

# **MINEOLA BIBLE INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY**

## **Student Handbook 2020**

**Radically Biblical, Apostolic, Christianity**



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## **About MBIS**

Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary (MBIS) offers courses of study leading to Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees in Bible, Theology, Biblical Counseling, and Christian Ministry.

### **Mission Statement**

MBIS is an Apostolic teaching ministry dedicated to training ministers to effectively share the Apostolic Faith, the revelation of our full salvation and the realities of the New Creation to lost and hurting humanity, through advanced understanding of the truth and reality of God's Word.

### **Vision**

The Vision of MBIS is to raise up biblically literate, Spirit-anointed leaders, who can hear the voice of God and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Apostles Doctrine world-wide.

### **Statement of Purpose**

- To provide an effective "Bible College Without Walls" that is accessible and affordable to every Christian, regardless of his or her geographical location, family responsibilities, work/ministry schedule, or other commitments.
- To bring God's redemptive truth to believers who desire a solid foundation in the Word of God.
- To equip believers with an understanding of the uncompromised Word of God, so they can be true disciples and become effective ministers of the Gospel.
- To assist believers in fulfilling their call to ministry and operating fully in their gifting's.
- To provide a full spectrum of Biblical and theological studies as well as a thorough understanding of Apostolic Doctrine that will promote both personal and spiritual growth and enable effective ministry.
- To enable students of the Word of God to develop the skills necessary to transfer their knowledge to others and successfully guide them in their spiritual walk and their work for the Kingdom of God

## **Administration**

### **Chancellor Emeritus**

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## **Position Statement on Doctrine**

In our quest for revival and restoration, we recognize that before we can fully experience New Testament power, we must first return to New Testament patterns, principles and priorities. When the patterns are right, the Glory of God will manifest and His power will be released. The early Believers "continued steadfastly in the Apostle's Doctrine, in fellowship, the breaking of bread and in prayers." (Acts 2:42). As God restores these apostolic truths to His Church today, He is laying a foundation that can be built upon securely.

We must acknowledge that God is neither explained by nor limited to any set of doctrinal beliefs or statements. There is as well the danger, as church history has shown, of men limiting themselves by such articles, becoming unprepared to advance in God when the light of recovered truth begins to shine. We see the result of this in the many denominations and organizations around us. The trend among some, however, of declaring doctrine to be unnecessary or unimportant, is absolutely contrary to scripture. The Bible is clear on the importance of doctrine. It must not only be sound, pure and scriptural, but it must also be obeyed.

All beliefs have their roots in various teachings, true or false. These doctrines, when believed and practiced, determine not only our actions but also our character and ultimately our destiny. Many otherwise sincere people have been led into deception. Thus, it is essential for us to be fully established in the doctrines as set forth in the scriptures. When a believer is established in the Apostle's doctrine they will no longer be blown about by every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:4) or become ensnared by the doctrines of demons (I Tim. 4:1).

**-- It does matter who and what we believe! --**

(Titus 1:9,2:11; II Tim. 3; 14-17; I Tim. 4:6,13,16, 6:1-3)

### **Apostolic Doctrine**

In this age of "easy believeism" what the world needs most is the reality of Jesus Christ and the true Gospel.

True Biblical Christianity is Pentecostal, Apostolic, and Oneness.

We believe in the one everlasting True God who has revealed Himself as the Father in creation: through the Son in redemption; and as the Holy Ghost at work in the lives of believers. The basic and fundamental doctrine of this ministry shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

## Statement of Faith

### We believe:

- In the One True and Living God who has manifested himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Dt 6:4; Mt 28:19, Lk 13:3, Jn 8:24)
- The Bible alone is the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God, our only guide to faith and conduct. (II Tim 3:16; II Pe 1:20-21)
- Created in the image and likeness of God, man was given authority and dominion over all creation. Through Adam's transgression, sin and death entered into the world, man's righteousness was lost and his authority and dominion were handed over to the devil. (Ge1:26-28; Ro 5:12; Lk 4:5-6)
- Because of his great love for us, God took upon himself the form of man and came to our aid. Thus, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God-truly God, truly man-was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of a virgin, was crucified, died and was buried. (Jn 3:16; Is 7:14; Jn 1:1-3; Jn 8:29; Acts 2:36; I Co 15:3,4)
- This same Jesus defeated Satan and all the powers of darkness, taking from them the keys of death and hell, and overcoming death itself, resurrected from the grave. No longer the only begotten Son, He arose the First-born from the dead, the First-born of a New Creation and First born of many brethren. (Rev 1:5,18; Col 1:15-18 )
- Jesus ascended into heaven, giving gifts to men. Now seated at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us all, He has sent forth his Spirit to indwell and empower believers. (Mk 16:19; Eph 4:8-11; Acts 2:33; Jn 16:7)
- As the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life. You must be born again of water and the Spirit, receiving Him as Lord and Savior, in order to see the Kingdom of God. The righteousness, authority, and dominion, lost by Adam in the Garden of Eden, is now restored in Christ. (Jn 3:5; Acts 2:38; I Tim 6:15; Jn 14:6; Jn 3:3; II Co 5:17,21)
- Water baptism is by immersion in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, in obedience to the direct command of the Word of God. In this ordinance, we are identified with our Lord in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Mk 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 8:12; 10:48; 19:5; 22:16)
- His promise to baptize believers with the Holy Ghost and fire. According to the



scriptures and the experience of history, this is accompanied by the evidence of signs and wonders including speaking with other tongues, boldness to witness and ability to declare His Word in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. (Mt 3:11; Acts 1:4,5,8; Acts 2:4,38; Acts 4:31, I Co 2:4)

- All of the gifts of the spirit are functional in the church today, available to all believers. (I Co 12:1-12)
- In sanctification through the Word of God by the Holy Ghost, personal holiness and purity of heart and life. (Jn 15:3; I Th 4:3-4; I Pe 1:15)
- The substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ paid not only for the salvation of our spirits but also for the healing of our bodies. Thus, divine healing, through faith in the Name of Jesus, is included in our redemption. (Is 53:4-5; Mt 8:17; I Pe 2:24)
- In the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the eternal joy of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost. (I Th 4:14-18; Acts 1:9-11; Mt 25:31-46)
- As believers, we have been given a universal commission to go into the entire world and preach the Gospel making disciples of all nations. These believers will lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. (Mk 16:15-20; Mt 28:18-20; Lk 24:47-49; Acts 1:8)
- God has set in his church, the five-fold ministry gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers, for the purpose of equipping of the saints. These anointed believers, in turn, carry out the work of ministry, thus building up the Body of Christ. (Eph 4:10-16)

## Welcome

Welcome to the Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary family!

We are seriously honored to meet you!

You've already seen our website but let me tell you a bit more about us.

MBIS realizes many desire to further their education and expand their understanding of God's Word, but cannot leave their fields of labor to do so. Additionally, for many people, traditional education is impractical and out of reach financially. Here the student works at their own pace and can complete the prescribed courses of study in the comfort of their own home or office.

We offer the opportunity to earn Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's, as well as Doctorates, in Biblical studies and theology. We aim to assist ministers and laymen in enhancing their education at a minimal cost. Our courses are affordable, practical and comprehensive in scope.

We accept previously accrued college credits earned in the study of theology and give credits for life experience.

There is no better way to learn the Bible. Every one of our over 150 courses is designed to deepen and broaden your understanding of God's Word.

At MBIS there is no waiting line. Open enrollment is now available. The Admissions Board is ready to evaluate your application and previous experience. When you have a question about anything that is not clear to you, you can call or write to us for the answer. As you complete each course, you'll have more than knowledge, you'll be gaining credits toward your degree in Theology.

So, do not wait another moment. Enroll now and start toward a rewarding education in the scriptures. You can get all the training you need at home in your spare time. If you are working, your program will not interfere with your schedule.

Please...don't wait! Don't let indecision rob you of your chance to achieve your dreams and to earn your distinguished degree and have a greater understanding of the Bible.

