

Basic Missional Theology

Preparing to Do Theology Cross-Culturally

Course Resources:

- *Basic Missional Theology* student workbook: \$50
- Online exams for *Basic Missional Theology*: \$75

Order from: <http://www.abwe.org/resources/events/basic-missional-theology>

Distance Learning Course Design

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Course Rationale

ABWE missionaries are required to have a thorough knowledge of the doctrinal content of the Bible, God's Word. This knowledge is intended to be applied to the devotional lives of the missionaries, and to their evangelistic, apologetic, and discipling ministries. ABWE missionaries are expected to be able to give Biblical answers to those who inquire about their faith, and to be able to disciple those who believe, within the cultural context of their ministries. This course is designed to enable them both to know the major Bible doctrines, and to understand many of the theological issues involved in applying the teachings of the Bible in a culture other than their own.

1. Course Units

- Prolegomena***—What is Theology, and Why a Basic Missional Theology?
- Bibliology***—What Does the Bible Teach about God's Revealed Word?
- Theology Proper***—What does the Bible Teach about God and His Works?
- Christology***—What Does the Bible Teach About the Lord, Jesus Christ?
- Pneumatology***—What Does the Bible Teach About the Holy Spirit?
- Angelology/Satanology/Demonology***—What are Angels, Demons, and Satan, and what Do They Do ?
- Anthropology***—What Does the Bible Teach About Humankind?
- Hamartiology***—What Does the Bible Teach About Sin?
- Soteriology***—What Does the Bible Teach About Salvation?
- Ecclesiology***—What Does the Bible Teach About the Church?
- Eschatology***—What Does the Bible Teach About Last Things?

2. Course Goals and Objectives

A. Unit Goals and Objectives

One goal and several objectives are stated at the beginning of each unit in the course workbook.

B. The Overall Course Goal and Objectives

By the end of the course, the student will demonstrate an understanding of basic Bible doctrines, with their extensions into missionary praxis in other cultures, by...

- 3.** Stating doctrinal points from the key texts that support them.
- 4.** Distinguishing between accurate and inaccurate statements of doctrine.
- 5.** Responding to the teachings of the predominant religion of a region.

6. Instructional-Learning Model and Procedures

The instructional-learning model for this course was designed to make it possible for students to achieve effectively each of the course and unit goals and objectives. In order to achieve these goals and objectives, the student will...

- A.** Read and study each unit in the content of the course workbook.
- B.** Read the appropriate Biblical texts given by name, chapter, and verse in each unit of this course.
- C.** Take a series of 11 online exams that cover the content in the *Basic Missional Theology* course workbook.

7. Evaluation Procedures

In order to evaluate the student's knowledge of the content in the *Basic Missional Theology* course, the student will:

- A.** Take an examination on each of eleven units contained in the *Basic Missional Theology* workbook.
 - 1.** BMT Exam 1—Prolegomena
 - 2.** BMT Exam 2—Bibliology
 - 3.** BMT Exam 3—Theology Proper
 - 4.** BMT Exam 4—Christology

5. BMT Exam 5—Pneumatology
6. BMT Exam 6—Angelology, Satanology, and Demonology
7. BMT Exam 7—Anthropology
8. BMT Exam 8—Hamartiology
9. BMT Exam 9—Soteriology
10. BMT Exam 10—Ecclesiology
11. BMT Exam 11—Eschatology

Notes:

1. An invitation to ABWE's *Basic Missional Theology* online examinations will be sent to you a day or two after you register for the course. Please keep the invitation (which includes the link, and your username and password) for future reference.

2. A final score of 75% is required to fulfill ABWE's basic theology (Bible doctrines) knowledge requirement. The course will be completed after the student takes the examination on unit 11.

3. For students who are taking this course for academic credit through Baptist Bible Graduate School or Seminary, the grading scale of those institutions will be applied to this course.

Who to Contact with your Questions

For questions regarding Summit University and Bible Baptist Seminary academic procedures contact Dr. Ken Pyne (kpyne@clarkssummitu.edu)

For questions regarding Baptist Bible Graduate School or Seminary enrollment contact Josiah Brondyke (jbrondyke@clarkssummitu.edu).

For questions regarding general CEIM-related academic procedures contact the CEIM Director for Academic Studies graduatecredit@abwe.org.

For questions related to course assignments, etc. for this course, contact **Jim Ruff** (jim@abwe.org or 717-712-7015).