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ROCK SOLID FAITH - 1 HOW TO BUILD IT

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ROCK SOLID FAITH – HOW TO BUILD IT INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

I. General:

- A. Instructor: Dr. Bert Thompson.
- B. Number of two hour DVDs: four.
- C. Number of 38 minute classes: thirteen.
- **II. Course Description:** This course is a survey of the logical reasons for believing in God's existence and in the inspiration of the Bible.

III. Purpose of the Course:

- A. To examine the many evidences upon which historical Christianity rests.
- B. To provide a rich, in-depth study of God's word.
- C. To provide convincing proof, both from internal and external sources, of the Bible's claim as the word of God.
- D. To provide convincing proof of the deity of Christ.

IV. Course objectives:

- A. To help undergird, increase and strengthen the faith of the Christian.
- B. To help prepare the Christian to be ready always to give an answer to every person who asks for a reason for his or her hope (1 Pet 3:15).
- C. To help convert the non-Christian through presentation of the convincing evidence for the existence of God, the Bible as His word, Jesus as His only begotten Son and the salvation that is in Him.

V. Course Schedule:

Class # 1 The Many Faces Of Unbelief (Part 1)

- 2 The Many Faces Of Unbelief (Part 2)
- 3 Causes Of Unbelief (Part 1)
- 4 Causes Of Unbelief (Part 2)
- 5 The Case For the Existence Of God (Part 1)
- 6 The Case For the Existence Of God (Part 2)
- 7 The Case For the Existence Of God (Part 3)

- 8 The Defense Of The Bible's Inspiration (Part 1)
- 9 The Defense Of The Bible's Inspiration (Part 2)
- 10 Jesus Christ Lord And Savior
- 11 God's Plan For Man's Salvation
- 12 The Essentiality And Singularity Of Christ's Church
- 13 The Mercy And Grace Of God

VI. Instructional Materials:

A. Required:

- 1. Bible (ASV, KJV or NKJV).
- 2. Personal notes that the student takes from the classes.
- 3. 13 video lessons.

B. Optional:

- 1. ____The Fall of Unbelief, Dr. Roger Dickson, Choate Publications, Rt. 2, Box 156, Winona MS 38967.
- 2. Classical Apologetics, Drs. Spruill, Gersner, and Lindsley, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids MI 49506.
- 3.____A General Introduction to The Bible, Geisler and Nix, Moody Press, Chicago.
- 4. Have Atheists Proved There Is No God? by Dr. Thomas B. Warren, Moore, OK, National Christian Press, 1972 (available through National Christian Press, P.O. Box 6709, Moore, OK 73153 phone 405+794-8298).
- 5. *Sin, Suffering And God* by Thomas B. Warren, Moore, OK, National Christian Press, 1980.
- 6. The Warren-Flew Debate On The Existence Of God by Thomas B. Warren and Anthony G. N. Flew, Moore, OK, National Christian Press, 1977.
- 7. Alleged Discrepancies Of The Bible by John W. Haley, Grand Rapids, MI, Baker Book House, 1977.

VII. Course Procedures:

- A. The course will be formal lectures on video.
- B. Keep a notebook this notebook must be neat and well organized. The notes must be full and understandable so that they will be a valuable tool for years to come.

C. Tests.

- 1. There is one written test.
- 2. When you receive a test, you have permission to look at it and study it prior to taking it.
- 3. However, when you actually take the test you must do so completely from memory.

D. Term Paper.

- 1. Write an overview of each of the thirteen chapters in the text book. Devote at least half a page to each chapter. Above each paragraph(s) indicate which chapter you are discussing so that it is obvious when you move from one chapter to the next.
- 2. The paper should be a minimum of seven pages, typed and double spaced. If handwritten, the paper should be a minimum of ten pages, single spaced.
- 3. The paper is due when you mail VBI your test.

E. Grading.

- 1. The term paper and test will be graded separately.
- 2. The final grade is based on an average of all assigned work with the written test counting twice.
- 3. You may request that a grade be explained or reconsidered, but in any case VBI will have the final say.

F. Summary of Requirements.

- 1. View each video lesson in its entirety.
- 2. Submit a term paper.

- 3. Take one written test.
- 4. Have a combined grade average of at least 70.

G. Credit.

- 1. Credit will be issued, including a certificate, only after all work has been successfully completed, tapes have been returned (if rented) and all invoices for this particular course have been paid in full.
- 2. May God bless your study!