Contact us today! Your future awaits!

Blessings,

Dr. Larry L Yates

President

## **Introduction**

Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary specialize in Apostolic distance education. We offer both online courses and external studies by correspondence. We are authorized to grant degrees by exemption in the State of Texas.

The purpose of Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary is to educate gospel workers and ministers in Theology. Degrees offered at MBIS include Associate, Bachelor, Master, Doctorate in Theology, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Religion. More disciplines are coming soon. It is our arm to assist ministers and laymen in enhancing their education in Theology at a minimal cost.

MBIS realizes many full time Christians cannot leave their fields of labor to continue their education in Biblical studies, but many would appreciate an opportunity to expand their knowledge. The student will work at his/her own pace and can complete the prescribed courses in the comfort of their own home.

We will be sending you directed studies and a research program. These courses will be beneficial to you and your Church for many years to come. Many Churches have already expressed an interest in underwriting their pastor's expense in earning his degree in Theology.

We trust that MBIS can help you to accomplish your goals in the study of Biblical theology and ministry and that these courses will be a blessing to you. You can be assured that these courses are academically excellent and will have a lasting impact on your life and ministry.

### **Why A Diploma In Theology?**

Consider the following:

Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary takes the student to the heart of Biblical knowledge.

Earn an Associate, Bachelor, Master, Doctorate in theology or Doctor of Philosophy in Religion.

The student may complete the studies at home at his or her leisure, and save on finances.

Learn, the Bible, and its teachings in depth.

We enable the student to engage in the excitement of learning and the thrill of communicating what is learned to others.

The courses deal, not with trivialities, sports or entertainment, but with the acquisition of true knowledge.

The student may enroll and begin the studies at any time, and proceed as rapidly as their time and ability permit.

### **A Word about our Program**

We, at Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary, are very proud of our External Studies Program. The basic content of each course is a textbook, final exam and final paper. You will be exposed to classroom notes, and then required to answer questions and write a paper relative to that subject. In this manner, you learn to the maximum and have all the classroom notes of each course.

This External Studies Program is now made available to all who wish to further their education. These diplomas will not be purchased but will be earned. This course of study will be beneficial to you and your Church for many years to come and provide excellent reference materials for your Ministry and library.

You can be assured these courses are academically excellent. You will be proud of your distinguished diploma, and the fact that you are an alumnus of Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary.

We will accept previously accrued college credits earned in the areas of Biblical studies and theology, and give credits for the number of years in the Ministry (20 years, maximum). All students must start on the Associate level unless approval is given by the Admissions Board to start at a higher level.

Get started today by contacting us for your new student packet. If you need any other information, please feel free to contact us.

## Position Statement on Secular Accreditation

Secular Accreditation by the State of Texas or the U.S. Department of Education is not necessary for the theological degrees which we offer.

Generally speaking, people working in ministry positions do not need a secularly accredited degree. Government-recognized accreditation is not necessary for the religious vocations we are training people in, which include: Biblical Studies, Theology, and Ministry.

If you are pursuing education at MBIS with the intent of obtaining licensing, employment or for some other reason, you should check with that organization BEFORE applying for enrollment in MBIS. MBIS assumes no responsibility or liability of any kind.

***Individuals seeking employment in government-licensed positions such as public school teachers, state-licensed psychologists or psychiatrists, and non-church-related counselors need government-recognized accredited degrees.*** Generally, people working in ministry positions do not need a government-accredited degree. In fact, many churches take a stand against the Church voluntarily placing itself under government regulations.

- There is secular education and there is religious education.
- Religious schools are not legally required to become accredited
- Secular schools seek secular education, and sacred schools receive sacred or ecclesiastic accreditation—each by their own peers.
- Religious institutions need no secular accreditation because they offer no secular degrees.
- Secular accreditation associations, in turn, are recognized by governmental agencies. They trace their authority back to the capital of a country, like Washington, D.C.
- Religious accrediting associations are recognized by the Church of Jesus Christ, which has no supreme central office on earth. Our authority is derived directly from Heaven.
- Civil and religious interests are different and have separate realms of jurisdiction.
- The State is not superior to the Church. The Church need not wait for approval from the secular world.

- Civil agencies should not be dictating standards of Christian education, any more than a police officer should be directing the worship of God.
- Theological Seminaries should not be accredited by accrediting associations that are “recognized” by an agency of the federal government, because it is contrary to the Biblical principle of “Separation of Church and State,” indicated by Christ when He said, “...Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s...” (Mark 12:17).
- What business does a Christian educator have going to the world of unbelievers for recognition and acknowledgment when 2 Corinthians 6:14 clearly tells us, “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?”
- A Christian educational institution securing accreditation from an association which is attached to a governmental agency is a Scripturally condemned and unholy union as James 4:4 says, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?”

Why not become accredited by the Department of Education? In many cases, the government’s Department of Education is not qualified to accredit a private school, such as a Bible School, because the DOE is secular and a Bible or Christian School is spiritual thus our standards are not secular and cannot be judged by secular standards!

As we find in 1 Corinthians 2:14 “But the natural man receiveth, not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” Therefore a state agency is not able to determine if a spiritually directed learning institution is meeting the mandates of the Bible!

Accreditation has many benefits for both educational institutions and students, but it is neither a guaranty nor is it the sole criterion of an excellent education. Every accredited institution was once unaccredited. For example, Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) was founded in 1924 but was not accredited by SACS until 1969, long after the graduation of notables such as Dwight Pentecost, Charles Ryrie, and Chuck Swindoll. Dallas Theological Seminary was not accredited by ATS until 1994, but its excellent education before then is unassailable.

Where promotional material for an unaccredited institution consists of an advertisement in a periodical published by a person or entity that is not affiliated with the unaccredited institution, the disclosure required in subsection (a) may be abbreviated to state as follows **NOT ACCREDITED BY AN AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.** The disclosure required under this subsection shall be made in a type size as large or larger than any other text in the advertisement.

Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary is not accredited, and has no plans to pursue any type of secular accreditation for the following particular reasons: (1) to keep our expenses low, enabling MBIS to maintain its very low tuition rates – pursuit of accreditation would require a dramatic increase in costs passed on to the student; (2) to maintain doctrinal autonomy, and (3) to continue the utilization of MBIS-educated faculty to ensure theological and philosophical consistency with the doctrinal statement and mission of MBIS. The pursuit of accreditation would make this increasingly difficult.

Finally, we believe the quality of our programs is evident, and MBIS graduates will be distinguished by their maturity, understanding, and skill in exegetical and expositional disciplines. We believe our programs are of the highest quality, and we are committed to continuous improvement in the academic realm, and therefore we believe that prospective students or any students transferring from other institutions will be impressed by the academic standards of Mineola.

## **Admissions**

Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. All courses will be presented in English only. The application should be completed and returned with a check or money order made payable to Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary.

Each application will be evaluated by the Admissions Board.

Applicants should be at least 16 years old to enter the degree program.

### **Transfers**

An official transcript should be submitted from the appropriate school if a student desires credit to be granted toward a diploma in Theology. A copy of other degrees or diplomas will be sufficient. Credit will be granted when an evaluation is complete. We reserve the right of refusal to transfer credit for any course that we feel to be non-applicable to the student's course of study in Theology.

### **Life experience Credit**

Life experience credit will be granted where appropriate. A complete packet must be requested and submitted giving documented proof (certificates, etc.) for credit desired. Credits will be given for the number of years in the ministry, with a maximum of 20 credits for 20 years in the ministry. Packets should be typed and submitted with the application. There is a \$25 evaluation fee for this service and \$20 per credit hour awarded. Please allow approximately 1 week for an evaluation.

### **Withdrawal**

Withdrawal must be done by submitting a formal letter to MBIS stating the reason for the withdrawal.

### **Transcripts**

All Transcripts from other Colleges or Institutes must show the number of courses taken, grades, and time of enrollment, official seal, official signatures, and addresses and phone numbers for verification. Students must provide these transcripts; it is not the responsibility of MBIS to obtain them for the student. Do not send applications and transcripts to us by e-mail; please mail them to us for our review.



