



How to use this Bible Course

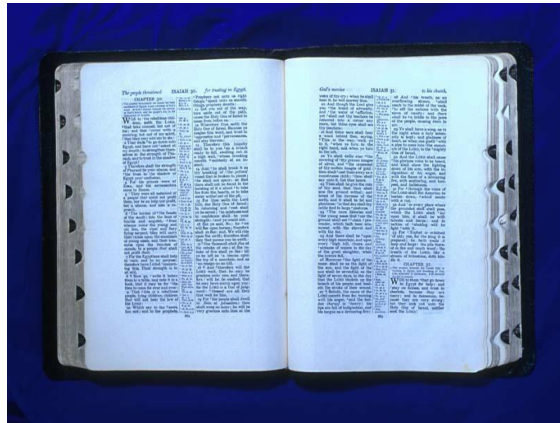
Exploring the Bible is a thrilling adventure. These lessons are intended to act as sign-posts, pointing the way to personal Bible Study. There are a total of 24 lessons, and they all deal with important Bible teachings.

You will need your own Bible

If you want to benefit from this Course, then you **must** have a Bible of your own. Unless you also read your Bible, it will not help you much to read this Course. Hopefully you have a Bible already, but if not, then you should try to get one as soon as possible.

In your country there should be a number of places where you can buy a Bible. Make sure that the Bible you buy is a complete one with **both** the Old and New Testaments. A New Testament on its own is only a part of the Bible, and you need it all.

This is a photo of a Bible with Wide Margins which allows you to make your own notes as you read. An excellent way of helping you to become familiar with your Bible!



There are a number of versions of the Bible available. The language of the *New King James Version* (NKJV) or the *New International Version* (NIV) is clearer than that of the King James Version (KJV), and the quotes we use in these lessons are from them. Whatever version you use, it will not change the meaning, or affect your study of the Bible.

The Bible course is FREE. The only cost to you will be the time that it takes you to complete the lesson. Our aim is to help you to enjoy reading the scriptures, and we want you to discover the wonderful message of salvation through Jesus Christ. We do not give out certificates for taking the course, but at the end of the 24 lessons, we would like to help you to continue your Bible study.

Bible References

When a reference from the Bible is given, it will be written like this:

"Psalm 118" – this means the Book of Psalms, chapter 118.

or

"Psalm 118:9" – this means the Book of Psalms, chapter 118 verse 9.

If you have never used a Bible before, there should be an index in the front of your Bible, which tells you where the books of the Bible are. Find a book called Romans, and next to it you will see a page number. Turn this up and you will find the book. Just like any normal book the Bible is divided into chapters to help us find things. Each chapter is divided up into smaller sections called verses, to help you even more. See if you can find John 3:16. It should say something like this... *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

It may take you a little while, but don't worry. The Bible is a very big book and hard to get used to. Hopefully by the end of this course you will know your way around the Bible a little better.

How to study the lessons

It might be a good plan to read through each lesson three times. First, read it through fairly quickly, to get an idea of what it is all about.

Then go back to the beginning, and read it carefully, section by section. This time, turn up in your own Bible the passages referred to, and read them in their proper setting.

Make a special note of anything you find difficult, or do not agree with. Many difficulties will clear themselves as you go along. Then, read the paper through again in one sitting.



Answering the Questions

After each set of three lessons, you will find a Question Paper. The question paper will look like this.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHRISTADELPHIAN BIBLE POSTAL COURSE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Question Sheet No. 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LESSONS 1 to 3</p> <p>Questions about Lesson 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How is the Bible different from all other books?2. Write down two reasons why you believe the Bible is true.3. How many books are there in the Bible? What are the names of some of the people who wrote these books? <p>Questions about lesson 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, what was their punishment?2. Why do we all die? Write out a passage from the Bible to support your answer?3. Write out John 3:16. Explain what this means. <p>Questions about Lesson 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What message did the angels give to the disciples as they watched Jesus go up into heaven?2. Can you give two more passages from the Bible to prove that Jesus is coming back again?3. How can we be ready for Jesus when he comes?

It will be good if you can answer the questions and send them in every third week. When you answer the questions, try, to say what **you** believe to be the truth. Do not just copy out what the lessons have said, but answer in your own words. If you disagree with anything in the lessons, please feel free to let us know. If you have any other questions on Bible matters, please write them down as well, and we will attempt to answer them for you.

If for any reason you are not able to send in the answers, just let us know that you are still interested and would like to continue getting the lessons

With this course we have included a simple Bible reading planner, which will help you to read the Bible everyday. Before you begin each lesson, you will also need to read the chapters named at the start of the lesson. They are next to the heading **READING FOR STUDY PAPER**.

The Course will be sent to you as you complete and return your answer sheets. Your lessons will be marked, and returned to you with the next lesson. If you find the lesson or questions difficult, please send back whatever answers you can, and further help will be given to you.

Don't forget to clearly write your name and address on top of your answer sheet!

Please send all your answers (and any questions) to your tutor.

Time well spent

Of course, studying these lessons will take up some of your time – say 15 minutes a day for Bible Readings, and about an hour each week for studying the lesson. Then there will be an extra half-hour every third week for answering the questions.

But very soon you will find that the Bible is such an interesting book, that you will want to spend more and more time reading it.

Reading your Bible

The Bible is full of interest! But that is not all - it is the Word of God. So when we read it, we should ask God to help us to understand its teaching.

There is one prayer in the Bible that we would do well to learn by heart: -

“Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your Law” . (Psalm 119:18).

And so, by reading the Bible day by day, and trying to understand it, we shall not only become more and more certain that it is God's Word, but we shall feel its effect upon us – changing our lives, and making us better men and women.