Bible Doctrine I

209

Diploma Level



**Classroom Hours:**36 (minimum)

**Description/Overview:**

This course emphasizes the importance of fundamental Bible teachings as they relate to salvation, especially the new birth experience, and the role of faith and grace in our daily lives. Obedience to these fundamental doctrines is emphasized using examples from Scripture with explanations of differentiation between initial new birth experiences and the bestowing of Gifts of the Spirit.

**Objectives:**

At the end of this course students will be able to:

1. Clarify that every person, without exception, is a sinner in need of salvation.
2. Answer the question “What must I do to be saved?” in the same way Peter answered it.
3. Understand the difference between and relationship of grace and faith.
4. Define the term “gospel.”
5. Explain the new birth doctrine.
6. Summarize the action and consequences of repentance.
7. State the significance and process of water baptism.
8. Recite the formula for Biblical baptism.
9. Establish spirit baptism as a part of salvation.
10. Defend the necessity of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.
11. Differentiate between speaking in tongues as evidence of the Spirit and the gift of

tongues.

1. Give witnesses in church history of Water baptism and tongues.
2. List and define the four aspects of salvation.

**Topics/Concepts:**

* Salvation past, present, and future as well as what it is and how to get it.
* Faith: its definition, source, and the justification that comes along with it.
* The messages of John the Baptist, Christ, Peter, Phillip, Ananias, Paul, and John concerning water baptism.
* Comparison of the first and second births.
* Recognition, confession, and contrition of sin as well as the impact of the decision to reject it.
* The relationship of water and spirit baptism.
* John’s baptism as compared to the baptism of Christ.
* Baptism as a spiritual circumcision.
* Views on various practices of baptism such as sprinkling, infant baptism, and baptism of the dead.
* What is meant by the verse found in Matthew 28:19.
* The impact of the Day of Pentecost on the church.
* Biblical examples of people and people groups that spoke in other tongues.

**Recommended Primary Textbook(s)**

*The New Birth*, David K. Bernard

*A Student Study Guide for The New Birth*

*New Birth Part One*, David. K. Bernard

*New Birth Part Two*, David. K. Bernard

**Recommended Alternatives:**

*Bible Doctrine I*, Ralph Vincent Reynolds

*Bible Doctrine II*, Ralph Vincent Reynolds

*Bible Doctrine III*, Ralph Vincent Reynolds

*Bible Doctrine IV*, Ralph Vincent Reynolds

**Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:**

1. An Honest Question
2. Grace and Faith
3. The Gospel of Jesus Christ
4. Birth of Water and Spirit
5. Repentance
6. Water Baptism
7. Baptismal Formula: In the Name of Jesus
8. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
9. Speaking in Tongues
10. The Witness in Church History: Baptism
11. The Witness in Church History: Tongues
12. Are There Exceptions?
13. Four Aspects of Salvation
14. An Honest Answer

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**Languages Available:**

New Birth is available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

Bible Doctrine I, II, III and IV are available in English, French, Spanish and Russian

**Course Packet Resources:**

Power Point for The New Birth

Power Point for Doctrine I, II, III and IV (IABC)

eBooks for Doctrine I, II, III & IV (IABC)

Answer Keys

Materials available by request to [gats@upci.org](mailto:gats@upci.org):

*Doctrines of the Bible*, D. Bernard

*Unchanging Word for the Ever-Changing World*, J. Poitras

*Baptism in God’s Plan*, Fauss

*Baptism of the Holy Ghost*, Alan Kitay

*The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*, Jack Viskar

*The Bible Plan of Salvation*, Carl E. Williams

*Contending for the Faith*, D.L. Welch

*Handbook for Receiving the Holy Ghost*, Fred Kinzie

A variety of other books and articles

**Comments:**

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