## Financial Information

The total tuition costs include all printed course materials, and academic counseling services. There is a \$25.00, non-refundable registration fee for all degrees.

### Tuition

The following payment plans are available:

#### A. Payment in full at the time of enrollment,

**(Students receive a 10% discount when paying in full).**

Associate of Theology	Normally \$2064 you pay only \$1858 (16 Courses)
Bachelor of Theology	Normally \$2193 you pay only \$1974 (17 Courses)
Master of Theology	Normally \$3021 you pay only \$2719 (19 Courses)
Master of Ministry	Normally \$2544 you pay only \$2290 (15 Courses)
MA Biblical Counseling	Normally \$3657 you pay only \$3292 (23 Courses)
Master of Divinity	Normally \$3339 you pay only \$3005 (21 Courses)
Doctor of Theology	Normally \$2862 you pay only \$2567 (18 Courses)
Doctor of Ministry	Normally \$2862 you pay only \$2567 (18 Courses)
Ph.D. in Religion	Normally \$4929 you pay only \$4437 (31 Courses)

#### B. Tuition per Course

\$129.00 for each course in the undergraduate programs

\$159.00 for each course in the graduate degree programs

All payments must be made in advance, No diploma will be issued before all courses have been successfully completed, and full payment and postage charges have been received. We reserve the right to increase tuition prices to meet economic changes when necessary. All enrollment applications are dated to comply with the price changes. Courses will be sent upon receipt of payment.

Payment may be made by Check/Money Order or PayPal.

All payments must be in U.S. Currency.

## **Refund Policy**

All refund requests must be submitted in writing by the student to the College by regular mail or by email. All refunds are made by check within 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of such a request.

- A partial tuition refund will be available for the first two weeks of class.
- Week 1 withdrawals are entitled to a 90% tuition refund.
- Week 2 withdrawals are entitled to an 80% tuition refund.
- There is no refund if withdrawal occurs after the first 2 weeks of class.
- All fees are non-refundable.

## **Enrollment**

Request the new student packet and return it with the application fee and tuition payment. Be sure to indicate the program level you are pursuing and the payment plan you intend to use.

You must be at least 16 years old to enter the Theology Program.

Course materials will be sent when payment is received.

Study carefully all of the materials you receive. This is not a race to see how quickly you can complete a course. Complete the exam and final paper and mail them back to MBIS to be graded along with your next method of payment. Then, the next course will be sent. We reserve the right to substitute courses when necessary. Please do not send your application, documents, exams or papers via e-mail; use the U.S. Postal service. Thank You!

## **Degrees Offered/Programs of Study**

### **Theological Studies**

- Associate of Theology 12 Degree Plans
- Bachelor of Theology Over 150 Courses Available
- Master of Theology
- Doctor of Theology

### **Biblical Counseling**

- Master of Arts—Biblical Counseling

### **Christian Ministry**

- Master of Ministry
- Doctor of Ministry

### **Biblical Studies (Available in 2021)**

- Bachelor of Arts--Biblical Studies
- Master of Arts Biblical Studies
- Doctorate in Biblical Studies

### **Professional Degree**

- Master of Divinity

### **Terminal Degree**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Religion

## Degrees Plans

### Theological Studies

#### Associate of Theology

(16 Courses—64 Credit Hours)

Effective Personal Bible Study	4__
The Divided God	4__
Releasing the Anointing	4__
Empowered Learning	4__
Effective Ministry	4__
OT Survey	4__
Gospels	4__
Epistles	4__
Life of Christ	4__
Life of Paul	4__
Acts	4__
Major Prophets	4__
Minor Prophets	4__
Divine Healing	4__
Christian Living	4__
The Tabernacle	4__

#### Bachelor of Theology

(17 Courses—68 Credit Hours)

Trinity Resources	4__
Church History I	4__
Church History II	4__
Trinity or Truth	4__
Daniel	4__
Christian Growth	4__
The English Language	4__
The Five-Fold Ministry	4__
Spiritual Gifts	4__
Revelation	4__
Ministry of Paul	4__
400 Silent Years	4__
Top 15 Sermons	4__
Creation vs Evolution	4__
Oneness Doctrine	4__
Tithing	4__
Jerusalem	4__

## **Master of Theology**

(19 Courses—96 Credit Hours)

Hermeneutics	5__
Textual Criticism I	5__
Textual Criticism II	5__
The Name and the Anointing	5__
Bible Doctrine I	5__
Bible Doctrine II	5__
Bible Doctrine III	5__
Bible Doctrine IV	5__
Theology I	5__
Theology II	5__
The King James Bible	5__
Supernatural Healing	5__
Bible Standards	5__
Hebrew	5__
Christology	5__
Pneumatology	5__
Bibliology	5__
The English Bible	5__
Master's Themes	6__

## **Doctor of Theology**

(18 Courses—108 Credit Hours)

Historical Facts and Findings	6__
Public Speaking	6__
Greek I	6__
Greek II	6__
Apostolic History Outline	6__
The Trinity Development	6__
Misc. Notes and Sayings	6__
Theology III	6__
Comparative Theology	6__
The Sabbath	6__
Where Are the Dead?	6__
Woe, Woe, Woe	6__
The Jewish Feasts	6__
Predestination	6__
Theological Research	6__
Trinity Origin Notes	6__
The King James Bible	6__
Dissertation	6__

## **Christian Ministry**

### **Master of Ministry**

(13 Required Courses --78 Credit Hours)

50 Sermons	6__
Sermons in a Nutshell	6__
Women in Ministry	6__
Christian Leadership	6__
Ministry Notes	6__
Ministerial Ethics	6__
Church Government	6__
Public Speaking	6__
Tongues	6__
Spiritual Gifts	6__
The English Bible	6__
The Trinity Development	6__
Master's Thesis	6__

### **Doctor of Ministry**

(15 Required Courses-- 90 Credit Hours)

Business Communication	6__
Divine Healing and Health	6__
Christian Marriage	6__
Bible Standards	6__
Abortion	6__
Tithing	6__
The Name and the Anointing	6__
Christian Morality	6__
Moral Philosophy	6__
Apostolic History Outline	6__
Bible Doctrine I	6__
Bible Doctrine II	6__
Bible Doctrine III	6__
Bible Doctrine IV	6__
Doctoral Dissertation	6__

## **Biblical Counseling**

### **Master of Arts-Biblical Counseling**

(21 Courses—86 Credit Hours)

Principles of Christian Living	4__
Christian Morality	4__
Christian Marriage and Divorce	4__
Venereal Diseases	4__
Christian Growth	4__
Christian Marriage	4__
Psychology I	4__
Marriage a Homosexuality	4__
Bible Standards	4__
Abortion	4__
Parental Responsibilities	4__
Deviant Behaviors	4__
Adult Development	4__
Chemical Dependency	4__
Child psychology	4__
Child Development	4__
Spiritual Guidance	4__
PTSD	4__
Moral Philosophy	4__
Sociology of Health and Illness	4__
Master's Thesis	6__

**Master of Divinity  
(21 Requires Courses—126 Credits)**

Theology I	6__
Theology II	6__
Theology III	6__
Trinity or Truth	6__
The Oneness Doctrine	6__
Bible Doctrine I	6__
Bible Doctrine II	6__
Bible Doctrine III	6__
Bible Doctrine IV	6__
Christology	6__
Pneumatology	6__
Bibliology	6__
Tongues	6__
Spiritual Gifts	6__
Where Are The Dead?	6__
The Great Commission	6__
The Sabbath	6__
Trinity Origin Research	6__
The Trinity Development	6__
Predestination	6__

Divine Healing & Health 6\_\_

**Doctor of Philosophy-Religion**

(31 Required Courses—130 Credit Hours)

TheDidache	4__
Paleontology	4__
Anthropology	4__
Moral Philosophy	4__
Christian Morality	4__
Foxe's Book of Martyrs	4__
Creation vs Evolution I	4__
Creation & Evolution II	4__
The Star of David	4__
Religions & Religious Groups	4__
USA Religions	4__
World Religions	4__
Ancient World History	4__
Philosophy	4__
Mythology	4__
Ancient Archaeological Discoveries	4__
Israel	4__
Biblical Archaeology	4__
Doctrinal and Theoretical Isms	4__
Patrology I	4__
Patrology II	4__
Creeds & Councils	4__
Church History Outlines	4__
Advanced Philosophy II	4__
Works of Josephus	6__
Abortion	4__
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## **Course Descriptions**

Students enrolled in Mineola Bible Institute will receive solid Bible-based courses on a wide variety of subjects, enabling the student to properly divide the Word of God, and be more effective in the work of God. We currently have over 150 courses available to students.

