



Institute of Biblical Studies

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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Grace and Peace Institute of Biblical Studies! Your decision to study God's Word is indicative of your desire to better serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We would be blessed to have you study the Scriptures with us.

Enclosed is our school profile, financial fact sheet, statement of our tenets of faith, and student admission form.

Please study the attached information carefully. These papers will explain the philosophy of the school, the financial costs involved, our doctrinal position, and how to register. If you should have any questions, please contact us. If you intend to enroll, be sure your payment is included with your application.

Thank you again for your interest in our Institute, and whatever your decision, we pray that our Lord Jesus will be honored in all that you do!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ralph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Ralph E. Freda
Director

Profile of the Grace and Peace Institute of Biblical Studies

The Grace and Peace Institute is the child of the vision of the Church of Grace and Peace and its Senior Pastor, Rev. Walter W. Healy. We are here to teach the Word of God, uncompromised and unadulterated, seeing the saints equipped for the work of ministry.

We are primarily a Bible school, rather than a doctrinal school. We are here to teach a survey of the Bible from the Genesis to Revelation. There are also major Christian doctrines that are included in our curriculum. It is a six semester looped curriculum of studies (where a student may enter at any semester in the six semester cycle without having a previous semester as a prerequisite). We have a class in Old Testament Studies, a class in New Testament Studies and a class in Theological Studies, which are taught one night per week. The six semesters encompass a three year time span, with Fall semesters (September through January), and Spring semesters (January through May).

We use a 288 scriptural systematic lesson format prepared by biblical scholar Dr. Harold Willmington. Whenever it is possible (depending upon the length of the biblical book), we have a chapter by chapter study. There are also college credits available to the graduate from Liberty University of Virginia. (We do not offer ministerial license or ordination.)

Why should one attend such a school as ours?

1. Today in the perilous times in which we live, we find that reading our Bible is not enough. We find that we must study it! The Bible protects us from the world, the flesh and the devil. It provides us, by the Spirit of God, with grace, godliness, and guidance.
2. Many saints have longed for the structure of a book by book study of God's Word, and the discipline of a systematic instruction of the Bible that can bring them an understanding of the scriptures that they desire.
3. The Bible alone provides the answers to man's trillion dollar questions – where did I come from? - why am I here? - where am I going? – how can a man know God? – how can I please God? – how can I know His will for me? We endeavor to not only point a saint to the scriptural answers to these questions, but to bring the knowledge and the understanding of His Word, with the Spirit-led interpretation and practical application for one's own life.
4. Did you ever consider that the very One who formed you has written this Bible to you? This is an opportunity to get to know its author to a greater degree.

5. When possible, we present to the students a variety of qualified local ministers from various Churches, who can contribute to the class from the uniqueness of their own spiritual gifts, and professional experience.
6. We are a full-gospel Bible school, ministering to the whole man – spirit, soul and body (see our Tenets of Faith).
7. We believe we are here to serve the Body of Christ, and to teach the Word of God to all who have an ear to hear and a heart to serve our risen Savior.

The three most common lies of the enemy to keep you out of Bible school:

1. **“I’m not called to the ministry, why should I go to Bible school?”** – All are invited by the Holy Spirit to study the Scriptures. It does not take a special ‘calling’ to study the Bible. All Christians are called ‘ministers of the reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).
2. **“It’s been so long since I’ve been in school.” or “I was never very good in school.”** – God will not one day examine our heads, but our hearts, and what we did or did not do for the kingdom. If we had to be intelligent to know the Bible, then only the intellectuals could know God; and we know this is not the truth of the Scriptures. We should endeavor to pursue a simple and pure devotion of the faith. We’re not out to make ‘head’ Christian, but rather ‘heart’ Christians.
3. **“It looks too expensive.”** – It’s a matter of priorities and stewardship.. It’s amazing that Christians find the money for pay TV, movie rentals and things that will just pass away; but the money for eternal matters that would affect their soul can’t be found. After all, if we desire something strong enough, somehow we find the money for it.

NOTICE

The Grace and Peace Institute of Biblical Studies admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

G.A.P. Institute of Biblical Studies Fact Sheet

The Grace and Peace Institute of Biblical Studies is a Biblical educational outreach of the Church of Grace and Peace. **(1563 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, NJ 08755)**

- Pastor Walter W. Healy, School Founding President
- Pastor Ralph E. Freda, School Founding Director

Student Entrance Qualifications

1. A desire to learn the Word of God.
2. Adequate ability to speak, read and write English.
3. Abide by the school's policies.

Curriculum

1. Six semesters (Fall and Spring per year), covered in three years. Each semester is 16 weeks in duration.
2. (96) Lessons in Old Testament Survey Studies
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3. Text used: The Bible; and Willmington's Guide to the Bible, and supporting materials.

Graduation

12 College Credits are available from the Liberty University-External Degree Program, Lynchburg, VA (via correspondence).

Requirements for Graduation

1. Complete required curriculum
2. (C) 2.0 overall grade average
3. Complete assigned reading material
4. Read Bible through at least once in the three year curriculum

Class meets Thursday evenings, from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm, at The Church of Grace and Peace (see address listed above). Class visits for prospective students are allowed (no more that 2 times).

