

Bible
BJU /Patterns for Christian Living

I. Course Description

This course is organized around the Great Commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22: 37-40). Part One (Lessons 1-34) centers on expressing love for God through knowing Him (Unit 1), communing with Him (Unit 2), and serving Him (Unit 3). Part Two focuses on love for other people- in the home (Unit 5), the church (Unit 6), and society in general (Unit 7).

II. Instructional Materials

- A. Bible Truths for Christian Schools: Patterns for Christian Living, Bob Jones University Press, second edition, 1996
- B. The Teen Study Bible, The Zondervan Corporation, 1993

III. Course Goals and Objectives

A. The student should understand:

1. The basic doctrine of the Trinity
2. Heretical Conceptions of God
3. The necessity of doctrine to salvation
4. Christ's person, as both God and man
5. Christ's work as Savior, High Priest, and Judge
6. The person and work of the Holy Spirit
7. How to discern the Holy Spirit's work in his life
8. Who God is; God's greatness
9. Why God offers salvation to men, and why He must judge those who refuse His salvation
10. God's work in creation, preservation, and government
11. God's claim on every person's life
12. The mental disposition of those who espouse humanism and evolution
13. The meaning of *covenant* in the Bible
14. The key covenants recorded in Scripture
15. The truths revealed by God's covenants
16. The events relating to the fall
17. The effects of the fall on man's nature
18. Man's relationship to sin
19. What happens at the moment of salvation
20. The work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in salvation
21. A format for sharing the salvation message with others
22. The concept of sanctification
23. How to live a sanctified life
24. The battle that rages in the believer's heart
25. Those qualities necessary to sanctified living
26. The battle that now rages over the Scriptures
27. The Biblical doctrine of inspiration
28. The typical errors of false teachers
29. The importance of personal Bible study
30. How to study the Bible for himself
31. The importance of worship
32. Ways to worship God
33. How to detect idolatry and externalism
34. The Biblical doctrine of prayer
35. The necessity of prayer
36. The Scripture's view of rebellion
37. The various aspects of rebellion

38. The consequences of rebellion
39. The Biblical doctrine of personal dedication
40. The necessity of personal dedication
41. The nature and importance of contentment
42. The Biblical system of values with which he can evaluate himself and others
43. The Biblical perspective on spiritual gifts
44. How to define and identify the various spiritual gifts
45. How to use spiritual gifts
46. Why God has given spiritual gifts to His people
47. The abuses of the charismatic movement
48. God's claim on their lives
49. The principles necessary in finding God's will
50. The minister's call and duties
51. The privileges of the gospel ministry
52. The importance of Christian standards
53. Ways to develop Christian standards
54. That sin is not glamorous, as it is often portrayed
55. The evils that characterize their age
56. Biblical standards that cover the problems of the teen-age years
57. The avenues through which temptations come
58. How to conquer temptations
59. Principles for successful and God-honoring Christian dating
60. The main dangers in modern dating
61. The cause and consequences of guilt
62. How to deal with guilt
63. That God is willing and able to care for His people
64. The basic characteristics and causes of depression
65. The Biblical methods for avoiding and overcoming depression
66. The importance of self-control in the Christian life
67. The various areas in which self-control should be manifested
68. The Biblical pathway to leadership positions
69. The importance of leadership in Christian and secular organizations
70. The essentials to effective leadership
71. The frustrations and dangers of leadership
72. The importance of good advice
73. The dangers of bad advice
74. The advantages of a Christian college education
75. The factors to consider in choosing a Christian college
76. That Christ's return is imminent
77. That all believers must one day appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account of their service for Christ
78. The principle of stewardship-that responsibility increases according to abilities and opportunities
79. That proper motives are important in service
80. That God knows intentions as well as actions
81. That God considers motives in rewarding service
82. The essence of Biblical love
83. The central importance of Biblical love, which is an essential evidence of salvation
84. Some primary characteristics of Biblical love
85. The characteristics and dangers of bitterness
86. The Biblical cures for bitterness
87. The different God-oriented roles in the Christian family
88. Their functions in the family, both now and in the future
89. The Biblical portrait of marriage
90. The principles of successful Christian marriage
91. The Biblical concept of child discipline

