



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Romans – Corinthians

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: Romans - Corinthians by David Cloud, 304 pages, 2023.

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

1. Understand the theme and outline of Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians.
2. Better define important biblical terms.
3. Differentiate between God's wisdom and Man's wisdom.
4. Biblically address the issue of speaking in tongues.
5. Clearly interpret Paul's prophesies.

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

Tests (6) – 50%

Quizzes (5) – 10%

Projects (6) – 40%

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

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Mastering the English Bible: Romans - Corinthians* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students memorize key verses in Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians.

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

Outcome 4. Students diligently study Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians and write a commentary on the first chapter of each book.

Outcome 5. Students study Paul's prayers in these books.

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/ Romans
- 2 Introduction to Romans/ Paul's Greeting/ The Gospel
- 3 The Gospel/ **Test 1**
- 4 The Believer's New Standing/ The Believer's Holy Living
- 5 The Believer's Holy Living/ What about Israel?/ **Test 2**
- 6 Christian Living/ Relationships with Civil Government/ Christ's Return
- 7 Liberty/ Power of the Scripture/ Confidence in the Church at Rome/ Request for Prayer/ Conclusion/ Separation/ God's Eternal Glory/ **Test 3 (Midterm)**
- 8 Corinthian Epistles/ Blessings in Christ/ Unity/ Man's Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom
- 9 Man's Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom/ Ministers of God/ Judgment Seat/ Discipline
- 10 The Unrighteous Shall Not Inherit God's Kingdom/ Marriage/ The Lord's Supper/ Spiritual Gifts and the Unity of the Spirit/ **Test 4**
- 11 Charity/ The Exercise of Gifts in Public Worship/ The Gospel/ The Resurrection
- 12 The Resurrection/ The Rapture/ **Test 5**
- 13 2 Corinthians/ God's Comfort/ Triumph in Christ/ OT Contrasted with the New/ Power of the Gospel/ Treasure in Earthen Vessels/ House of God in the Heavens/ Judgment Seat/ Reconciliation
- 14 Approving Ourselves as the Ministers of God/ Separation/ Repentance/ Grace Giving
- 15 Giving/ Spiritual Warfare/ False Teachers/ Journey to Heaven/ Signs/ **Test 6 (Final)**

Weeks		Assignment	
Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Pages 1-8	Pages 8-13	Pages 14-20
2	Pages 21-28	Pages 29-36	Pages 36-44 Prayer Project
3	Pages 44-52	Pages 52-60	Test 1 —(over pgs. 1-60)
4	Pages 60-68	Pages 68-75 Quiz 1—Romans 1:21	Pages 75-83
5	Pages 84-89 Study Project for Romans	Pages 90-97	Test 2 —(over pgs. 60-97)
6	Pages 97-106	Pages 106-116	Pages 116-125 Term Project
7	Pages 125-133	Pages 133-141	Test 3— Mid-term (Overs pgs. 1-141)
8	Pages 142-148	Pages 148-153 Quiz 2— Romans 11:34-36	Pages 154-160
9	Pages 160-167	Pages 167-175 Quiz 3— 1 Corinthians 10:21	Pages 175-182
10	Pages 183-193 Study Project for 1 Corinthians	Pages 193-205	Test 4 —(Over pgs. 142-205)
11	Pages 205-212	Pages 212-220	Pages 220-227 Prophecy Project
12	Pages 227-234	Pages 235-241	Test 5 —(Overs pgs. 205-241)
13	Pages 242-251	Pages 251-260 Quiz 4— 1 Corinthians 14:22	Pages 260-267
14	Pages 267-274	Pages 274-281 Quiz 5— 2 Corinthians 1:4	Pages 281-288
15	Pages 288-296 Study Project for 2 Corinthians	Pages 296-303	Test 6— Final (Cumulative)

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- 1 Introduction/ Paul and His Epistles/ Introduction to Romans/ Paul's Greeting/ The Gospel/ **Test 1**/ The Believer's New Standing/ The Believer's Holy Living
- 2 Holy Living/ What about Israel?/ **Test 2**/ Christian Living/ Relationships with Civil Government/ Christ's Return/ Liberty/ Power of the Scripture/ Confidence in the Church at Rome/ Request for Prayer/ Conclusion/ Separation/ God's Eternal Glory/ **Test 3 (Midterm)**/ Corinthian Epistles/
- 3 Blessings in Christ/ Unity/ Man's Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom/ Ministers of God/ Judgment Seat/ Discipline/ Unrighteous Shall Not Inherit God's Kingdom/ Marriage/ The Lord's Supper/ Spiritual Gifts and the Unity of the Spirit/ **Test 4**/ Charity/ The Exercise of Gifts in Public Worship/ The Gospel/ The Resurrection/ The Rapture
- 4 **Test 5**/ 2 Corinthians/ God's Comfort/ Triumph in Christ/ OT Contrasted with the New/ Power of the Gospel/ Treasure in Earthen Vessels/ House of God in the Heavens/ Judgment Seat/ Reconciliation/ Approving Ourselves as the Ministers of God/ Separation/ Repentance/ Grace Giving/ Spiritual Warfare/ False Teachers/ Journey to Heaven/ Signs/ **Test 6 (Final)**

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2	Pages 84-97 Study Project for Romans	Test 2 — (<i>pgs. 60-97</i>) Pages 97-106	Pages 106-125	Pages 125-141 Term Project	Test 3 — Mid-term (<i>pgs. 1-141</i>)	Pages 142-153 Quiz 2 — Romans 11:34-36
3	Pages 154-167	Pages 167-182 Study Project for 1 Cor.	Pages 183-205 Quiz 3 — 1 Cor 10:21	Test 4 — (<i>pgs. 142-205</i>) Pages 205-212	Pages 212-227	Pages 227-241 Prophecy Project
4	Test 5 — (<i>pgs. 205-241</i>) Pages 242-251	Pages 251-267 Quiz 4 — 1 Cor 14:22	Pages 267-281 Study Project for 2 Cor.	Pages 281-296	Pages 296-303 Quiz 5 — 2 Cor 1:4	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.

- **Quizzes (5)**

Quizzes will be given on five Wednesdays (*for the slower-paced option*) scattered throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes.

- **Projects (6)**

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

- **Prayer Project**

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

- **Term Project**

Do a study on the following theological terms: **grace**, **redemption** (redeemed), **justification** (justified), **faith**, and **glory**. Using only a concordance (not a dictionary or commentary), find the main verses dealing with these terms, give a biblical definition by studying the contexts, and write out the main lessons from the verses.

- **Prophecy Project**

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

- **Study Project** on *each* book (3 in total: Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians): *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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