Class Schedule (each class is 40 minutes; three per evening):

- 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm – Class I
- 7:45 pm to 8:25 pm – Class II
- 8:35 pm to 9:15 pm – Class III

TUITION AND FEES

Registration (per semester).....	\$ 10.00
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Books (a one-time purchase).....	\$ 75.00

Family Attendance (within a semester):

The Grace and Peace Institute of Biblical Studies encourages family attendance.

- Students must be at least 16 years old (with parental permission)
- The first member of the family in attendance is charged full tuition, the second family member is charged half tuition (\$50), and the third and sequential family members are charged quarter tuition (\$25/each).
- All in attendance under 18 years old are charged half tuition (\$50).
- When more than one member of a family attends, only one set of books is required.

Miscellaneous:

1. Ministers – Ministers (licensed or ordained) may attend tuition-free.
2. Tuition is waived to those who tithe (10%) to the Church of Grace and Peace whether they be members of it or not. Those who do not tithe (10%) to the Church will pay the full tuition whether they be members or not. It is the philosophy of the Board of Elders of the Church, that it has an obligation before God to provide Biblical education to those who tithe (10%) to the Church; thus a blessing to the tither. Registration and book fees are never waived.

Payment:

1. Tuition – The manner in which tuition is paid is the choice of the student. Tuition may be paid in full before the semester, or before the semester closes; or it may be paid in 2 – 3 installments during the semester.
2. Registration is due no later than the first night of class. Registration will hold your seat/ placement. It is therefore recommended that registration accompany the application. Returning students should register at least two weeks in advance.
3. Books must be paid in full before the first night of class.

HOW TO MAKE APPLICATION

Complete the Admission Form (attached) and return it with your check for \$10.00. If books are needed, please include the book fee as well.

**Make all checks or money orders payable to:
“Grace and Peace Institute” or “GAP IBS”**

GRACE AND PEACE INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Tenets of Faith and Doctrine

The Church accepts the Scriptures as the revealed Will of God, the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts this statement of Fundamental Truths and Doctrine.

Section 1. The scriptures inspired. The Bible is the inspired word of God, a revelation from God to man. The infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Heb. 4:12).

Section 2. The one true Godhead. The triune Godhead is comprised of three (3) separate and distinct personalities, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, who are eternally self-existent, self-revealed and function as one entity. Jesus Christ is the second member of the Godhead, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He became incarnate, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God, and true man.

Section 3. Man, his fall and redemption. Man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. But, man by voluntary transgression, fell and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ and the Son of God. (Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21)

Section 4. The Salvation of Man.

(a) Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. One the cross Jesus Christ became sin and sickness providing both salvation and divine healing for all mankind (Psalms 103:3). Man is justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, "For by grace we are saved through faith." "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart – that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the hear man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:8-10)

(b) The evidence of Salvation. The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us" (1 John 3:23). "By their fruit ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:16).

(c) Faith and Works. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and not by human works; however, our works will determine the rewards in eternity. We believe in sanctification by the shed blood of Christ, in personal holiness of heart and life, and in separation from the world. (Acts 16:3; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 14:10-12; and 2 Cor. 5:10).

Section 5. Baptism in Water. The ordinance of baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Savior and Lord. In so doing, they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life (Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4)

Section 6. The Lord's Supper is to be observed by believers. And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:24, 25, 28).

Section 7. The Promise of the Father. All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 1 Cor. 12: 1-31). This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9).

Section 8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The full consummation of the Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the fruit of the spirit and the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power in public testimony and service. A manifestation of glossolalia as a prayer language may also be evident (Acts 1:8; 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:2, 6).

We believe that each believer is endowed at the moment of conversion with one or more task oriented gifts from the Holy Spirit and has the responsibility to learn what those gifts are, to develop and cultivate the gifts and to find a place of ministry where the believer exercises those gifts in exalting Christ and furthering the efforts of the church in fulfilling the Great commission, reaching and teaching others. We believe that the spiritual gifts are the tools of the Holy Spirit which allow the believer to serve God in a practical, functional and task oriented manner. The purposes of the spiritual gifts are evangelism, edifying the church and the perfecting of the saints (1 Cor. 12; Ephesians 4:1-13).

Section 9. The Church. The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in Heaven (Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23).

Section 10. Total Prosperity.

(a) Spiritual. John 3:3; 11; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10.

(b) Mental. 2 Tim. 1:7; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3.

(c) Physical. Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24.

(d) Financial. 3 John 1-2; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-10; Deut. 28:1-14.

(e) Social. Proverbs 3:4.

Section 11. Blessed Hope. Jesus is coming again to gather all His Saints to Heaven (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Thess. 2:1)

Section 12. The Lake of Fire. Those who have not accepted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ will suffer eternal separation from the Godhead. The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment and the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. This is the second death, the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15).

Section 13. The Millennial Reign of Jesus. The return of our Lord Jesus Christ with His Saints from Heaven to rule and reign for one thousand years on earth as the Scriptures promised. (Romans 11:25, 27; 2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-7) After this, there shall be a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21).