



# THE CROSSING BIBLE COLLEGE

## Course Catalog

Courses offered by The Crossing Bible College are classified by a 4-letter abbreviation and a 3-digit number. Following is a description of these classifications.

### **APOL – Apologetics**

Apologetics courses are focused on why we believe what we do and how we present our beliefs to others with different viewpoints. General apologetics, ethics, worldview, and world religions are all included in this category.

### **BIBL – Biblical Studies**

Biblical Studies courses include Old Testament and New Testament surveys, courses on specific books or genres of biblical literature, and courses focused on Bible study tools such as hermeneutics.

### **CMIN – Christian Ministry**

Christian Ministry courses present practical tools for effective ministry, such as leadership, counseling, and teaching, all taught from a biblical perspective.

### **FORM – Spiritual Formation**

Spiritual Formation courses are focused on Spirit-led Christian living. Topics include worship, our identity and purpose in Christ, prayer, biblical stewardship, discipleship, and spiritual freedom.

### **HIST – History**

History courses cover the history of Christianity from its beginning through today.

### **THEO – Theology**

Theology includes courses on general theology and Christian doctrine.

In general, the first digit of a course number denotes which year a full-time student will take that course. For example, Theo 102 will typically be taken in year 1, and BIBL 305 will be taken in year 3. Higher-level courses can be expected to be more difficult than lower-level courses.



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### Apologetics

#### **APOL 201 Christian Ethics**

Christian Ethics is designed to help students in their understanding of ethics in general and of Christian ethics in particular. The course examines the philosophical and theological backgrounds for ethics, the role of biblical authority, and the application of Christian ethics to a variety of issues. Topics include reproductive and genetic technologies, end-of-life issues, sexual ethics, economic and environmental ethics, immigration and border control, race, gender and diversity, war and violence, and gun control.

#### **APOL 301 Apologetics I**

Apologetics I is designed to introduce the subject of natural theology and philosophical arguments for the existence of God, and to explain why there is good reason to believe Jesus Christ is the only way to God. Students will learn to defend their faith by applying straightforward, logical arguments.

#### **APOL 303 Worldviews**

This course presents an overview of intellectual history giving insight into the current state of Western thought and culture. It examines the prominent worldviews that have shaped the Western world, and encourages students to wrestle with life's biggest questions and examine the core beliefs and commitments on which they are building their lives.

#### **APOL 401 Cultural Apologetics**

The culture we inhabit is increasingly anti-Christian, and the church in the West is often seen as irrelevant and out of touch with contemporary life. Cultural Apologetics presents a fresh model for cultural engagement that will equip students to be compelling witnesses of the Gospel in today's culture, able to demonstrate not only the truth of the Gospel but also its desirability by reestablishing Christianity as the answer that satisfies our three universal human longings—truth, goodness, and beauty.

#### **APOL 402 World Religions**

This course is a survey of the major non-Christian world religions. Students will gain a basic understanding of these religions' formal teaching and everyday practice, be better equipped to engage in interreligious dialogue with people of other faiths and learn how to minister effectively as a Christian in a pluralistic setting. Included are Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, African traditional religion, Native American religion, Chinese popular religion, and Shinto and Japanese religion.

### Biblical Studies

#### **BIBL 101 New Testament Survey I**

To understand the New Testament, a student must learn not only the substance and themes of the books, but also a good deal about the Greco-Roman world of Jesus's and Paul's day. New Testament Survey I is the first of a two-part course designed to help students enrich their understanding of the New Testament as a whole. The course explores the importance of studying the New Testament, how the



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New Testament books came to be part of our canon of Scripture, modern scholarly approaches to the New Testament, and the life and teachings of Jesus and the four gospels.

### **BIBL 102      New Testament Survey II**

New Testament Survey II is the second of a two-part course designed to help students enrich their understanding of the New Testament. The course examines Acts and the Early Church, Paul and his Epistles, the General Epistles, and Revelation.

### **BIBL 111      Grasping God's Word I (Formerly Hermeneutics I)**

The purpose of this course is to give students the appropriate tools to "rightly divide the Word of Truth," or in other words, to learn to properly analyze, interpret, and apply Scripture. The major focus of the course is practical in nature, and students will have many opportunities to practice and apply the principles they are studying.

