



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Galatians – Thessalonians

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Class Description: *MASTERING THE ENGLISH BIBLE* is our most comprehensive Bible course. It is an in-depth survey of the Old and New Testaments, covering Bible history and every book of the Bible. *Mastering the English Bible* is for beginning Bible students as well as for advanced ones. It is for youngsters (teens and above) and oldsters. It is for individuals, homes, and churches. It is nearly a complete Bible college curriculum in one course. The aim is to educate the student in Bible history, Bible times (e.g., Egypt, ancient Babylon, the Hittites, Assyria, neo-Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome), Bible interpretation, Bible doctrine, Bible terms, Bible geography, Bible typology (e.g., the Passover, the Tabernacle, the Levitical Priesthood, the Levitical offerings), Bible culture, Bible biography, Bible archaeology, and Bible prophecy. The course aims to give the student a broad comprehension of the Bible as a whole. The Bible is one Book that was planned by God in eternity before it was given to the holy prophets, and understanding the big picture is necessary to rightly understand the parts. We teach the student to see Christ everywhere in Scripture. *Mastering the English Bible* is practical throughout. Bible teaching does not accomplish God's will until it produces born again salvation and holy living (2 Ti. 3:16-17). We emphasize the believer's life as a priest (1 Pe. 2:5), pilgrim (1 Pe. 2:11), ambassador (2 Co. 5:20), builder of the New Testament church (1 Co. 3:9-15), builder of the home (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4), teacher (Heb. 5:12-14), spiritual warrior (Eph. 6:10-19), and minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 12:3-8). *Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of class videos, textbooks, PowerPoints, syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. The course is divided into 11 parts: 01 Old Testament History Genesis to the Silent Years, 02 Job and Psalms, 03 Proverbs, Song, Ecclesiastes, 05 The Gospels, 06 Acts, 07 Romans to Corinthians, 08 Galatians to Thessalonians, 09 The Pastoral Epistles, 10 The General Epistles, 11 Revelation. *Mastering the English Bible* is accompanied by ***THE WAY OF LIFE PICTORIAL BIBLE***, which is an extensive series of multimedia PowerPoints packed with detailed maps, historical backgrounds, treasures from archaeology, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings, video clips, and other visual aids. Many of these were captured by the author in the best archaeological and history museums in America and abroad, plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Europe, and England.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: Galatians – Thessalonians by David Cloud, 286 pages, Dec. 2022.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the theme and outline of Galatians through 2 Thessalonians.
2. Identify important lessons about prayer.
3. Appreciate the Believer's position of blessing in Christ.

4. Understand the Believer's walk in this present world.
5. Clearly interpret Paul's prophecies.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (6) – 60%

Projects (8) – 40%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Mastering the English Bible: Galatians – Thessalonians* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students study Paul's prayers in these books.

Outcome 3. Students take tests over the material read and covered in class.

Outcome 4. Students diligently study Galatians through 2 Thessalonians and write a commentary on the first chapter of each book.

Outcome 5. Students study important passages regarding prophecy.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction/ Paul and His Epistles/ Galatians
- 2 Galatians/ Ephesians, The Believer's Position of Blessing in Christ
- 3 Ephesians, The Believer's Position of Blessing in Christ/ **Test 1**
- 4 Ephesians, The Believer's Walk in This Present World
- 5 Ephesians, The Believer's Walk in This Present World
- 6 Ephesians, The Believer's Walk in This Present World/ **Test 2**
- 7 Philippians
- 8 **Test 3 (Midterm)**/ Philippians
- 9 Colossians
- 10 Colossians
- 11 Colossians/ **Test 4**/ 1 Thessalonians
- 12 1 Thessalonians
- 13 1 Thessalonians
- 14 **Test 5**/ 2 Thessalonians
- 15 1 Thessalonians/ **Test 6 (Final)**

