

Bible 11
BJU / Directions for Early Christians

I. Course Description

This is a one-year course of study based on material from the New Testament, specifically Paul's prison and pastoral epistles, the book of Hebrews the general epistles, and the book of Revelation.

II. Instructional Materials

- A. Bible Truths for Christian Schools: Directions for Early Christians, Bob Jones University Press, second edition, 1995 (£.)
- B. The Teen Study Bible, The Zondervan Corporation, 1993

III. Course Goals and Objectives

A. The student should understand

1. The roles of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit in salvation
2. The importance of faith in salvation
3. Salvation's privileges and responsibilities
4. That all believers are one in Christ
5. Those attitudes that promote unity among believers
6. The importance of using God-given gifts for the good of the church
7. The characteristics of a godly life
8. The contrast between the godly lifestyle of the Christian and the godless lifestyle of the world
9. God's authority structure
10. How to function properly in every relationship, whether as a leader or as a follower
11. That we are in a spiritual battle
12. What it means to "stand firm" for the faith
13. Key truths about the person and work of Christ
14. The dangers of false religion
15. The necessity of doctrinal stability
16. The importance of regeneration (without being born again, no person can live a godly life)
17. The necessity of godly living
18. Some of the specifics of godly living
19. The nature of Biblical compassion
20. The need to value every brother in Christ
21. The importance of service in the Christian life
22. Characteristics of an effective servant from the lives of Paul, Timothy, Epaphroditus, and Christ
23. Those qualities that make for effective service
24. The importance of endurance, even in the midst of difficult circumstances
25. That the source of endurance is divine power
26. The duty of defending the faith against false doctrine and false teachers
27. The necessity for proper conduct in the church
28. The woman's place in public worship
29. The nature of the offices of pastor and deacon
30. The value of sound doctrine
31. The important doctrines of the Bible
32. The Satanic origin of false doctrine
33. The character of false teachers
34. The value of true wisdom
35. The true value of money
36. The necessity of good works
37. God-pleasing qualities
38. The importance of courage in the Christian life
39. The correlation between Christian courage and God's eternal reward

40. That believer's find strength in God, not in their own abilities
41. The corrupt nature of the secular society that persecutes Christians
42. The need for constancy in service
43. Paul's thoughts as he faced death
44. True and false sources of confidence
45. The concept of Christian maturity
46. The value of God's testing
47. The danger of fleshly temptations
48. The importance of Scripture in the maturation process
49. That true faith results in works
50. That favoritism is inconsistent with true faith
51. The destructive force of the tongue
52. The role of self
53. Those areas where selfishness is most likely to take root
54. The Biblical concept of endurance
55. The value of fervent prayer
56. That God answers prayer
57. That Christ's return is certain
58. The privilege of their salvation
59. That trials are purposeful means whereby God refines and strengthens believers
60. God's standards for maintaining relationships
61. That testimony is dependent on conduct
62. The qualities that make for good employee-employer and husband-wife relationships
63. The Biblical doctrine of suffering
64. Those qualities necessary to endure suffering
65. God's standards for maintaining relationships
66. The privileges and responsibilities of the ministry
67. The importance of growth in the Christian life
68. The correlation between truth and stability
69. The connection between assurance and growth
70. The nature of discernment, the ability to distinguish true from false
71. Certain characteristics of false teachers
72. The timing and characteristics of Christ's Second Coming
73. That men scoff at Christ's return because they love their sin
74. The surpassing excellence of Christ
75. That Christ is man and His sufferings equipped Him to sympathize with human sufferings
76. That immediate revelation has ceased with Christ
77. The dangers of unbelief
78. Christ's work as High Priest
79. The difference between the Aaronic and Melchizedekian priesthods
80. The Biblical concept of perseverance
81. That progress is the only safeguard against regression
82. That God is faithful and will not renege on His promises
83. Christ's priestly work
84. The new covenant
85. The nature and importance of faith
86. How the study of Old Testament saints can encourage believers
87. Characteristics of true faith
88. That the believer who does not grow in the faith is a prime target for false teachers
89. The Biblical perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ
90. Christ's significance to the believer and unbeliever
91. The Biblical doctrine of eternal security
92. That security cannot be divorces form doctrine and lifestyle
93. The nature of Biblical love
94. The relationship between love and truth
95. The process by which the book of Revelation was given