### **BIBL 112      Grasping God's Word II (Formerly Hermeneutics II)**

This course is a continuation of Grasping God's Word I. The purpose of this course is to give students the ability to properly approach the different literary genres included in the Bible, such as narrative, law, wisdom, prophesy, letters, gospels, and poetry. Students will have the opportunity to apply the interpretive principles they learn through practical exercises. *Prerequisite: Grasping God's Word I*

### **BIBL 201      Old Testament Survey I**

The Bible is a progressive revelation. If you skip the first half of any good book, you will have a hard time understanding the characters, the plot, and the ending. For this reason, understanding the Old Testament is an important step toward understanding Jesus and the salvation He offers. Old Testament Survey I is the first of a two-part course designed to build a bridge between the original audience and modern readers. It will give students familiarity with the purpose, themes, and content of the Old Testament, as well as a general understanding of other world cultures during Old Testament times. The course covers the history of the Old Testament as a whole, the Pentateuch, and Old Testament narrative.

### **BIBL 202      Old Testament Survey II**

Old Testament Survey II is the continuation of Old Testament Survey I. The course covers prophets and prophetic literature, wisdom literature, Psalms, and how the Old Testament relates to the New Testament.

### **BIBL 203      The Galatians Project**

We will be printing the book of Galatians out as one long paragraph and as a class we'll observe, break it into paragraphs, ask questions, find answers and look for applications. Galatians has often been called the magna carta of Christian Liberty. This study will be life changing.

### **BIBL 305      Romans**

Paul's letter to the Romans forces us to evaluate who we are, who God is, and what our place in this world ought to be. The purpose of this course is to trace the theme of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as presented in the book of Romans. Emphasis will be placed on the doctrinal issues of justification by faith, freedom from the law, sanctification, the place of Israel, as well as the "normal" Christian Life.



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## **BIBL 307 Hebrews**

This course is an in-depth look at the book of Hebrews. Hebrews roams a broad theological landscape, but its unifying premise is that God speaks effectively, and if we listen, His message to us revealed through Jesus will change and shape the way we live.

## **BIBL 308 Paul the Apostle**

This course will help students better understand the Apostle Paul: the world he lived in, his conversion and call, his letters, and his theology. Special emphasis is placed on insights that help us understand Paul in his world and guidance on how to bring those insights into our modern world.

## **BIBL 311 Unseen Realm I\***

This video course is offered in partnership with [The Awakening School of Theology](#). In *The Unseen Realm*, Dr. Michael Heiser examines the ancient context of Scripture, explaining how its supernatural worldview can help us grow in our understanding of God. He illuminates intriguing and amazing passages of the Bible that have been hiding in plain sight. You'll find yourself engaged in an enthusiastic pursuit of the truth, resulting in a new appreciation for God's Word.

*\*Due to the costs involved, this course is only available to those in a degree program or certificate students willing to pay \$100 per course.*

## **BIBL 312 Unseen Realm II\***

"There is a world referred to in the Scripture that is quite unseen, but also quite present and active. Michael Heiser's *The Unseen Realm* seeks to unmask this world. Heiser shows how important it is to understand this world and appreciate how its contribution helps to make sense of Scripture. The book is clear and well done, dealing with many ideas and themes that often go unseen themselves. With this book, such themes will no longer be neglected, so read it and discover a new realm for reflection about what Scripture teaches."

-Darrell L. Bock, Executive Director for Cultural Engagement, Senior Research Professor of New Testament Studies, Howard G. Hendricks Center for Christian Leadership and Cultural Engagement

*Prerequisite: Unseen Realm I*

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## **BIBL 403 "The Restoration"**

At the Close of the Old Testament, the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi and Esther refer to a period of time known as "The Restoration." It is a prophetic picture of the Church in the last days before Jesus returns. We'll dig a little deeper and marvel at God's Word.

## **BIBL 406 Revelation**

The book of Revelation has long fascinated and often confused readers and students of the Bible. Yet the Bible is written to be understood, and Revelation is no exception. This course will guide students to a better understanding of Revelation by investigating its literary structure, historical background, relation to the Old Testament, and theological themes. Emphasis will be placed on how the study of Revelation contributes to our understanding of God, Christology, the Church, Christian living, suffering for Christ, and eschatological events.

## **Christian Ministry**



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## **CMIN 211      Preparing the Bride I**

The Church is called to be the radiant bride of Christ! 2 Corinthians 11:2 says, "I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him." The parable of the 10 virgins holds important keys to our preparation.

