

Phoenix Christian Sr High School BIB300 The Truth of Christianity, World Religions, and Biblical Ethics Course Scope & Sequence

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Junior Bible consists of three distinct areas of study:

The Truth of Christianity is a one-semester study that examines biblical evidence that the God of the Bible exists, the reliability of Christianity, and the problem of evil. Students will begin to understand the connection between the Christian faith and reason so that learning will result in spiritual life and growth.

World Religions provides an opportunity for the basic teachings of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam to be examined and evaluated. These basic teachings will also be contrasted with the basic teachings of Christianity, for the purpose of demonstrating the truth of Christianity. There will also be an opportunity to see how these religions have influenced our society in which we live.

Biblical Ethics deals with metaethics (ultimate principles of morality) and normative ethics (practical outworking of the ultimate principles of morality). The focus in metaethics will be developing a biblical view of how absolute right and wrong, good and evil exist. The normative ethics section of this study will apply the ultimate principles of biblical morality to the everyday issues of war, abortion, gambling, dancing, pornography, tattoos, drinking, gun control and death penalty.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The NIV Study Bible, Zondervan Publishing House

Faith and Learning Workbook, Phoenix Christian Jr/Sr High School

Exploring Apologetics: Selected Readings, Christian Schools International

COURSE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

First Quarter – The Truth of Christianity, Part One

Introductory Material 1 Week

Key Concepts: The Nature of Christian Apologetics (Acts 17:16-34), Truth (John 14:6), Psychological Persuasion, Logical Justification.

Assessments: Memory Verse Quizzes (1 Peter 3:15-16), 2 Quizzes

Evidence for Belief in the Existence of God - Part I 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: God Concepts, Atheism, Nature of Evidence, World Views, Evidential Apologetic Method (Romans 1:20), World View Apologetic Method (Proverbs 26:4,5).

Assessments: Memory Verse Quiz (Romans 1:18-20), One Quiz, One Multiple Choice Exam.

Evidence for the Existence of God – Part II 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: Evidential Proofs of the Existence of God – Ontological Argument (Psalm 14:1), Cosmological Argument (Genesis 1), Teleological Argument (Psalm 104). Evaluation of Evidential Proofs. World View Proof of the Existence of God – Transcendental Argument (Matthew 7:24-29). Evaluation of World View Proof.
Assessments: Workbook - Unit III, Activity 1, Memory Verse Quizzes (Hebrews 1:1-3; II Peter 1:19-21), Two Quizzes, One Multiple Choice Exam.

The Reliability of the Bible – Part I 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: General Revelation (Psalm 19:1-5, Romans 1:18-20, 2:15) Special Revelation (2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21). Attributes of the Bible – Necessity, Authority, Clarity, and Sufficiency. Inspiration – verbal, plenary, dictation, concept, degrees. Illumination. Requirements of and Objections to Biblical Reliability.
Assessments: Workbook – Unit 4 Activity 1 & 2. Memory Verse Quizzes (Titus 1:8-9; Isaiah 40:7-8), Two Quizzes, One Multiple Choice Exam.

Second Quarter – The Truth of Christianity, Part Two

The Reliability of the Bible – Part II 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: Defense of Biblical Reliability- Internal evidences, external evidences, and defense of biblical world view. Biblical Miracles – Godly and Ungodly, Objections to Biblical Miracles. Defense of Biblical Miracles.
Assessments: Workbook – Unit III, Activity 2. Unit IV, Activity 3. Memory Verse Quiz (2 Timothy 4:3-4, 1 Peter 4:12-14), Two Quizzes, One Multiple Choice Exam.

The Relationship between Faith, Learning and Suffering 4 Weeks

Key Concepts: The Logical Problem of Evil / Suffering (Job 1&2). Solutions to the Logical Problem of Evil / Suffering. Evaluation of Solutions. The Personal Problem of Evil / Suffering (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). Solutions to the Personal Problem of Evil / Suffering. Evaluation of Solutions.
Assessments: Workbook – Unit I, Activity 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5. Memory Verse Quizzes (Hebrews 5:7-10, Job 1:20-22), Two Quizzes, One Multiple Choice Exam.

Review/Final Exam Preparation 1 Week

Key Concepts: Review all Key Concepts of the Semester.
Assessments: Practice Final Exam.

Third Quarter – Comparative World Religions

Christian Teaching 2 Weeks

Key Concepts: God – Self-Existent Being, Creator, and Triune. Man - Dependent Being, Creature, and Image of God. Revelation – General, and Special. Sin – Original, Personal, and Consequences. Salvation – Works, Grace, and Penal Substitutionary Atonement. Death and the Afterlife.
Assessment: Memory Verse Quiz (John 5:37-40), Short Position Paper, and Multiple Choice Test.

Hindu Teaching 2.5 Weeks

Key Concepts: Polytheism, Pantheism, Cyclic Time, Authoritative Religious Writings (Vedas, Upanishads, and Puranas) Fire Sacrifice, Atman, Brahman, Rebirth, Karma, Moksha (Works, Knowledge and Devotion), Caste System. Hindu Influence Today. Biblical Evaluation -Truth, Consistency, Written Authority, Salvation and the Afterlife.

