

LIVING FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – BBL 220

Course Level // Bible Essentials // 2 Credit Hours

Spring 2024 // January 13th – May 4th / Online

Time: 9:45 am CST / Location: Online Only

Faculty Professor: Pastor Dan Reneau

Education

- Associates of Divinity (Shepherd School of Ministry)
- Associates of Liberal Arts (MCC-Longview)
- Bachelor of Fine Art (Kansas City Art Institute) (Double Major, Painting & Art History)
- Master of Fine Arts (California College of the Arts)

Experience

- Department Chair/Instructor of Arts Education at Longview Community College (2011-Present)

Pastoral Experience

- Pastoral Ministry at Midtown Baptist Temple (2013-2016)
- Lead Pastor at Living Faith – Lee's Summit, MO (2016-Present)

Instructor: Pastor Sam Miles

Education

- Associates of Divinity (Shepherd School of Ministry)
- Bachelor of Science in Electronics Engineering Technology (DeVry University)

Experience

- Pastoral ministry at Kansas City Baptist Temple (1998-2006)
- President of Living Faith Bible Institute (2013-Present)
- Living Faith Fellowship Board of Directors (2015-Present)

Pastoral Experience

- Pastoral ministry at Kansas City Baptist Temple (1998-2006)
- Lead Pastor at Midtown Baptist Temple (2006-Present)

Teachers Assistant:

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Book of Acts is the historical beginning of the Great Commission. This book presents the progressive transfer of the personal ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Body of Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit. The prophetic promise of the kingdom to the Jews is postponed as the Church begins to take Gospel to the Gentile world. The book of Acts is the bridge that covers the period between the Gospels and the Epistles. A systematic study of this New Testament transitional book includes terms, doctrines, dispensational features, and the chronological progression of events in two sections.

Part I (Acts 1-12)

Jerusalem the center
Peter the chief figure
Out to Samaria (reluctantly)
Word rejected Jews home
Peter imprisoned
Judgment on Herod

Part II (Acts 13-28)

Antioch the center
Paul the chief figure
Out to Rome (triumphantly)
Word rejected Jews dispersion
Paul imprisoned
Judgment on Jews.

II. COURSE PREREQUISITES

- A passing grade in Foundations 2 & 3

III. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- The student will be able to examine the Apostles ministry to the Jews in Jerusalem.
- The student will be able to examine the persistent opposition to the person and name of Jesus Christ.
- The student will be able to examine the rapid growth and outward expansion of the early church.
- The student will be able to understand the deployment of missionary teams and details of their journeys to Asia Minor and Europe.
- The student will be able to understand the faith and leadership qualities of key people involved during this time.
- The student will be able to examine the various transitions from the Jews to the Gentiles.
- The student will be able to understand and apply the principles and practice of evangelism and discipleship.

IV. REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

- There will be weekly post-lecture quizzes **(20% of grade)**
- Book of 'Acts of the Apostles' reading report **(10% of grade – due May 4th @ 11:59 pm CST)**
 - Read with reasonable care, the entire book of Acts through once over this semester. Submit a "Acts" reading report at the end of the semester. Each student will submit a statement through the class Moodle page about their compliance to read the book of Acts.
"I have read with reasonable care the entire book of Acts. Yes ___ No ___." Check the correct answer. If "no," indicate percentage read. Be honest.
- Devotional Report **(20% of grade – due May 4th @ 11:59 pm CST)**
 - The student will interact devotionally with Acts by doing the following for each individual chapter:
 - a) list a key fact/s that impacted you
 - b) list a lesson/s you learned for your personal walk with God
 - c) list a personal praise item/s from this chapter
 - d) list a personal prayer request/s from this chapter
 - e) list an intercessory prayer request/s from this chapter.
 - Rubric will be posted under the assignment on Moodle
- Essay over *Exploring Acts* by John Phillips **(20% of grade – due May 13th @ 11:59 pm CST)**
 - **You will only need to read the following chapters over Acts from Phillips book: 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 15**
 - See assignment in myLFBI for details
- There will be a midterm exam and final exam. **(30% of grade)**
 - **Midterm: due March 11th @ 11:59 pm CST**
 - **Final: due May 13th @ 11:59 pm CST**

V. REQUIRED TEXT

Selected readings from Phillips, John. *Exploring Acts: An Expository Commentary*. Kregel Academic, 2001.

- Selected readings include the following chapters over Acts: 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 15

The Holy Bible, Authorized Version

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Pastor/Professor lectures are watched in person or by streaming within the myLFBI classroom environment. Classes may be watched throughout the week if you cannot attend class live. Instructors may administer reading assignments, self-directed study/research, project-oriented assignments, essays or finals. Each week's lecture will conclude with a weekly post-lecture online quiz.