### **Old Testament Studies**

#### **Old Testament Survey 4 Credit Hours**

The 39 books of the Old Testament are discussed in detail.

#### **Major Prophets 4 Credit Hours**

The Major Prophets will be examined in depth as to the message and messenger. Historical setting and future applications are also discussed.

#### **Minor Prophets 4 Credit Hours**

The Minor Prophets will be examined in depth as to the message and messenger. Historical setting and future applications are also discussed.

#### **The Tabernacle 4 Credit Hours**

An in-depth study of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The meaning of its construction.

#### **Daniel 4 Credit Hours**

This course explains the Book of Daniel verse by verse and deals with the unfilled prophecy for our end-time generation.

### **New Testament Studies**

#### **The Life of Christ 4 Credit Hours**

An in-depth study of the life and miracles of Christ; the disciples, and parables are discussed.

#### **The Gospels 4 Credit Hours**

An in-depth study of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

#### **The Epistles 4 Credit Hours**

This course is an in-depth study of the General Epistles, Prison Epistles, and the Pastoral Epistles.

#### **The Life of Paul 4 Credit Hours**

This course is an in-depth study of the life of the Apostle Paul; from his conversion, missionary travels, to the end of his life in Rome.

#### **The Ministry of Paul 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the doctrines of Paul, his letter to the churches. Did Paul baptize in

Jesus name? Did Paul speak in tongues. Did Paul teach the Roman way to salvation in Romans as some teach today?

### **Acts 4 Credit Hours**

An in-depth study of the early Church, the journeys of St. Paul, and the spreading of the Gospel to the Gentile world.

### **Revelation 4 Credit Hours**

This course explains the Book of Revelation verse by verse, exploring the highly symbolic book in view of the end times.

### **Woe, Woe, Woe 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers the three woes mentioned in Revelation. The first woe under the fifth trumpet, demon creatures will be loosed out of the pit to torment men for five months (Rev. 9:1-12). The second woe under the sixth trumpet, two hundred million demon horsemen will come out of the abyss to slay one third of men at a certain hour (Rev. 9:13-21). The third woe, under the seventh trumpet, Satan and his wicked angels are cast out of heaven (second heaven) onto the earth (Rev. 11:14-19 12:1-9). This course also deals with the UFO sightings and uses Scripture to prove their existence. The text covers the future UFO invasion of our earth, the cleansing of the 2nd heavens prior to the 2nd coming of Christ at Armageddon. This course is a great eye opener to our generation.

## **History**

### **Church History I 4 Credit Hours**

This course discusses the events from the book of Acts to the Reformation period.

### **Church History II 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the events from the Reformation period to our modern times.

### **The Didache 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the early history of the Didache, its chapters, and what the major sources reveal about this work.

### **The 400 Silent Years 4 Credit Hours**

This course discusses the years between the Testaments from the close of Malachi to the birth of Jesus Christ.

### **Historical Facts and Findings 6 Credit Hours**

This Course acquaints the student with historical and Biblical facts such as: The Ark of the Covenant, The Breastplate of the High Priest, the Ephod, Shibboleth, the Shield of David, the Silver Cord, the Talmud, and Urim & Thumim, etc. Many other facts are presented to the student.

### **Apostolic History Outline 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers the outlines of history of the Apostolic Church from Pentecost to our present day. Originally written by Dr. Marvin Arnold.

### **Patrology I 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the Post-apostolic Fathers of the Church, Doctors of the Church, Apologetics, Apostolic Succession, the Fathers and the Trinity, such as: Ambrose, Aquinas, Athanasius, Augustine, Basil, Chrysostom, Clement, Constantine, Cyril, Eusebius, Gregory, Hilary, etc.

### **Patrology II 4 Credit Hours**

This course is the continuation of Patrology I. The Fathers discussed are: Ignatius, Ireaneus, Jerome, Josephus, Justin Martyr, Leo, Marcion, Origen, Papias, Polycarp, Tatian, Tertullian, Victor, etc.

### **Creeds & Councils 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the Apostles' Creed, Athanasian Creed, Church & State, Nicene Creed, Papal Bull, Roman Catholic Church, Council of Carthage, Council of Chalcedon, Council of Constance, Council of Ephesus, Council of Laodecia, Lateran Councils, Council of Nicaea, Council of Sardica, Council of Trent, etc.

### **Church History Outlines 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers Church History from 1 A.D. to the present. A summary Timeline of Christianity.

### **The Star of David 4 Credit Ours**

This Course deals with the flag of Israel, its origin, the Shema, the Shem ha-Meforash, and presents the oneness message in a different perspective.

### **Jerusalem 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the early history of Jerusalem in the time of David, through the centuries, and modern Jerusalem today. The end time prophecies concerning Jerusalem are discussed.

### **The Works of Josephus 6 Credit Hours**

Covers the Antiquities of the Jews, The Jewish Wars & the Jewish History in general by Josephus.

### **The Works of Philo 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the works of Philo of Alexandria (20 BCE - 40 CE).

## **Bible Backgrounds**

### **Israel 4 Credit Hours**

This Course acquaints the student with detailed information on the nation of Israel. The Course covers history, the political parties, a country profile, the founding fathers of

Zionism, Israeli settlements, etc.

### **Biblical Archaeology I 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers archaeology in Bible lands. The Course presents discoveries such as: Tutankhamen's Tomb, the store-city of Pharaoh, Ramses II, King Hammurabi's law-code, the Walls of Jericho, Solomon's buildings, King Hezekiah's Tunnel, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Alexander of Macedon, the hidden city of Petra, the Dead Sea Scrolls, etc.

### **Biblical Archaeology II 4 Credit Hours**

This Course covers ancient finds such as: The Rosetta Stone, the Behistun Inscription, the Moabite Stone, the Code of Hammurabi, the city of Ur, the Nuzi Tablets, the Mari Letters, the Dead Sea Scrolls, etc.

### **The Jewish Feasts 6 Credit Hours**

This Course covers the seven feasts of the Jews and shows the prophetic perspective of each feast. The Course covers the Passover, First fruits, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of Purim, Feast of Lights, and Feast of Unleavened Bread. The course also deals with the three days and nights of Christ in the tomb, the Hebrew calendar, and major holidays of Israel.

## **Ministry**

### **Keys to effective Ministry 4 Credit Hours**

Why settle for adequate when you can be first-rate? There is no shortage of ministers who desire to achieve excellence. But only a few dare to demand it of themselves. In this clear call to action, Dr. Larry Yates shows you how to turn that inner desire into a firm decision to be all that God has called you to be. No matter what area of God's service you're in, these seven proven keys will help you be the best you can be.

### **50 Sermons for Saints & Sinners 6 credit Hours**

This course is a collection of sermons by Dr. Vestal to be used in the student's ministry in winning souls for Jesus Christ.

### **Top 15 Sermons 4 Credit Hours**

15 Sermons preached by Rev. D.R. Vestal, especially useful for those incarcerated. The most requested top 15 sermons presented by Dr. Vestal.

### **Sermons in Nutshells 6 Credit Hours**

This Course material acquaints the student with over 500 sermon outlines which can be used in their ministry.