## **CMIN 212      Preparing the Bride II**

God has given us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to help us get ready. In this course we'll explore these gifts and how they work in and with the church to prepare us for our future. We'll explore the mission of the Church and how she functions in the world.

## **CMIN 301      Pastoral Counseling**

In this course, students will be introduced to a solution-based, biblical model for short-term counseling. While the course content is appropriate for professional counselors and pastors, our focus is to draw from evidence-based and biblical counseling practices to enable laypeople to be more effective in their own areas of personal ministry.

## **CMIN 302      7-Mountain Introduction**

7 areas of activity together make up modern culture: the Church, Education, Government, Media & Arts, Science & Technology, and Business. We think of them as mountains with those that exercise authority and influence up at the top. The Church has focused on the Church Mountain, whereas the Great Commission is to all the world, including the other 6 mountains. We'll explore this concept more fully in this class and help you discern where He's calling you to influence.

## **CMIN 303      Developing Leaders**

This course will help students strengthen their ability as leaders. Also, it will provide practical methods to identify, develop, and build up potential leaders and create a climate within the organization or ministry in which leaders grow and thrive. Emphasis is placed on developing high-performing individuals as well as overall organizational/ministry success.

## **CMIN 311      Biblical Leadership I**

This course will help students strengthen their ability as leaders. Also, it will provide practical methods to identify, develop, and build up potential leaders and create a climate within the organization or ministry in which leaders grow and thrive. Emphasis is placed on developing high-performing individuals as well as overall organizational/ministry success.

## **CMIN 312      Biblical Leadership II**

This course continues what was begun in Biblical Leadership I. We'll explore some of the great leaders of the Bible and some of the keys of their influence. We'll look at Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Paul, John and Jesus.

## **CMIN 408      Marriage Counseling**

This course presents the theoretical and practical application of hope-focused couples and marital therapy. While the course content is appropriate for professional counselors and pastors, our focus is to equip laypeople to provide wise, biblical, and practical counsel to anyone in their lives. Also, students can expect to gain practical strategies for improving their relationships, marriage or otherwise.



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## Spiritual Formation

### **FORM 101 Identity in Christ**

As children of God, our identity is based on who God says we are. This course will help students understand our true identity in Christ, which will then enable us to identify and reject false beliefs about ourselves based on the lies of the enemy. By grasping what it means to be a "new creature in Christ," we can learn to see ourselves as God sees us, and also help others on their journey to discovering their own identity in Christ.

### **FORM 103 Spirit-Filled Life**

The Spirit-Filled Life is designed to encourage students in their journey toward experiencing the Holy Spirit not as a mysterious being, but as a trusted and intimate Friend. The course examines timeless principles set forth in Scripture, provides means to discover the power and blessing that comes from practicing these spiritual disciplines, addresses what it means to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, and includes brief guidance regarding the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### **FORM 105 Purpose in Christ**

Living out the purpose you were created for moves you beyond survival or success to a life of significance – the life you were meant to live. In this course, students will find answers to three of life's most important questions: Why am I alive? Does my life matter? What on earth am I here for?

### **FORM 107 Discipleship**

This course presents disciple-making in a way that will inspire and equip students to obey the Great Commission with great passion. Grounded on a solid biblical foundation, it includes many practical insights and strategies to help students implement an effective discipleship ministry in their lives and to share it with others.

### **FORM 109 Evangelism**

This course is designed to equip, empower, and encourage all who are ready to obey the Great Commission and share Jesus more passionately and confidently with others. Emphasis is placed on practical approaches to living an evangelistic lifestyle daily.

### **FORM 111 "The Greatest of These"**

In this course, we'll take an in-depth look at Henry Drummond's famous sermon on love. Paul said we could have mountain-moving faith, speak in tongues of men and angels, and give all we own to the poor, and it still not benefit us. From his sermon ... *"Everyone has asked himself the great question of antiquity as of the modern world: What is the summum bonum—the supreme good? You have life before you. Once only you can live it. What is the noblest object of desire, the supreme gift to covet? We have been accustomed to being told that the greatest thing in the religious world is Faith. That great word has been the keynote for centuries of popular religion, and we have easily considered it inside it the greatest thing in the world. Well, we are wrong. If we have been told that, we may miss the mark..."*

### **FORM 112 Worship in Spirit and Truth**



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This fresh, practical study of worship throws needed light on questions about worship content, music, atmosphere, structure, freedom, clarity, recent trends, and much more. Jesus said, "... a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

## **FORM 201      Spiritual Authority**

In this course, students will explore the authority given to us as believers, as well as the authority held by God, angels, Satan, and evil spirits. Emphasis will be placed on how to use the power of the Holy Spirit to exercise the authority we have been given to bring healing, freedom, and transformation to ourselves and others.