96. The meaning of the titles and names given to Christ in the first chapter of the Revelation
97. That the churches in Revelation possessed qualities typical of churches in every century
98. That Christ's messages to the churches follow a similar pattern: praise, condemnation, warning, and promise
99. The significance of the title Jezebel given to the false prophetess in Thyatira
100. That the believer will rule the nations with a rod of iron
101. The characteristics of a serving church
102. The characteristics of a lukewarm church
103. The major divisions of the book of Revelation
104. The nature of the book of judgment that Christ takes from God
105. The significance of the twenty-four elders before the throne of God
106. The identity of the four creatures before the throne of God
107. That the seal judgments are the first of three series of judgments presented in Revelation
108. That Christ was the initiator of the judgments, since He is the one who opened the seals
109. That the seal judgments begin a description of the tribulation period
110. The unity that exists in chapters 4-6
111. That the trumpet judgments are poured out in response to the prayers of the saints
112. That there is a temple in heaven containing the Ark of the Covenant
113. That the seventh trumpet is largely proleptic and that it introduces the seven vial judgments
114. Christ controls Satan and his fallen angels, using them as instruments of judgment
115. The relationship between Revelation 15 and 16
116. The effect of the vial judgments
117. That Armageddon is a war, not a single battle, at the end of the tribulation
118. The members of the unholy trinity: the dragon (Satan), the beast (Antichrist), and the false prophet
119. The parenthetic nature of Revelation 12-13
120. The identity of the various personalities in Revelation 12-13
121. That Satan has always tried to ruin Christ and his followers
122. That Revelation 10:1 -11:13 is parenthetic
123. The purpose of the little book
124. The purpose of measuring the temple
125. The time that the two witnesses prophesied
126. That the 144,000 sealed servants are Jewish evangelists during the tribulation
127. That a great multitude of people will be saved out of the tribulation
128. That the saved will serve Christ in heaven for eternity
129. That heaven is a place of Christ's care in which all suffering will end
130. The character of the false religious system that will exist during the tribulation
131. The close relationship that will exist between false religion and the government during the tribulation
132. That the beast and his alliance will eventually turn against the false religious system
133. The meaning of the term Babylon
134. About the marriage of the Lamb
135. The symbolism of the marriage supper of the Lamb
136. That the battle of Armageddon occurs at the Second Advent
137. That the Millennium will last literally one thousand years
138. That Satan will be imprisoned in the bottomless pit during the Millennium
139. That Satan will be released briefly after the Millennium and will deceive the unconverted to rebel against Christ
140. That those currently in hell will be there until they are judged and cast into the lake of fire
141. That the New Jerusalem is a real city where the people of God will dwell eternally
142. The splendor of the New Jerusalem
143. The service and worship that will take place in the New Jerusalem
144. The meaning of the term imminency
145. The role of the Spirit in evangelizing the lost
146. The significance of the titles given to Christ

IV. Course Outline

A. First Quarter

1. Prison Epistles

- a. Saved by Faith
- b. United in Christ
- c. Living for Christ
- d. Finding Your Place
- e. Standing Firm
- f. The Glorious Saviour
- g. The Essential Duty
- h. An Impassioned Plea
- i. Patterns for Service
- j. Qualities for Service

2. Pastoral Epistles

- a. Finish the Job
- b. Conduct in the Church
- c. Upholding Sound Doctrine
- d. Wisdom in All Things
- e. A Peculiar People
- f. A Call to Courage
- g. Constancy in Trial
- h. Confident unto Death

B. Second Quarter

1. Hebrews and General Epistles

- a. Maturing in the Faith
- b. A Working Faith
- c. Living for Self
- d. Enduring to the End
- e. Godly Living
- f. Maintaining Relationships: Part I
- g. Enduring Persecution
- h. Maintaining Relationships: Part II
- i. Living for Eternity
- j. Recognizing False Teachers
- k. Expecting Christ's Return
- l. The Incomparable Christ: Part I
- m. The Incomparable Christ: Part II
- n. The Great High Priest
- o. The Persevering Christian
- p. The New Covenant
- q. The Life of Faith: Part I
- r. The Life of Faith: Part II
- s. Contending for the Faith
- t. The Incarnate Christ
- u. A "Know-So" Salvation
- v. A New Commandment
- w. Supporting God's Work

C. Third Quarter

1. New Testament Prophecy

- a. Christ in the Revelation
- b. Christ Examines the Church: Part I
- c. Christ Examines the Church: Part II
- d. Christ Examines the Church: Part III
- e. The Author and Executor of Justice
- f. Christ's Justice: The Seal Judgments
- g. Christ's Justice: The Trumpet Judgments

- h. Christ's Justice: The Vial Judgment
- i. Christ's Archenemies
- j. Christ's Revelation
- k. The Righteous in the Tribulation
- l. Christ's Judgment of False Religion
- m. Christ's Victories at the End of Time
- n. Christ's Dominion
- o. Christ's Eternal Dwelling Place
- p. Christ's Return

V. Teaching Methods

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

VI. Method of 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