### **Women in the Ministry 6 Credit Hours**

This Course deals with the role of women in the church and their ministry. Are women

allowed to speak or preach in the church? Are women commanded to keep silent in the churches? Women in the Old Testament times and in the New Testament times are discussed.

### **Supernatural Healing 3 Hours**

This course deals with healing in the atonement, what is faith & how do we receive faith? Doubt, fear & anxiety kills faith, never lose your focus & determination, the lack of fervent prayer, how to pray for healing, unforgiveness and pride, how to be saved, natural faith & supernatural faith, etc.

### **Christian Leadership 6 Credit Hours**

This Courses covers subjects such as: planning, money, timing and preparation, respecting authority, discriminating, having a questionable background, critics, mentorship, betrayal, temptation, misjudging, the law of repetition, correcting mistakes, the power of habit, education, toleration, rebellion, confrontations, delegation, sowing and reaping, etc. Many other topics discussed in being a Christian leader.

### **Ministry Notes 6 Credit Hours**

This Course is presented by Bishop Donald R. Vestal, contents include: The Church Congregation, Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Faith, Church By-Laws, Church Finance, Church Pastor, Church Services, Church Music, Altar Services, Anointing With Oil, Water Baptisms, Baby Dedications, Foot Washings, Communion Services, Church Education, Funerals, Weddings, Church Dedications, Hospital Visits, Nursing Home Visits, Visitation and Outreach, Home Bible Study, Life of Pastor Vestal and Ministry.

### **Ministerial Ethics 6 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the minister & his ministry, the pastor & his church, the minister & Evangelists relationship, the minister & his personal life, the minister & his family, the minister's spiritual life, the minister & his home, the minister & his pulpit, the minister & his colleagues, the minister & his organization, the minister & social problems, etc.

### **Divine Healing and Health 6 Credit Hours**

This Course covers divine healing & health as outlined in the Bible. Is it God's will for Christians to be sick? Are healing miracles for the church today? Causes of not getting healing. Excuses for not getting healing. God's will and promises for the church today concerning health and healing.

### **Church Government 6 Credit Hours**

This Course covers different church governments within churches today, Denominational, Presbyterian, Congregational, etc. God's government verses man's government. Elders, Prophets, Bishops, etc.

### **Tongues 6 Credit Hours**

This course deals with speaking in other tongues as practiced by the Apostles and the early Church. We explore tongues in the church of today.

### **Spiritual Gifts 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in Romans 12:6-8, such as prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, and showing mercy. It also covers the gifts in Ephesians 4:11, The Five-fold Ministry, apostolic, prophetic, evangelical, pastoral, and teacher. Also covers the 9 gifts of the Spirit in I Corinthians 12:1-4, wisdom, knowledge, discerning of spirits, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, faith, miracles, and healing. All gifts used in the church body for edification.

### **Public Speaking 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers public speaking, some short styles of short talk, forms of public speaking, discussion and debate, argument and persuasion, forms of oral interpretation and delivery.

### **Business Communication 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers letters, computers, phones, emails, the Internet, business documents, oral & written communications, etc.

## **World Missions**

### **U. S. A. Religions 4 credit Hours**

This course examines the basic structure of the religions in the United States.

### **World Religions 4 Credit Hours**

This course examines the world's religions and major cults.

### **Religions & Religious Groups 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers Religious Groups from A to Z. Such groups as: Anabaptists, Calvinism, Christian Science, Church of England, Donatism, Druze, Franciscans, Fundamentalism, Huguenots, Jesuits, Knights Templars, Lollards, Orthodox Church, Pentecostal Church, Plymouth Brethren, Separatists, Waldneses, etc.

## **Theology**

### **Theology I 5 credit Hours**

This course covers demonology and subjects concerning the Church.

### **Theology II 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers angelology and the 7 divisions of the periods of the Old Testament.

### **Theology III 6 credit Hours**

This course deals with terms and expressions used in Theology. It gives the student a better understanding of words such as: anthropomorphism, antinomianism, cabala, eschatology, gnosticism, monarchianism, monotheism, mysticism, pantheism, polytheism, theism, etc. The Course also deals with the branches of Theology,

theosophy, transubstantiation, and Unitarianism.

### **Comparative Theology 6 Credit Hours**

This course discusses and compares the theology of the Brahmin, the Buddhist, the Greeks and the Romans, the Israelite & Ishmaelite and the Aboriginal American.

### **Essential Theology 6 Credit Hours**

This course discusses the issues of the God-idea, a mediator, the incarnation, the need of a sacrifice, the authority of Essential Theology, and the origin and significance of Essential Theology.

### **Trinity or Truth 4 Credit Hours**

This Course shows the error of the Trinity doctrine and presents the truth of Monotheism. Many questions asked by Trinitarians are dealt with in this Course.

### **The Truth of the Oneness Doctrine 4 Credit Hours**

This doctrinal course is a rebuttal to a major Trinitarian, who has written a book indicating the oneness people are heresy.

### **Resources on the Trinity 4 Credit Hours**

Definitions of the Trinity by Major Encyclopedias, Trinitarian Authors' view of the Trinity, The Mode of Water Baptism, Re-Examining the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19.

### **The Trinity Development 6 Credit Hours**

Shows the development of the trinity doctrine through the first four centuries, and the men who brought this about.

### **The Divided God 4 Credit Hours**

A carefully researched and easy to read presentation of Apostolic Doctrine and refutation of the Doctrine of the Trinity presenting an alternative more in keeping with the Scriptures.

### **Christology 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers: The meaning of Christ's death discovered Soteriologically, the deity of Christ, the humanity of Christ, the hypostatic union, the kenosis, the work of Christ, the relation of Jesus to the Father, the glorification of the Son.

### **Trinity Origin Research 6 Credit Hours**

This course is presented by Dr. Vestal on his research of the origin of the Trinity doctrine. Quotes from major Encyclopedias and Theologians show that the Trinity doctrine is in error. Dr. Vestal also rebuts, in writing, the theology of Calvin Beisner, and the late, Dr. Walter Martin.

### **Pneumatology 5 Credit Hours**

This Course covers: The baptism of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, the study of diversity of tongues, the evidence of tongues, the nature of the Spirit, How to distinguish between soul and Spirit, the name of Jesus Christ.



### **God & Free Will 4 credit Hours**

This course deals with moral law, choices, justice, the philosophy of redemption, does God exist, wrong & right decisions, is man a free moral agent, moral education, value analysis, etc.

### **Bibliology 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers subjects such as: The nature of inspiration, Biblical languages, A history of the English Bible, How we get our Bible, Defending the inerrancy and canon of Scripture, Bible Translations, The NIV, etc.

## **Bible Doctrine**

### **Bible Doctrine I 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers: Elohim & the plural passages of Scripture, the sons of God in Genesis, Yahweh or Jesus, is Jesus God the Father, the dual nature of Christ.

### **Bible Doctrine II 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers: The Logos, the vision of St. Stephen, the question of titles, plural pronouns used for God, the voice & the dove at Christ's baptism, understanding the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

### **Bible Doctrine III 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers: Was it possible for Jesus to sin?, Justification & Sanctification, the prayers of Jesus.

### **Bible Doctrine IV 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers: The originality of Matthew 28:19, A close examination of Matthew 28:19 in light of early Christian writers, the development of the Trinity doctrine, the Godhead, is the Trinity fact or fiction?

### **Tithing 4 Hours**

This course deals with tithing from the Old Testament to the New Testament. The testimony of G.T. Haywood on this subject is superb.

### **The Sabbath 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers the Old and New Covenants, is Saturday the Sabbath or Sunday, are we required to keep Saturday as the Sabbath. Did the apostles keep the Sabbath? Which day are we to observe today as the Sabbath? Which is the Lord's day?

### **Predestination 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers the subjects such as the Definition of Predestination, Theological Determinism, Free Will in Theology, Calvinism & Predestination, Theological Fatalism, Fatalism, Providentialism, and Divine Providence.