## **FORM 202      Spiritual Disciplines**

The classic Spiritual Disciplines are central spiritual practices of the Christian faith. Disciplines are not "works" that lead to salvation; salvation is a free gift that we cannot earn. Rather, the Disciplines allow us to place ourselves before God so that He can transform us. In this course, we will examine and practice the Inward Disciplines of Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, and Study; the Outward Disciplines of Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, and Service; and the Corporate Disciplines of Confession, Worship, Guidance, and Celebration.

## **FORM 203      Worship**

This course explores what it means to live a life of worship, worship that is formational, transformative, relational, missional, and utterly essential to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. As well, we will examine how true worship cannot exist separately from obedience to the Great Commission.

## **FORM 204      Introduction to Spiritual Freedom**

This class is designed to introduce students to the process of becoming free in Christ. It presents a holistic approach to spiritual warfare that is rooted in the Word of God and includes strategies for breaking down strongholds of habitual sin, negative thoughts, and irrational feelings that keep believers in bondage. *Prerequisites: Identity in Christ, Spiritual Authority*

## **FORM 205      Christian Resource Management**

The enemy wants to keep us from discovering God's principles governing stewardship, giving, and blessing. Christian Resource Management is designed to make students aware of biblical guidance regarding gaining worldly wealth and the priority of being a good steward of the resources entrusted to a disciple of Christ. Practical and biblical instructions are included on spending, giving, saving, and investing wisely.

## **FORM 306      Spiritual Intelligence**

Two quotients analyze our minds and emotions: IQ and EQ. But Kris Vallotton believes we are ignoring a deeper dimension - spiritual intelligence. Because believers have the mind of Christ through the Holy Spirit, we have the capacity for brilliance. God invites us to embark on a journey of discovery as he reveals mysteries and helps us bring our perspective in line with his - transforming our understanding and endowing us with spiritual intelligence.

## **FORM 403      Eternal Impact**



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This course will help a more advanced student consider the challenges that face American believers as they deal with Materialism. Prior courses have described the biblical basis for trusting God for provision and the promises in Scripture that blessings come to believers who are obedient to God's commands. This course provides a more in-depth look at God's commands and discusses the philosophical issues surrounding the management of the resources that God provides.

## **FORM 405      Spiritual Freedom I**

Spiritual Freedom I is the first of a two-part course that helps students better understand the ministry of deliverance. Based on a solid biblical foundation, the course examines what we can learn from the ministry of Jesus and the early Church, looks at the supernatural realm of angels and demons, and explores how powers of darkness can affect people's lives.

*Prerequisites: Identity in Christ, Spiritual Authority, Introduction to Spiritual Freedom*

## **FORM 406      Spiritual Freedom II**

Spiritual Freedom II is the continuation of Spiritual Freedom I and presents guidelines and tools for an effective deliverance ministry. It identifies how people can become affected by demonic powers and explains step by step how they can be set free by the Holy Spirit. Also included are guidelines related to the cleansing of land and buildings. *Prerequisites: Identity in Christ, Spiritual Authority, Introduction to Spiritual Freedom, Spiritual Freedom I*

## **History**

### **HIST 201      Church History I: Early Church to Dawn of Reformation**

Church history is the life story of Christ's family. If you are a Christ-follower, it is your own family history. The History of Christianity is a rich, complex story, full of tragedy and triumph. This course focuses on the growth and development of Christianity during the early centuries in the Mediterranean World, as well as its expansion into Europe and the East.

### **HIST 202      Church History II: Reformation to Present Day**

This course is a continuation of Church History I, covering Christianity from the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century until the present time, with a primary focus on the events which most directly impacted the development of the North American Church. *Note: While students may find it more logical to begin with Church History I, the two Church History courses may be taken in either order.*

### **HIST 211      The Torch of The Testimony I**

God has always had a remnant that has served Him faithfully through history. The 2,000-year history of those Christians - and churches - that have stood outside the Protestant-Catholic tradition. This book was originally published in India in 1964 and is little known in the western world. Beginning in the first century John Kennedy traces the history of Christian groups who remained outside formalized religion down through the ages. A stirring, passionate and sometimes heart-rending story of suffering to the centrality of Christ within the Body of Christ.

