrine for many! But it should be lovely since the Bible talks about the beauty of holiness. What is sanctification and how is it experienced? How can one pursue holiness and avoid legalism and the guilt trap? How can one seek sanctification and be protected from churches that abuse? A practical study on God's methods of cleansing His people.

Colossians

A study that shows the sufficiency of Christ and how other forces and influences will try to distract us from that sense of completeness in Him. Also, a practical guide in building family life and personal holiness.

Studies in Jude

This is the vestibule to the Book of Revelation. A real warning concerning the apostasy that crescendos at the time of the Second Coming. Practical guidance is given for survival in the pressures of the Last Days.

Strategy for Successful Ministry

How does God equip His people for a ministry that is both relevant to modern life and true to biblical models? How can a servant of God be prepared for the special challenges we face in contemporary times?

Supernatural Transformation and Spiritual Formation

How does God work to bring real change to our lives? How does He promote growth and Christ -likeness? How can we cultivate the changes and cooperate with divine action?

Crisis Intervention

Ministry involves stepping in when people face the crisis of death, divorce, sickness, bankruptcy, location change, injuries, lawsuits and more. What does a Christian say? What therapy method will work? How does God work in these situations?

Strengthening and Lengthening your Ministry

Each believer is called to perform a function in the Body of Christ. How can that ministry find deeper meaning and the be enlarged and expanded? What principles and ideas energize a ministry that increases and abounds?

Developing Dynamic Faith

Faith has often been misunderstood! The Bible tells us what faith means and what we can expect from a life of faith. What is faith in balance? What are the conquests of faith? What are the challenges of faith? How can faith be nurtured?

Learning from Proverbs

The proverbs are short and spicy sentences that are easy to memorize. They provide wisdom for daily life. The Book of Proverbs contains many different subjects, including; money, family, wisdom, foolishness, temptation, motherhood, fatherhood, alcoholism, laziness, enterprises, worship, and much more.

Providence of God

God exercises an invisible hand in this world as He shapes it according to His eternal plan. What different theories come out of the doctrine of providence? What practical lessons can be learned from this doctrine? What Bible stories illustrate this truth?

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Calvary Bible Institute offers you the opportunity to pursue a more formal, in-depth, and scholarly systematic study of the Bible, the church, and your Christian faith, without the pressure of working toward a college degree! The school presents information on a college level, that is, beyond what you can achieve in Bible study classes on Wednesday nights. You attend the college classes of your choice; you hear the lectures, participate in discussions and read the material without having to submit the coursework that is expected of our Calvary Christian College degree-seeking students. You will not take tests, exams, or turn in term papers and reports. For every ten courses that you complete, you will receive a special certificate that will be presented to you during the annual commencement exercises for the college.

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