## **Biblical Counseling**

### **Psychology I 4 Credit Hours**

This deals with topics such as: depression, moods, educational psychology, industrial psychology, mental disorders, perception, psychoanalysis, schizophrenia, etc.

### **Christian Marriage & Divorce 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the marriage institution, does God hate divorce? divorce and remarriage, Godly submission in marriage, verbal abuse in marriage, can Christians remarry in the Lord after a divorce, widowhood, etc.

### **The Principles of Christian Living 4 Credit Hours**

This Course is designed to inform the student how to live a Christian life. Subjects discussed are: What is a Christian? How to grow in the Christian life, the Christian and the Holy Spirit, the Christian and the Bible, how to pray as a Christian, the Christian and the Church, and the Christian and their finances.

### **Chemical Dependence 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with drugs and alcohol. It discusses downers, uppers, sedatives, tranquilizers, Valium, Darvon, heroin, morphine, opiates, codeine, amphetamines, Ritalin, cocaine, crack, psychedelic drugs, LSD, marijuana, etc.

### **Child Psychology 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers family sociology, child welfare, child labor, preschool education, developmental psychology, parent & child, child abuse, adolescence, adoption, exceptional children, autism, down syndrome, mental retardation, orphans, puberty, sex education, juvenile crime, etc.

### **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) 4 Credit Hours**

This Course covers how to deal with stress and anxiety disorders. Type A & Type B behavior, Conflicts, Adjustments, Defense Mechanisms, etc.

### **Deviant Behaviors 4 Credit Hours**

This Course covers some deviant behaviors such as: Adultery, Homosexuals, Prostitutes, Bestiality, Pedophiles, Pornography, Rape, Suicide, Alcoholics, Criminals, Transsexuals, Witchcraft, etc.

### **Venereal Diseases 4 Credit Hours**

This Course deals with AIDS, Chlamydia, Crabs, Epididymitis, Genital Warts, Gonorrhea, Herpes, Syphilis, Urethritis, and how to have safer sex with your partner.

### **Sociology I 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the subjects of Social Philosophy, Social Psychology, Social Simulation, Social Theory, Social Anthropology, Sub-fields of Sociology, Sociology of

Religion and Comparative Sociology.

### **Sociology II 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the subjects of Sociology, Socialization, Social Role, Social Psychology, Social Science, Social Work, Social Class, Sociobiology, Anthropology, Criminology, Demography, Ecology, Education, Human Relations, Humanism, Language, Law, Linguistics, Political Science, and Urban Sociology.

### **Marriage & Homosexuality 4 Credit Hours**

This Course covers the Biblical concept of Marriage between a man and a woman, and shows how homosexuality is against nature and the Word of God.

### **Adult Development 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the stages of adult development from adolescence to old age. It covers marriage, divorce, work related problems, and retirement. It deals with stress and anxiety of old age adjustments, death of a spouse, and establishing living arrangement including Nursing Homes, and death.

### **Child Development 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the care of infants, school-age students, teenagers, early adolescence problems, social developments, problems of maturity and home environments.

### **Christian Marriage 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with Marriage preparation and improvement. The role of religion in marriage. The purpose of marriage. The permanence of marriage. Maturity in marriage. Responsibility, honesty and self-control in marriage. Friends & in-laws in marriage. The roles of husbands & wives in marriage. Raising children in marriage. Sexual purity.

### **Sociology of Health & Illness 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers, having a purpose in life, keeping physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, reducing stress, avoiding tobacco and alcohol, cultivating a positive attitude, keeping socially and spiritually connected, enjoying a healthy diet, diseases and disorders more common with age such as: Alzheimer's disease, Arthritis, Cancer, Lung Cancer, Coronary artery disease, Diabetes, High blood pressure, Osteoporosis, Prostate problems, Stroke, Ulcers, and Urinary disorders,

### **Christian Growth 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers forgiveness, letting go of the past, the transmutation of riches, the necessity of unity, sound speech, the power of praise, how to relax, how to have peace, showing mercy, controlling your thoughts, how to master self-consciousness, getting along with neighbors, etc.

### **Abortion 4 Credit Hours**

This Course covers the Biblical response to abortion, are there exceptions for abortion ?

Pro-choice, Embryos, etc.

### **Parental Responsibilities 4 Credit Hours**

This course covers the responsibilities of raising children from childhood thru the teen age years. Deals with sex, drugs, and other responsibilities of the parent.

### **Christian Morality 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers sex before marriage, dating, love and the opposite sex, courtship, dealing with drugs and alcohol, etc.

## **Special Studies**

### **Misc. Notes & Sayings 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers such subjects as: Periods of Egyptian history, the names & meaning of the 12 spies, the Gates of Jerusalem, the 12 stones in the breastplate of the high priest, the names of each disciple and their meanings, Melchizedek, the God-head, the lost books mentioned in the Bible, the Apocrypha, the 29th chapter of Acts, etc.

### **The English Bible & Its Development 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers the Latin Bible, the Gutenberg Bible, the Tyndale Bible, the Coverdale Bible, the Great Bible, the Geneva Bible, the Bishop's Bible, the King James Bible, and the New versions of today.

### **Releasing the Anointing 4 Credit Hours**

This course will show you how to make the time you spend with God each day a delightful time. Dr. Yates shares his teaching that has helped many transform their prayer life from drudgery to delight. It can do the same for yours. Using the "Lord's Prayer" as a model, Dr. Yates will show you how to spend an hour or more each day with God and find joy in it. Learning to pray without repeating yourself will help you discover afresh how to enter into God's presence in a way that will change your life.

### **Biblical Foundations for Divine Healing 4 Credit Hours**

A training manual for the supernatural life. This book provides biblical clarity concerning divine healing and supplies basic and applicable principles necessary to having faith concerning healing. The author makes it very clear that we are not healed based on who we are, but based on who Christ is.45550

### **Effective Personal Bible Study 4 Credit Hours**

This course will equip you with the same techniques that Seminary Professors use in their personal Bible studies. The Bible study methods taught by Dr. Yates are timeless and relevant for anyone who wants to improve their study of God's Word.

### **Hermeneutics 5 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation, Subjects included are: Historical-Cultural and Contextual Analysis, Lexical-Syntactical Analysis, Theological Analysis, Special Literary Methods, and Applying the Biblical Message.

### **Bible Standards 5 Credit Hours**

This course deals with Bible holiness, concepts of dress, jewelry, hair, the role of women in the church, ministerial authority, and legalism.

### **Where Are The Dead? 6 Credit Hours**

Are the dead conscious? Will we recognize one another in Heaven? What is revealed about Paradise? What is revealed about Heaven? How many resurrections are there? What will the body be like in the resurrection? Does the Bible teach there is a Hell? Is there a second chance after death? Will the unrighteous be annihilated? Will we have a memory of lost loved ones in Hell? Is there marriage in Heaven? Can the living and the dead communicate? What is the truth of purgatory? Did Jesus preach to the Spirits in prison? What is the truth about soul sleep? Is the rich man in Hell, a parable?

### **Textual Criticism I 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers the Hebrew Text of the Old Testament, The Greek Texts of the New Testament, The Uncial Manuscripts, The Cursives, The Lectionaries, The Church Fathers, Early Translations, The Papyrus Fragments, Conjectures of Scholars, Sermons of Early Preachers, Establishment of the Textus Receptus, Periods of Discovery and Research, Periods of Constructive Criticism, Westcott and Hort, External Evidence, Internal Evidence, etc.

### **Textual Criticism II 5 Credit Hours**

This course covers introduction to Church History, Catholic doctrine of the Trinity, "Son of God" interpolations, the name of God, Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh, Jehovah, Yeshua, Elohim, The English name of God, and many Catholic Encyclopedias regarding the development of the Trinity in the second and third centuries.

### **The King James Version Bible 5 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the origin of the KJV Bible. It shows the superiority of the King James over the other Bible translations.

