

## Bible Foundations

### I. Course Description

In this two semester course the student continues to build on the foundation of Bible study he has already gained in past years.

### II. Instructional Materials

- A. *How Firm a Foundation*, Bob Jones University Press 1999
- B. *Know what You Believe*, Chariot Victor Publishing 1999
- C. *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, Whitaker House 1996
- D. *Yeshua*, a collection of videos on the Jewish people
- E. *an assortment of various Christian literature, videos and tapes*
- F. *Church services, praise and worship*
- G. *Bible studies/reading*
- H. *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible*

### III. Goals and Objectives

- A. To lay a firm foundation of Bible efficacy
- B. To eradicate any doubt for the student concerning the validity of the scriptures
- C. To begin studying the epistles of Paul
- D. To increase the awareness that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion
- E. To further equip the student for successful evangelizing

### IV. Course Outline

#### A. First Semester

1. Reading the Old Testament
2. Studying Paul's epistles
3. Studying Matthew Henry
4. The beginnings of the Jewish people
5. Continued, throughout semester; memorization of John
6. Reading *The Confessions of St. Augustine*
7. Learn what the Bible says about itself
8. Cont. throughout semester; memorization of various scriptures
9. A brief study on God and His Son
10. A brief study on man and sin
11. A brief study on the Holy Spirit
12. A continuous study on Salvation
13. A continuous study of the Church
14. A continuous study on things to come
15. The meaning of *inspiration*
16. New Testament and Old on a par
17. Knowing the Bible contains all the right books
18. Disproving the idea that the 66 books of the Bible became so when the early church decided they should be
19. The Jewish view of the Old Testament
20. Jesus' view of the Old Testament
21. Apostolic origin
22. Scriptural contents
23. Widespread acceptance

#### B. Second Semester

1. A brief study of Angels, Satan, and demons
2. Continuation throughout semester memorization of John
3. Cont. throughout semester; memorization of various scriptures
4. Life before Xerox

5. God inspired
6. Copying the Scriptures
7. Introduction to Textual Criticism
8. Ancient books and writing
9. Manuscripts of the Bible
10. The Accuracy of Old Testament manuscripts
11. The Method of the scribes
12. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls
13. The accuracy of New Testament manuscripts
14. Number and age of the manuscripts
15. Care and copying of the manuscripts
16. Translations
17. Which translation
18. Evidence from science
19. Evidence from archeology
20. Evidence from geography
21. Evidence from history
22. Evidence from prophecy
23. Evidence from personal testimony

#### V. Teaching Methods

- A. Teacher supervised textbook instruction
- B. Listening
- C. Reading
- D. Memorizing
- E. Studying
- F. Debating
- G. Worshiping

#### VI. Evaluation

##### Components

- A. Tests
- B. Written exercises
- C. Debating
- D. Sharing
- E. Teaching
- F. Teacher and pastor analysis and critique

#### VI. Grading Scale

90-100	=	A
80-89	=	B
70-79	=	C