

# BANGALORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE & MISSIONS Accredited By



# **BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY**

Duration: 3 Years – 6 Semesters

# **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Study of Theology
Biblical Studies
Apologetics
Preacher's Work
Related Studies
Languages

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# Bachelor of Theology Syllabus

# The Courses taught in BCCM are divided into six semesters.

#### Semester – 1

#### 1. Pentateuch:

A topical/textual study of the 5 books relating primarily to origins, the Flood, the Patriarchs, and the growth of Jacob's family (Israel) in Egypt, bondage, freedom, Law of Moses, Tabernacle, Moses Warnings.

#### 3. Christian Evidence's:

This class is designed to prove that Christianity is the one true religion approved by God. It will show that the Bible is the inspired word of God, that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, and that man can know truth.

# 5. Theology – 1

This class is designed to study about:

- Who is God,
- Attributes of God,
- Three persons in Godhead,
- God's Eternal Plan.
- Why & How God created Man.
- What is Sin: condition & acts.
- Salvation: Why & How?

# 2. Life of Christ in the Synoptic Gospels.

A comparative approach to Matthew, Mark, and Luke as the "Synoptic gospel accounts." The parables and miracles will be studied in detail.

#### 4. Evangelism

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. The class will focus on Bible teaching about evangelism and study tools that facilitate teaching the lost. They will also be involved in teaching with these tools.

### 6. Book of Acts

This class is designed to be a study of the establishment and spread of the early church. Each process of conversion will be analysed with a consideration of method, instructions, and result. The journeys of Paul will be studied in detail and the fulfilment of Jesus' command in Acts 1:8 that resulted in churches being established in so many places.

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1. **History of Israel**. The book of Joshua shows the children of Israel ready to enter Canaan, their promised land, and describes how they took it over. The books that follow, **Judges** through 2 Chronicles, depict Israel's experience in the promised land, from the time they settled it until the time they were conquered by Assyria and Babylon. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell of the return of several groups of Israelites to their capital, Jerusalem, decades later. Finally, the book of **Esther** relates a story of Israelites living in exile under Persian rule.

## 2. Gospel of John.

A textual/expository study of the book as a gospel account distinct from the "synoptics." It will also spend time on Jesus as God, the Word & son of God, the great "I am", and the events of the last week of Jesus' life.

# 3. Comparative Religions.

Some of the major world religions will be examined considering them. primary tenets and along with various major cults in existence. Class time will be given to Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism.

4. Romans/Galatians - A textual/topical study of the important themes of these books including grace, faith, law, redemption, justification, sanctification, election, predestination, unity, sacrificial living, etc..

# 5. Theology – 2

- Pneumatology Pneumatology is the study of God the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity.
- Rightly Divide the word of Truth
- Kingdom of God
- Difference between Law of Moses and New Testament.
- 6. Job A textual study exploring God, His sovereignty, His relationship to mankind and the nature of man depicted through Job's friends. It will also explore the theme topic of suffering and the peripheral subject of Christian Evidence presented in this ancient book.

Semester – 3					
<ol> <li>General Epistles - 1         A textual study of:         <ul> <li>James, 1st &amp; 2nd Peter.</li> <li>discussions concerning persecution, suffering, faith, works, love, and doctrine.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	2. 1st & 2nd Corinthians A textual/topical study of each letter. We will explore what God's word says about the issues of denominationalism, sin in the church, marriage, building unity, paying preachers, the Lord's Supper, worship format, giving and others.				
3. Psalms – A textual study of the book including a study of the various styles of Hebrew poetry, prose, prayers. A thorough study of the Messianic psalms will be made as well as an expository study of many particularly applicable Psalms such as Psalm 1, 23, 51 and others.	4. Isaiah – A textual study of the book with emphasis on the context of Isaiah's work and on his kingdom and Messianic prophecies.				
5. Proverbs/Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon – A topical/textual study of Proverbs dividing the book by topics and a textual study of Ecclesiastes with a view to applying both books to modern life.	6. Jeremiah/Lamentations – A textual study of the books noting Jeremiah's ministry to Israel, his love for them, his prophecies of their downfall and the fulfilment of his prophecies, especially his Messianic and church prophecies.				

Semester – 4					
1. Prison Epistles. A textual treatment of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon with their great themes of the church, Christian living, refusing error and willing obedience.	Ezekiel – This will be a textual study of Ezekiel's prophecies and visions and their relationship and application to pre-Christian Jewish history during and after Babylonian captivity.				
3. General Epistles – 2 1st, 2nd, & 3rd John, and Jude with discussions concerning persecution, suffering, faith, works, love, and doctrine.	4. Hermeneutics     A study of Hermeneutics is the science of interpreting scripture based on rules of interpretation and proper exegesis.				
5. 1 Thessalonians – Titus: A textual/topical study of each letter discussing subject topics found in 1st & 2nd Thessalonians, 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus including godly living. The themes about	6. Minor Prophets – 1 This will be a textual study of the prophecies of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah considering the historical setting at the time of writing, the message applicable to the				

doctrine, end times, church discipline will be included. Special emphasis will be given to instructions about preaching given to Timothy and Titus and about establishing elders and deacons in a congregation.

people of Israel and the Messianic prophecies penned by the writer.

### Semester – 5

- 1. Hebrews A textual course, highlighting the supremacy of Christ's priesthood and law over that of the Aaronic priesthood and Mosaic law. The class will also include some discussion of how Christ, the church and her worship fulfil the type/antitype, shadow/image intention of God.
- Minor Prophets 2 This will be a continuation of Minor Prophets
   but in the books of Nahum,
   Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai,
   Zechariah, and Malachi.
- 3. New Testament Greek 1– An introductory study of New Testament Greek presented with special emphasis placed on alphabet, parts of speech, grammar, and vocabulary.
- 4. **Denominational Doctrines** —
  This class will study the origin, history, and details of various denominations as well as some of their major doctrines. Of course, it will also study the biblical truths which refute their false doctrine.

5. Daniel

Like the study of Ezekiel, this course will be devoted to examining the prophecies of Daniel and their relationship and application to pre-Christian Jewish history as well as their connections to the book of Revelation.

6. New Testament Greek 2 – A continuation of GK- 1 with continuing study of parts of speech, sentence structure, grammar, and vocabulary.

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1. Homiletics 1 – The student will be instructed in the techniques of sermon design, preparation, and delivery of topical, textual and expository sermons. Sermon sourcing and record keeping will be introduced.	2. Homiletics 2 – This is a continuation of Hom-101. Students will learn to preach with and without projection equipment. An introduction will also be given concerning how technology can enhance one's work in this area. We may provide some experience in streaming, video, and audio preaching.
3. Revelation – This will be a study exposing the theme of the book, which is victory in Jesus.	4. Ecclesiology – This will be a study of systematically examining the New Testament's teaching on the existence, meaning, and purpose of the church, providing responsible coverage of the traditional topics in ecclesiology, and carefully grounding ecclesiology in the person and work of Christ
5. Steward and Christian – Time management, money management, attitude management, and godly conduct in the home and the community are essential components to faithful Christianity, successful preaching, and leadership skills. These matters will be studied from the scripture with realistic application for the student's personal and professional life.	6. Ethics - This class will study the problems of ethics and morality in everyday life. Our culture is changing so fast, and the new cultural views are in direct conflict with old values. Where must the Christian stand and with what attitude must he exemplify the character of Christ. Moreover, what is the preacher's responsibility in growing God's kingdom to embrace right ethics and morality. These questions will be a probed from the Biblical standpoint.