### **HIST 212      The Torch of The Testimony II**

*"The history of the working of the Spirit of God is not the history of any organization, and what usually goes by the name 'Church History' is only too often a sorry tale of bigoted quarrels and selfish intrigue.*





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*Yet the history of the two, the spiritual movement, and the earthly institution, are sometimes so closely intermingled that it is impossible to give an account of one without referring to the other.” p. 56* Kennedy gives us a concise narrative of church history while distinguishing between the “spiritual church” and the organized church of man.

*Prerequisite: The Torch of The Testimony I*

## **Theology**

### **THEO 101      Theology I**

Christian theology seeks to understand the God revealed in the Bible, and to provide a proper understanding of human beings and their condition, and God's redemptive work. Theology 105 is the first in a 3-part series. It is designed to present fundamental concepts of Christian doctrine such as Revelation, Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Authority of Scripture, God's character and work, and angels.

*Note: They may be taken in any order.*

### **THEO 102      Theology II**

Theology 106 is the second in a 3-part series. It is designed to aid in understanding fundamental concepts of Christian doctrine such as humanity, sin, the Person and work of Christ, and the doctrine of atonement. *Note: They may be taken in any order.*

### **THEO 103      Theology III**

Theology 107 is the final course in a 3-part series. It is designed to aid in understanding fundamental concepts of Christian doctrine such as the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, salvation, the nature, role, and ordinances of the Church, and the end times and final judgment. *Note: They may be taken in any order.*

### **THEO 111      What's God Like?**

In this course, we'll study together A.W. Tozer's book, "The Knowledge of the Holy." In it, he examines the attributes of God. He explains: "An attribute of God is whatever God has in any way revealed to be true of Himself". It is essential for Christians to have a proper view of God. He warns: "The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God". He adds: "The man who has a right belief about God is relieved of ten thousand temporal problems."

### **THEO 112      Simply Jesus**

In this course, we'll be study N.T. Wright's book, "Simply Jesus." "...the Jesus we might discover if we really looked," explains Wright, "is larger, more disturbing, more urgent than we had ever imagined. We have successfully managed to hide behind other questions and to avoid the huge, world-shaking challenge of Jesus's central claim and achievement. It is we, the churches, who have been the real reductionists. We have reduced the kingdom of God to private piety; the victory of the cross to comfort for the conscience; Easter itself to a happy, escapist ending after a sad, dark tale. Piety, conscience, and ultimate happiness are important, but not nearly as important as Jesus himself." As the church faces the many challenges of the twenty-first century, Wright has presented a vision of Jesus that more than meets them."

### **THEO 113      Messianic Prophecies of the Bible**



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*“And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself”* (Luke 24:27). In this course, we’ll introduce 101 prophecies about a coming messiah made thousands of years before the coming of Christ. We’ll also look at their fulfillment in Christ. Scholars have examined eight prophecies and concluded the chance of one man fulfilling only eight of these prophecies was one in  $10^{17}$ . A professor gave this illustration: Suppose we take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They’ll cover all the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up the one silver dollar that has the special mark on it. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would’ve had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any man, from their day to the present.

### **THEO 114      Supernatural Gospel**

Many Christians believe in miracles, but they are not accessing the supernatural as a normal way of life. Is this you? Are you ready to experience the miraculous lifestyle that Jesus made available to you because of the Cross? In this course we’ll see how you were designed to bring heaven to Earth and how it all starts with your thought life.

You will learn how to:

- Enjoy complete forgiveness from sin and let go of guilt
- Access the open heaven over your life and start living as God’s dwelling place
- Position yourself for future breakthrough by studying and remembering God’s miracles

Your access to a lifestyle of signs, wonders, and miracles starts by changing the way you think.

When your mind is transformed, heaven becomes more than a place you go to one day—becomes the supernatural power that you release wherever you go today!

### **THEO 115      What’s So Amazing About Grace?**

In this course, we’ll examine grace. Justice is defined as receiving what you deserve; mercy as not receiving what you deserve. But grace takes mercy a step further by giving to one something they could never deserve. You’ll discover grace as you’ve never known it: the most powerful force in the universe and our only hope for love and forgiveness. Grace is the church’s great distinctive. It’s the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else - for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world.

### **THEO 305      Heaven**

This course will help students understand Heaven the way Scripture describes it – a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ’s presence, natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.