92. The analogy between God dealing with His people and parents dealing with their children.
93. The Biblical doctrine of the church
94. The characteristics of a healthy Christian church
95. The importance of serving in a local church
96. Some areas for service in a local church
97. That complacency can lead to the total abandonment of the church
98. The importance of Christian unity
99. Some common impediments to Christian unity
100. Some essentials of Christian unity
101. The dangers inherent in seeking Christian unity
102. The nature of Christian liberties
103. How to deal with fellow Christians in the area of Christian liberties
104. The importance of restoring Christian relationships that have been broken
105. The essential Scriptural instruction governing the restoration of such relationships
106. The theological basis of motive for Biblical separation
107. The three types of Biblical separation
108. The proper procedure for Biblical separation
109. The difference between sectarianism and Biblical ecclesiastical separation
110. The satanic; anti-Christian nature of cults
111. The characteristics common to all established cults
112. The anti-Biblical doctrines of major cults
113. The basic characteristics of secular humanism
114. Humanism's opposition to Scriptural truth and good reason
115. That God ordains all human government
116. The spheres of authority that belong to civil government
117. The Christian's responsibility to civil government
118. God's demands on the employer-employee relationship
119. The qualities of effective employers and employees
120. The Biblical guidelines for choosing friends
121. The Biblical instructions for proper behavior among friends
122. The difference between true and false friends
123. The logical distinction between personal evangelism and soul winning
124. The proper motivation for evangelism
125. The basic mechanics of soul winning
126. That caring for the unfortunate is an aspect of Christ-likeness
127. Why it is necessary to have concern for the unfortunate
128. How to demonstrate concern for the unfortunate
129. The human disposition that lead to prejudice
130. Where prejudices usually occurs
131. The Scriptural injunctions against prejudice
132. The nature of the conflict that Christians must endure
133. The importance of standing firm for Christ against all enemies
134. The God-given enablement and encouragements to Christian stability

IV. Course Outline

A. First Quarter

1. Loving God Completely /Knowing God
 - a. The Triune God
 - b. Focus on Jesus Christ
 - c. Focus on the Holy Spirit
 - d. God's Nature
 - e. God's Works
 - f. God's Program
2. Communing with God/ Salvation
 - g. God's Sinful Creature

- h. God's Simple Plan
- 3. Sanctification
 - i. Set Apart to God, Part 1
 - j. Set Apart to God. Part 2
- 4. The Bible
 - k. God's Inerrant Word
 - l. Tips for Bible Study
- 5. Worship
 - m. Worshipping God
 - n. The Throne of Grace
- 6. Serving God/Submission
 - o. The Folly of Rebellion
 - p. Dedication
 - q. Accepting God's Creative Work
 - r. Discovering Spiritual Gifts
- B. Second Quarter
 - 1. Serving God/Submission Cont.
 - a. Discerning God's Will
 - b. The Ministry
 - 2. Purity
 - c. Developing Biblical Standards. Part 1
 - d. Developing Biblical Standards, Part 2
 - e. Fighting Temptation
 - f. Dating By God's Standards
 - g. Dealing with Guilt
 - 3. Preparation
 - h. Trusting God's Daily Care
 - i. Overcoming Depression
 - j. Exercising Self-Control
 - k. Learning Patience
 - l. Becoming a Leader
 - m. Listening to Good Advice
 - n. Attending a Christian College
 - 4. Reward
 - o. Incentives for Service
 - p. The Folly of Selfish Service
- C. Third Quarter
 - 1. Loving My Neighbor as Myself/Nature of Love
 - a. Selfless Giving
 - b. Conquering Bitterness
 - 2. Love in the Home
 - c. Relationships in the Home
 - d. Building a Lasting Marriage
 - e. Rearing Godly Children
 - 3. Love in the Church
 - f. Choosing a Local Church
 - g. Supporting a Local Church
 - h. Getting Along with Fellow Christians
 - i. Sacrificing Personal Liberties
 - j. Restoring Broken Relationships
 - k. Practicing Biblical Separation
 - l. Guarding Against Cults
 - 4. Love in Society
 - m. Guarding Against Humanism
 - n. Obligations of a Christian Citizen

- o. Work-place Obligations
- p. Selective Friendships
- q. Concern for the Unsaved
- r. Caring for Unfortunates
- s. Countering Prejudice
- t. Standing Up for Christ

V. Teaching Methods

- A. Reading
- B. Written Assignments
- C. Bible Memory Work
- D. Discussions

VI. Evaluation

- A. Components
 - 1. Daily work
 - 2. Weekly memory verse quizzes
 - 3. Tests
- B. Grading Scale
 - 1. 100-90 = A
 - 2. 89-80 = B
 - 3. 79-70 = C