



## HOW TO USE THIS BIBLE COURSE

**Reading:** Psalm 19

### The Bible – God’s Word

The Christadelphian Bible Course is designed to help you understand the Bible, sometimes called the Scriptures. The Bible is the Word of God. It is the only book that reliably tells us about God and about His plans for the earth and the people on it. It promises a blessing for everyone who reads it and responds to its message.

It is a privilege to own a copy of the Word of God. To follow this course you will need to have a copy of the whole Bible, not just the New Testament. If you do not already have a copy, you may be able to buy one quite cheaply at the Bible Society. There is a branch in almost every country.

### About this course

This Bible course consists of 40 lessons. These are grouped into 11 sections. Each section has a question paper. Your tutor will send you the course, usually one section at a time. When you have studied a section of lessons and answered the questions, please send your answers to your tutor, who will mark them and return them to you. You may also ask your tutor questions about the Bible and this course. Please only write to your tutor, even though you may see other addresses on our literature.

Your tutor is:

Your reference number is:

Please use this number on **all** correspondence, answers etc.

**If you have not been given a tutor and reference number in the box above, please send your answers using the address or envelope provided. Your answers will be passed on to a tutor who will write to you with the information you need.**

The Bible passages in this course are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV). Other versions may be available in your country. Three good modern versions are the New King James Version (NKJV), Revised Standard Version (RSV) and New International Version (NIV). The King James Version (KJV), also known as the Authorised Version (AV), is another good version to use, although it is sometimes difficult to understand because of its old language.

This Bible course is free. Our aim is to help you to enjoy reading the Scriptures. We want you to discover the wonderful message of salvation through Jesus Christ. We do not provide certificates for taking the course, but after the 40 lessons we can send other Bible courses to help you.

### Bible references

In this course, Bible references are written like this:

Genesis 1 – this means the Book of Genesis, chapter 1;

*or*

Genesis 1:1,3 – this means the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1 and 3;

*or*

Genesis 1:1-7 – this means the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1 to 7 inclusive.





We do not want you to just accept what we say in the lessons. We want you to check for yourself that this really is what the Bible teaches. For this reason many Bible references are given in each lesson.

### How to study the lessons

Try to study one lesson each week, but make sure that you understand this lesson before going on to the next. It may be helpful to read each lesson **three times**:

- the first time – to obtain a general idea of what it is about;
- the second time – reading the verses in your own Bible, and then answering the questions;
- the third time – reading it right through again, together with the Bible reading given at the beginning of the lesson, and checking your answers.

At the end of each lesson you will find some other useful verses to read in your Bible, and one which you should try to learn. These verses will help you throughout your life.

### Answering the questions

You should write your answers on the question paper. Please send your answers to your tutor regularly. The answers to most questions can be found in the lessons or Bible verses given. Please answer the questions in your own words – do not just copy what the lessons have said. Say what you believe to be the truth. If you disagree with anything in the lessons, or have any questions, please say so. This is very important – we can help you much more if we know what you think.

### Read your Bible prayerfully

Begin each session of Bible reading or study with a prayer to God, asking Him to help you understand His Word. Here is a prayer from the Book of Psalms:

*“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law” (Psalm 119:18).*

If we ask Him, God will open our eyes and help us to understand His book, the Bible. We should read it every day.

### If we do not hear from you

If we do not receive your answers, we will assume that you no longer wish to receive this course and will stop sending the lessons. There are many people around the world who wish to receive Bible courses, and we are not able to keep sending lessons to students who do not reply.

**If you have any difficulties in sending your answers, please contact your tutor and explain.** We will then continue to send you the course – we just need to know that the lessons are being received and are being used to help you in your study of God’s Word.





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### Chapter to read:

#### Genesis 1 – This is the first chapter of the Bible.

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the*





*darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

*And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.*

*And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.*

*And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.*

*And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.*

*And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*

*Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

*And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