Weeks		Assignment	
Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Pages 1-10	Pages 10-17	Pages 18-23
2	Pages 23-29	Pages 29-35	Pages 36-44
3	Pages 45-54 Study Project for Galatians	Pages 55-63	Test 1 —(over pgs. 1-63)
4	Pages 63-70	Pages 71-79	Pages 79-86
5	Pages 86-91 Study Project for Ephesians	Pages 91-98	Page 98-106
6	Pages 106-111	Pages 112-122	Test 2 —(over pgs. 63-122)
7	Pages 123-128 Study Project for Philippians	Pages 128-136	Pages 136-142
8	Test 3— Mid-term (Overs pgs. 1-142)	Pages 142-148	Pages 148-153
9	Pages 154-161 Study Project for Colossians	Pages 161-168	Pages 168-176
10	Pages 177-185	Pages 185-191 Prayer Project	Pages 192-198
11	Pages 198-206	Test 4 —(Over pgs. 142-206)	Pages 207-215
12	Pages 215-222 Study Project for 1 Thessalonians	Pages 222-229	Pages 229-236
13	Pages 236-244	Pages 244-252 Prophecy Project	Pages 253-259
14	Test 5 —(Overs pgs. 207-259)	Pages 260-267	Pages 267-274
15	Pages 274-280 Study Project for 2 Thessalonians	Pages 280-286	Test 6— Final (Cumulative)

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- 3 Philippians/ Colossians/ **Test 4**/ 1 Thessalonians
- 4 1 Thessalonians/ **Test 5**/ 2 Thessalonians/ 1 Thessalonians/ **Test 6 (Final)**

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3	Pages 148-161 Study Project for Colossians	Pages 161-176	Pages 177-191 Prayer Project	Pages 192-206	Test 4 — (<i>pgs. 142-206</i>) Pages 207-215	Pages 215-229 Study Project for 1 Thes.
4	Pages 229-244	Pages 244-259 Prophecy Project	Test 5 — (<i>pgs. 207-259</i>)	Pages 260-274	Pages 274-286 Study Project for 2 Thes.	Test 6 — Final (Cumulative)

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments each day and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- **Projects (8)**

There are a total of eight projects for this course. They are the following:

- **Prayer Project**

Find all of Paul's prayers in Galatians through 2 Thessalonians, write them out, and list the main lessons from each prayer.

➤ **Prophecy Project**

Find all passages in Galatians to 2 Thessalonians that are prophecies of future events, write them out, and list the main lessons from each passage.

➤ **Study Project** on *each* book (6 in total: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, and 2 Thessalonians): *refer to the calendar above to see when each individual book study is due.*

- **First, read the entire epistle.** Read it at one sitting if possible. As you read, look for the main theme and the main divisions (the outline) and write them down.
- **Second, answer the following questions:**
 - Who is the recipient of this epistle?
 - What are the main things you know about this church or individual?
 - Where was Paul when he wrote this epistle?
 - What was the situation?
- **Third, study the Mastering the English Bible introduction to the epistle.** Underline the lessons in our introduction that you did not know before. Compare our outline of the epistle with your outline.
- **Fourth, make your own commentary on the first chapter of the epistle.**
 - Outline the chapter by the main points or divisions or segments.
 - Define all doctrinal words (such as “glory,” “grace,” “righteous,” “godly,” “sin,” “wisdom,” “justice,” “hell,” “mercy,” “hope,” “justify,” “sanctify,” “beseech,” “profane,” “vain,” “immortal,” “meek”) and words that have changed meaning since 1611 (“quicken”) and difficult words (“science falsely so called,” “superfluity of naughtiness”).
 - Explain every difficult statement in the chapter.
 - Then write all of the lessons you can find from each major segment, going verse by verse.
- **Fifth, study the textbook commentary on the epistle.** Make a list of major things you learned from this study that you did not know before.
- **Tests (6)**

There will be a total of six tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and potentially additional important information in the reading, the tests will include a section of short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1, 2, 4, and 5 will not be cumulative, while Test 3 (midterm) and Test 6 (final) will cover all previously learned material as well as any new material.

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