LFBI quizzes will remain posted for 10 days before they are removed. Incomplete quizzes will be an automatic "0". Ensure your success by staying on pace with lectures and completing assignments in a timely manner. Do not contact professors or institute administrators about "missed quizzes" unless you have a doctor's note or in case in the case of clear administrative error.

VII. ESSAY FORMATTING

Chicago Manual of Style. (17th edition)

For help using Chicago Style:

https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html

VIII. COURSE GRADING POLICY

LFBI Grading Scale

A: 92-100% Excellent. Mastery of course material.

B: 83-91% Good. Reasonable understanding of course material.

C: 74-82% Satisfactory. Basic comprehension of course material.

D: 65-73% Poor. Minimal knowledge of course material.

LFBI Grade-Point Calculation

A // 97-100	C // 77-79
A- // 92-96	C- // 74-76
B+ // 89-91	D+ // 71-73
B // 86-88	D // 68-70
B- // 83-85	D- // 65-67
C+ // 80-82	F // 64-0

Transferring credits: we transfer students' grade-point averages based on the above scale. LFBI does not transfer letter grades. This is critical to the consideration of student honors at graduation. LFBI Instructors will calculate a percentage grade on each assignment entered in myLFBI.

IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Living Faith Bible Institute requires 100% attendance. All attendance issues will be handled directly by the course instructor within your specific class. From there, it may be deferred to the Registrar's Office. If a student misses' class but believes it may be excused, they will contact the Registrar. We believe that students have many potential extenuating circumstances that contribute to absence and for this reason, course records distinguish between excused and unexcused absence. The Registrar's Office staff is available to help students regarding any concern with attendance.
- Whether you are attending classes online or in person, it is important for students to put together a personal attendance plan. Being present and prepared for class is critical to getting the instructional experience necessary for growth. The following are the attendance requirements and policies for LFBI:
 - I. Students are responsible for all missed information, instruction and assignments accrued while absent from class.
 - II. For online students, if you miss the live viewing of any class lecture, you will have **ten days** to view the class online before the corresponding quiz becomes inaccessible and you are considered absent.
 - III. All students who miss class (i.e., sickness, missions' trips, work schedules) will be expected to stay caught up with each week's class. Instructors may, at their discretion, grant extensions to students who miss class under special circumstances.
 - IV. Students who wish to contest an unexcused absence may fill out the Absence Form on the Resource page of myLFBI for review by the Registrar's Office.
- When in live attendance, the student is expected to show common courtesy to the professor and fellow students by being punctual. Students who are regularly late to class or are a distraction to other students are susceptible to being reported to the Registrar's Office.

X. DROP POLICY

- Students have until the second week of semester classes to enroll for credit. The penalty for late enrollment is missing the quizzes for the sessions while they were not enrolled.
- There will be no refunds for early withdrawal beyond the second week of class or for incomplete classes.
- Students who enroll in Fall or Spring courses may be re-assigned as an "audit student" upon request prior to the end of week 4 but will not receive a refund. After week 4, all students will receive their earned grade.

- Students will receive a failing grade for an incomplete course. The failing grade will go on their transcript. Contact the registrar to change enrollment status prior to the designated time.
- Students may retake a class for credit the next time it is offered by re-enrolling and paying tuition. Both grades will be recorded on the transcript.

XI. OTHER POLICIES

- **Academic Misconduct**
Academic misconduct is strictly prohibited and will result in an F for the course as well as a board review of student enrollment status.
- **Disability Statement**
Students with a documented disability may contact the LFBI offices to make arrangements for academic accommodations.
- **Classroom Policies**
Classroom policies will be established and enforced by the individual instructor. Cell phones, internet social networking and other distractions take away from the learning environment. Use these on class assigned breaks only.

XII. SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Explore the Book – J.S. Baxter

The Bible Exposition Commentary - Warren W. Wiersbe

The Book of Acts – David Cloud, Way of Life Literature Advanced Bible Studies Series.

“Acts,” in The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures - Stanley D. Toussaint

“Acts” in the Outline Bible – Willmington, Harold L.

“Acts” in Willmington’s Guide to the Bible – Willmington, Harold L.

“Acts” Commentary – Chuck Missler (*beware some pentecostal leanings in his materials.*)

“The Book of Acts” in the Bible Believer’s Commentary Series - Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

HOLMAN BIBLE DICTIONARY - EDITOR, Trent C. Butler, Ph.D

Introducing People of the Bible - John Phillips

Exploring Acts, An Expository Commentary – John Phillips

The Acts of the Apostles. Everyman's - Bible Commentary Ryrie, Charles Caldwell.

The Acts of the Apostles. - Morgan, G. Campbell. H. Revell, 1924.

“Acts” Expository Commentary – H. A. Ironside

“Acts” Collection of Sermons – Adrian Rodgers

This syllabus is subject to change by verbal or written announcement by the professor.

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