### **The Name & the Anointing 5 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the Holy Ghost baptism, and the Name of Jesus Christ.

## **Languages**

### **Greek I 6 Credit Hours**

This course introduces the student to the Greek alphabet, and introduces the most important words used in the New Testament and their Greek rendering.

### **Greek II 6 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the Greek alphabet, Greek vowels, breathing marks, accent marks, punctuation marks, adjectives, prepositions, verbs, participles, and pronouns.

**Hebrew I 4 Credit Hours**

This course acquaints the student with the basics of the Hebrew alphabet and vowels.

**The English Language 3 Credit Hours**

This course covers good usage of the English language, correct use of some common words and phrases.

**Doctor of Philosophy****Philosophy I 4 Credit Hours**

This Course acquaints the student with Greek philosophy, the different branches of philosophy, Chinese philosophy, ethics, free will, logic, metaphysics, modernism, Western philosophy, scholasticism, etc.

**Philosophy II 4 Credit Hours**

This course of study is presented to the student to show how Alexander the Great and his mother influenced the Grecian world. Alexander & his teachings were from Aristotle, Plato and his cultic mother. Rev. Vestal shows how the trinity doctrine was influenced by Platonic & Grecian philosophy.

**Ancient Philosophers 4 Credit Hours**

This Course deals with famous philosophers, past and present, such men as: Anaxagoras, Thomas Aquinas, Aristotle, Confucius, Maimonides, Marcus Aurelius, Philo Judaeus, Plato, Socrates, Voltaire, etc.

**Creation vs. Evolution I 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with Similarities, Fossils and Geology, Biochemistry, Embryology, Design vs. Evolution, Chromosomes, Prehistoric man, and how your decision about evolution may be directive in your life.

**Creation vs. Evolution II 4 Credit Hours**

This Course deals with new scientific discoveries that support creationism. The Course covers Microbiology, Physics, Cosmetology, etc. The Course also deals with: Evolution, Fossils, Mutation, and Probability, etc.

**The Occult 4 Credit Hours**

This Course acquaints the student to occult terms and phrases of witchcraft. It covers topics such as: Fortune Telling, Black Mass, Clairvoyance, Demons, Divination, Nature Worship, Fire Worship, Horoscopes, Sorcery, Palmistry, Spiritualism, etc. All of these are tools of Satan to deceive the souls of mankind.

**Mythology 4 Credit Hours**

The myths dealing with the gods, demigods, and legendary heroes of various cultures.

**Anthropology 4 Credit Hours**

This Course deals with the study of humans from a biological, social, and humanistic perspective. The Course acquaints the student with physical anthropology and sociocultural anthropology.

#### **Doctrinal & Theoretical Isms 4 Credit Hours**

This course deals with the world's -isms, both political, historical, and religious.

#### **Paleontology 6 Credit Hours**

This course covers the periods of prehistoric animal and plant life through fossil remains.

#### **Foxe's Book of Martyrs 6 Hours**

This course deals with the history of the early Christian martyrs such as: John Wycliffe, John Huss, Jerome, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, Bishop Latimer, and many others.

#### **Moral Philosophy 6 Hours**

This Course deals with character building and is outlined from A to Z for easy reference.

#### **Themes & Theses**

##### **Themes for The Master Diploma 6 Hours**

A total of 10 themes are required for the Old Testament using four reference works, plus 10 themes for the New Testament.

##### **Jesus in Hell? 4 Credit Hours**

Total of ten pages required on the subject of whether Jesus went to hell after His death on the cross.

##### **Theological Research 6 Credit Hours**

This research is required for 18 topics to be researched and answered.

##### **Doctoral Thesis 6 Credit Hours**

A dissertation is required of your own choosing, dissertation must be at least 20,000 words in length.

##### **PH.D in Religion Dissertation 6 Credit Hours**

This dissertation is required of the student on the subject of the development of the Trinity doctrine through the centuries, and the men who brought this doctrine before the councils.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** How long has MBIS been in ministry and how many graduates are there?

**A:** Mineola Bible Institute is an outgrowth and affiliate program of Cypress Bible Institute in Van, Texas. The Lord burdened Bishop D.R. Vestal, PhD to begin Cypress Bible Institute in 1991. Since that time, he has enrolled and/or graduated some 1000 students.

**Q:** How large is your campus?

**A:** MBIS operates strictly from the "college without walls" model using well proven distance educational study methods.

**Q:** What is the official doctrinal position of the Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary?

**A:** We are an apostolic, Pentecostal, teaching ministry. Our full Statement of Faith can be found on our website or in the Student Handbook.

**Q:** Does MBIS issue degrees?

**A:** Yes! MBIS issues degrees by exemption in the State of Texas.

**Q:** God has called me as a minister, but I know very little about it. Will your program equip me properly for that?

**A:** Yes! This program is very thorough; written *by* a minister especially *for* ministers. Several courses will lead you "by the hand" step by step with clear, easy to follow instructions on how to study, prepare, and preach sermons, how to baptize, conduct weddings, funerals, child dedications, communion services, and much more.

**Q:** Where can I view the curriculum for the degree programs?

**A:** There is a full description of our courses in the Student handbook, or you can visit our website: [mineolabiblecollege.org](http://mineolabiblecollege.org).



**Q:** Why do you use the King James Bible exclusively?

**A:** While courses may be done with any translation, we encourage the use of the KJV for its richness, immutability, trustworthiness, and manuscript authority. If you don't have one, we highly encourage you to obtain an "Old Scofield Study Bible" in the KJV. One can be purchased for around \$20 from Christian Book Distributors [[www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com)].

**Q.** Why a Scofield Bible? Don't you disagree with its doctrinal stances?

**A.** While there are many areas in which we disagree with the doctrinal positions and notes of the Scofield Bible, the fact remains, it is virtually unsurpassed in the usefulness of its reference system. The Chain References, Topical Index, Names Index, Subject Index and comprehensive Concordance provide an extensive library of study and reference materials. The doctrinal positions of the Institute are clearly stated in our Statement of Faith and thoroughly taught in our course materials, so there is no confusion as to what we believe. (In brief, the Old Scofield Bible is recommended for its study system and not its doctrinal teachings).

**Q:** Can I receive credit for courses taken through other schools or from my ministry experience?

**A:** Yes, you can! You need to fill out the information requested in the Life Experience Portfolio (available upon request). Once evaluated, this will give you Advanced Standing into the next higher degree track. Example: if you enroll in the 60 hour Associate degree study track with (let's say) 60 hours of transferrable credits (college and life experience per analysis), you will have accumulated 120 hours upon completion and thus be eligible for a Bachelor of Theology (Th.B) rather than an Associate of Theology (Th.A) degree.

**Q:** Are text materials included in the cost of these programs.

**A:** Yes! Aside from your central textbook, the Bible, all necessary course materials are included in our low tuition price. There are no extra or hidden costs!



**Q:** What forms of payment are available?

**A:** We accept Checks, Western Union M.O.'s as well as Visa, Mastercard, etc, via Stripe or PayPal. All Foreign students MUST pay by Western Union Money Order or PayPal.

**Q:** Will you accept payments?

**A:** No. Due to the extremely low cost of our tuition, all courses must be paid in full before course materials will be sent out.

**Q:** How can you keep your costs so low?

**A:** If we could manage, we wouldn't charge at all! However, every school must pay expenses. Most charge per credit hour fees or yearly tuition most of our students can't afford. No one here draws a full-time salary, plus we don't have buildings and stadiums to maintain. We have, since 1991, invested the Lord's money in ministry to people wherever possible.

**Q:** What are the steps for enrollment?

**A:** Fill out the Student Enrollment Application and write your essay, complete the LEP, where appropriate, read, mark, and sign the Student Release and return them all including your Application Fee and Tuition to MBI.