Assessments: Memory Verse Quizzes (Acts 17:2-4), Vocabulary Exercise, Short Position Paper, and Multiple Choice Test.

Buddhist Teaching 2.5 Weeks

Key Concepts: Siddharta Gautama, Four Noble Truths, Eight fold Path Enlightenment, Nirvana, Buddha, Arhant, Bodhisattva, Hinayana, Mahayana, Maya, and Authoritative Religious Writings (Dharma and Sutras). Buddhist Influence Today. Biblical Evaluation -Truth, Consistency, Written Authority, and Salvation and the Afterlife.

Assessment: Memory Verse Quizzes (Hebrews 1:1-3), Vocabulary Exercise, Short Position Paper and Multiple Choice Test.

Muslim Teaching 2 Weeks

Key Concepts: Mohammed, Khadija, Allah, Hegira, Jihad, Koran, Jesus Christ, Five Pillars of Islam, Caliphs, Sunni, Shiite, Nation of Islam, and Fatalism. Muslim Influence Today. Biblical Evaluation – (Truth, Consistency, Written Authority, and Salvation and the Afterlife).

Assessments: Memory Verse Quizzes (Matthew 5:43-45), Vocabulary Exercise, Short Position Paper, and Multiple Choice Test.

Fourth Quarter – Biblical Ethics

Ultimate Principles of Morality 1.5 Weeks

Key Concepts: Creator – Creature Distinction, Attributes of God, Man- Image of God, Moral Duty (Universal, and Particular), Moral Freedom, God’s Moral Law (Ten Commandments, Sermon on the Mount).

Assessment: Memory Verse Quiz (James 2:14-15), Short Position Paper, and Multiple Choice Test.

War 1 Week

Key Concepts: Offensive and Defense War, Israel and the Conquest of Canaan, Sixth Commandment, Passivism. Biblical Evaluation of War – James 4:1-5, Matthew 5:38-42, Luke 22:36 and Romans 13:1-5.

Assessment: Memory Verse Quiz (James 2:14-17), and Short Position Paper.

Abortion 1 Week

Key Concepts: Legal Standing of Abortion – *Roe v. Wade*, Abortion Business, Anti-Christian Justification of Abortion. Biblical Evaluation of Abortion - The Value of the Image of God, The Sixth Commandment, Murder, The Beginning of

Human Life (Psalm 51:5) and Exodus 21:22-25.

Assessment: Memory Verse Quiz (Matthew 12:28-29), and Short Position Paper.

Pornography 1 Week

Key Concepts: Pornography and Obscenity. The Legal Status of Pornography – *Miller v California*. Multi-Billion Dollar Business. Pornography and Rape.

Pornography and the Exploitation of Women. Biblical Evaluation of Pornography – Seventh Commandment, Sexual Lust (Matt. 5:27-30), Guarding the Heart (Ps 101:3).

Assessment: Memory Work Quiz (Matthew 12:28-31), Short Position Paper, and Multiple Choice Unit Test.

Tattoos and Drinking 1 Week

Key Concepts: Tattoos - Popularity of “Skin Art,” Health Risks, and Removal.

Biblical Evaluation of “Skin Art” – Worldliness, Lev. 19:28, Freedom (Rom. 14&15). Drinking – Drunkenness, Alcoholism, Social Drinking and Abstinence. Biblical Evaluation of Alcohol Use.

Assessment: Memory Work Quiz (2 Timothy 4:3), and Short Position Paper.

Gambling and Dancing 1 Week

Key Concepts: Gambling - Popularity of “Gaming,” Gambling Business, Forms of Gambling, Gambling Addiction. Evaluation of Gambling - Bible Approved Means of Acquiring Money, Gambling as “Gaming,” and Duet. 29:29.

Dancing – Popularity of Dancing, and Forms of Dancing (art form, competition, exercise, entertainment/recreation) Biblical Evaluation - Dancing and Pornography, Dancing and Temptation, Dancing and Biblical Worship.

Assessment: Memory Work Quiz (2 Timothy 4:3,4), and Short Position Paper.

Gun Control 1 Week

Key Concepts: Right to Bear Arms. Firearms and Violence in Society. Present Day Firearm Controls. Firearms and Self Defense. Firearm “Accidents.” Biblical Evaluation – The Sixth Commandment and Firearms, and Matt. 15:1-20.

Assessment: Memory Work Quiz (Luke 24: 44,45), and Short Position Paper.

Death Penalty 1 Week

Key Concepts: Cruel and Unusual Punishment. Death Penalty and Deterrence. Death Penalty and Retribution. The Value of Human Life.

Murder and Killing. Common Objections. Biblical Evaluation – Old Testament “Lex Talionis,” Sixth Commandment, and New Covenant Penology.

Assessment: Memory Work Quiz (Luke 24:44-47), Short Position Paper, and Multiple Choice Unit Test.

Review .5 Week

Key Concepts: Review all key concepts.

Assessment: Final Exam – Multiple Choice.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an important part of the Bible Curriculum at Phoenix Christian High School. Each student is required to spend 10 hours per semester serving his or her community as a volunteer. This service is to be reported in writing to each student's Bible teacher. The Community Service report will be due near the end of the semester.

Community Service forms turned in late will result in a penalty on the student's semester grade.