

ACTS

Syllabus

I. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- A. This course consists of 36 video lessons.
- B. Each class is approximately 38 minutes long.
- C. Instructor: F. C. DiPalma, Jr.

II. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE.

- A. This is an in-depth study of the book of Acts.
- B. To understand the place and importance of the book of Acts in the New Testament.
- C. To gain an understanding of the organization of the book.
- D. To become familiar with the cases of conversion in the book of Acts.
- E. To appreciate the growth of the early church and understand why it grew.
- F. To understand the special purpose of the two cases of Holy Spirit baptism in Acts and to be able to distinguish between it and baptism in water for the forgiveness of sins.
- G. To appreciate the need to make practical application of this book by imitating the love, benevolence, courage, spirituality and evangelistic zeal of the early Christians.

III. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

- A. Required.
 - 1. Bible.
 - 2. 36 video lessons.
 - 3. Course Notes.

- B. Optional (but very highly recommended) is J. W. McGarvey's *Original Commentary On Acts*, which was first published in 1862. It has since been offered by Gospel Advocate Publishing Co. and Guardian of Truth Foundation.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Read the entire book of Acts at least once.
- B. View all 36 video lessons in their entirety.
- C. Read the Course Notes in their entirety.
- D. Submit a term paper (explained below).
- E. Take three exams.
- F. Have a grade average of 70 or more for each exam and a combined grade average of 70 or more for the course.

V. EXAMS.

- A. There are three exams (the first after Acts 8:4, the second after chapter 17 and the third at the end of the epistle).
- B. The study guides may be downloaded at any time. You may use the study guides while you are viewing the videos.
- C. When you take the exams you must do so completely from memory with no help from your Bible, study guide, Course Notes, etc.
- D. You do not need a proctor when taking the exam, God is your witness.

VI. TERM PAPER.

- A. Write a paper **in your own words** explaining God's plan of salvation for man today especially concerning faith, repentance, confession and baptism as taught in the book of Acts. In your paper you must refer to and explain the following passages: Acts 2:37-38; 8:37-38; 22:16.
- B. The paper should be two to three pages long (12 point font, **double spaced**). **Do not exceed four pages**. The paper should be approximately 600 to 900 words.
- C. The paper should be submitted after you take your final exam.

VII. GRADING.

- A. Term paper and exams will be graded separately.
- B. Final grade is based on an average of all assigned work.
- C. You may request that a grade be explained or reconsidered, but in any case the *WVBS Online Bible School* will have the final say.

VIII. CREDIT.

- A. Credit will be issued, including a certificate, only after all work has been successfully completed.
- B. May God richly bless your study of His inspired word!