## Meet the Students

### Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary Students Speak

#### Ministers:

"I have enjoyed the courses very much and have recommended the program to a young man in prison. I am also going to mention your correspondence school at our business meeting, as I know many ministers would like to enroll in the Bachelor's degree program. The study of the Feast of Israel I found to be very helpful, especially in the prophetic sense." Elder Drysdale Ocala, Florida

"I look forward to completing my education at Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary. I do accept and appreciate the opportunity to do so. Many thanks for the wonderful opportunity you have made for the spiritually hungry men and women of God." Mark Wiltfong Ft. Worth, Texas

"The study under your program has opened my mind anew and it feels wonderful. I am learning things I never learned in school as a Baptist. I can see the years of planning and work you have put into this endeavor for Christian education. May God bless you for your time and effort." James Rowland Riverside, California

"The very day I received the course on 50 Sermons for Saints & Sinners, I had been in prayer for messages from God. This sermon course came, I believe, as an answer to prayer. And after finishing this course I have already used several of these sermons and plan to use more as the Lord directs. They were a God-send just at the very time I needed them. Not only was I blessed, but the church I pastor was also blessed and I will be blessed in the future. Thanks be to God." David Lewis McAllen, Texas

"These materials are excellent, well researched, and will make a great reference and information source for any library. I cannot believe just how much I have learned from your courses, thank you again for allowing me to enroll in Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary." B.J. Crenshaw Lanett, Alabama

"I have greatly enjoyed the Bachelor studies and have learned much. I am looking forward to the Master studies. I have re-read my Bachelor material again and again, and I have recommended your school to several minister friends. I have preached several of your sermons in many churches, and have seen the altars full of people crying out to God. Continue the great work you are doing brother, and I pray that many will benefit from your labor." James February Friendly, West Virginia

"It's with great joy to say the Master Degree in Theology program was a wonderful program to me and my family. These Bible College courses you have developed have been a prayer answered and a blessing sent from Almighty God. The Bible courses have been such a blessing and with the anointing of the Holy Ghost on them. I have used several of your Bible sermons in several churches and the Holy Ghost has moved greatly in every service. I especially like your sermon "Hell has no Altars." Every Bible College course and including the research papers have been a blessing to me. I praise God for you and the Bible courses taught. My ministry has grown because of you and Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary's courses taken. Thank you all, and God bless you all in Jesus' Name." Rev. William Shumpert III Clovis, N.M.

"Dr. Vestal, I have checked other Bible Colleges and their curriculum, I am proud to say that you have the best courses offered to students anywhere. There is no other Bible College that can match your courses, they are excellent, and so much in-depth more than the others. Your degrees are also more affordable than all the others. Your easy payment plans make it appealing to prospective students, keep up the good work." Dr. Kenneth Green Halethorp, Indiana

"Dear Chancellor of MBIS, How God connected me to you is incomprehensible. I never knew that I would meet a person like you on earth. I never knew that such a man like you among Apostolics can be found, whose knowledge surpasses and understanding is supernatural. Blessed are those who are connected to MBIS. Blessed are those who sit under your feet for learning. Very few Apostolics can teach these things. How you came to know all these mysteries of the Word is a secret to people, but God knows why. In short, in His plan, God deposited much in your ministry for people to be helped. I can see why you have been standing almost alone among other Apostolics like the UPC and so forth., Very few can understand you and your ministry. It is bad for those who want to study these deeper things freely. They are beyond millions of dollars." Dr. Prince Gadama Malawi, Africa

"At Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary, they treat each student as a family member, praying for them and helping with questions; they are very flexible in the finance department and you get more material than any other Bible College around. I was able to use my MBIS material immediately in my ministry right away, from the first lesson received. You don't have to wait around for DVD's or CD's and all the electronic gadgets; I was able to use the old-fashioned lessons right away with my Bible and carry it with me. The materials are sent complete and ready to study. It is very user-friendly & for older students as well, it is a great bargain on the money end of things, thanks for the great education! Dr. Vestal is highly regarded and respected in the apostolic doctrine and Pentecostal churches; he is an established global author and authority on many religious subjects. I would try out the school, you will not be sorry—don't waste

any time looking at the other schools, this is the one, and you will be greatly blessed."  
Kevin Rogers Portage, Michigan

Prisoners:

"Thank you for your love and concern for many of the souls God has sent to you in obtaining more knowledge of God. May He richly bless you and your family as well as all those who are enrolled in Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary." Terry Johnson Greencastle, Indiana

"Rev. Vestal, I pray that this letter reaches you in the joy of the Lord. I praise God always for your service in the Lord, which is very much appreciated by me and others who are enrolled in Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary. The information you sent to me was truly a good response to a very weak argument. I am truly convinced that the house of Yahweh is false and it distracts men from the truth of God's Word. Thank you for that information, it will be a blessing to many brothers. Thank you again for being there for me over the last three years. I know the Lord Jesus is blessing you because you have not forgotten about the brethren in prison. God bless in Jesus' Name!"  
Woodrow Lockett Avenal, California

"Bro. Vestal, I am enjoying the lessons very much, I especially enjoyed the lesson on the beatitudes, they have stuck with me more than all the rest. The way they were broke down made them spiritual meat and I am still dining on them." Mickey Powell Wasco, California

"Dear.Bro. Vestal, I have studied the lesson on 50 Sermons For Saints & Sinners for the past two weeks and have learned a lot from them. Thank you for allowing me to preach them as the Holy Spirit leads me to do so. Here on the unit, I have told others about your programs and what you do for those in prison." John Randall Midway, Texas

"Praise the Lord!" It gives me much joy to know that we have someone who is preaching and teaching the true gospel of Jesus Christ. I truly look forward to attaining my diplomas in Theology with Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary. May God continue to bless you and your good work for those incarcerated." Samuel Young Pendleton, Indiana

"Rev. Vestal, I pray that all is well for you and your loved ones. I'm writing to say that I just completed the 20 themes for my Master's diploma in Theology, and I must say that it was very good for me to have to research and write all that I have learned in the past year or so. The knowledge that Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary has given me is priceless, and I now can say that I am ready to go into the world and teach the Gospel. I

am very happy to be a student of Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary." Joseph Roberts  
Sparta, Georgia

"Greetings to all at Mineola in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. These studies have allowed me to apply fellowship in an effective manner. The course you offered on Moral Philosophy was especially useful to me in sharpening my communication skills and finding a reason for applying mature patience while discovering a brother's true intentions within a given conversation. I feel fortunate indeed to prepare for work in our Lord's kingdom." Fernando deLezica Jackson, Michigan

"Bro. Vestal, the Hermeneutics course is great, I decided to work on it first. Mineola Bible Institute has been a blessing to me, and the knowledge gained is invaluable to me in the ministry."

Daniel Lee Bellrichard Lovelady, Texas

"I want to thank you for what has been the most tremendous learning experience of my life! I doubt that anything I have ever done has meant as much to me. I am particularly grateful for the extra help you provided in both additional courses and material. As a direct result of your kindness, I am able to be released from my facility on December 21st, knowing that many seeds have been planted here and leaders are in place to carry forth what I leave, the apostolic doctrines. I am still amazed at the hunger of the men as well as the intensity of the opposition. We are referred to by visiting teachers as those so-called Christians who do not believe in the Trinity. Dr. Vestal, I appreciate so much all you have done. I am extremely proud to be a part of the Mineola legacy both as a continuing student in the Ph.D. degree program, and now as an alumnus. I look forward to meeting you soon." Larry Yates Huntsville, Texas

"Bro. Vestal, I would like to say that I appreciate the work you are doing through Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary. My knowledge and understanding of the Bible has increased immeasurably. This would not be possible except you and your staff made a concerted effort to work with the least of these (us) incarcerated in prison. I really appreciate the ministry and burden God has placed on your heart. May the Lord continue to bless, enrich, and strengthen your work through Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary." Daryl Jarrett II Westville, Indiana

"As always, I want to continue to thank you and the Administration for allowing me such a great opportunity to advance my knowledge hi God's Word. Also, for the opportunity to become an alumnus and part of the Mineola Bible Institute and Seminary family. Eric M. Denet Angola, Louisiana