



A Christian Bible-centred school offering a range of courses to those who wish to learn more about the Bible and become effective in Christian ministry.



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Student Handbook

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Matthew 5:14

*'for the equipping of the Saints for the work of ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ'*
Ephesians 4:12

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Welcome!



We are pleased to welcome you as a student to the Grace City Bible School. This Handbook has been prepared to provide an easy reference guide to help you as you study at this Bible School. It will also provide answers to some questions you may have about your Bible school.

In addition, every student will be given a *Course Handbook* which will give further information on a particular subject taken. The information given in this publication is accurate at the time of publication, but amendments may be made from time to time, both in relation to individual courses and the facilities or services available from or provided by the Bible school. Students will be notified of any amendments.

We aim to give our students an excellent opportunity to study the Word of God and to be equipped in every way for service in His Kingdom by offering a high standard of teaching and academic support, a deep and life transforming spiritual experience in a friendly and professional environment.

We hope you will find your time at the Grace City Bible School enjoyable and spiritually rewarding. We pray God's rich blessing on you as you study here and wish you every success with your studies.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Academic Board
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1. ABOUT THE SCHOOL

God intends that His children (Christians) become lifelong learners who are being continually transformed by the truths they study and obey. This is a school where students can receive training to become effective ministers and leaders in their own churches. The Grace City Bible School (in this handbook termed the 'School') also caters for those who are not in leadership, but who wish to be grounded in the Word of God for Christian service.

The school is currently operating through online instruction via the Zoom platform. As a result, our programmes are accessible to all students who have access to this technology within the UK and internationally, subject to time zone considerations.

Our teaching modules and training are designed primarily for church members. We currently do not offer degrees or post-graduate qualifications and neither are we associated/affiliated with a University. However, our lecturers and academic tutors are men and women of integrity, sound in Bible knowledge and have experience in ministry "able to" equip Christians at whatever level to have a good and extensive understanding of God's Word and will offer practical hands on training to equip Christians for service in any aspect of ministry.



1.1 Aim of the School

- 1) To equip Christians to know **the Truth** (to study and understand God's Word); **the Way** (to walk in the Lord's will); **the Life** (to experience the power of His Life daily)
- 2) To give biblical training for Christians who want to serve in ministry.
- 3) To help students discover what it is that God has called them to do.

1.2 Scriptural Basis

'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.'

Matthew 5:14

'And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.' Ephesians 4:11-15

'As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God,' 1 Peter 4:10

'Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear...'
Hebrews 12: 28

1.3 Meaning of the Name 'Grace City' Bible School

a) Firstly, it is a Bible School. Students will be given lectures, tutorials and seminars based on what the Bible teaches. Each class will be preceded by worship and prayer to God in the name of our Lord Jesus.

b) Secondly, it is about the Grace of God.

- i) 'Grace' is a description of an aspect of the character of God we want to extol, embrace and operate in. God is a God of Grace and He has made this known to men through His Son, Jesus Christ.

'And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.'
John 1:14, 17

'For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.'
Titus 2:11

- ii) The work of Redemption/Salvation is about Grace.
'In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.' Ephesians 1:7

'But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are,' Acts 15:11

Grace is entirely the work of God, unprompted by man, undeserved by man, and without regard to anything that the object of grace will later accomplish.

- iii) God's Grace is expressed in a wide variety of ways: -
(1) God's grace is His magnanimity of love which all men receive, regardless of their spiritual condition.
(2) His grace is that work of Sanctifying within the believer to bring growth, maturity, and progress in the process of becoming Christ-like. We are told to...

'grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.' 2 Peter 3:18

It is only by God's Grace that Christians are enabled to manifest the life of our Lord through the saints as members of His body.

'But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.' Ephesians 4:7

'As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'
1 Peter 4:10

(3) His grace sustains us.

*'And He has said to me,
"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most
gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of
Christ may dwell in me.'* 2 Corinthians 12:9

*'Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may
receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need'* Hebrews 4:16

b) The Heavenly City



We believe it is important Christians understand that we are not of this world but citizens of a Heavenly City, who live and serve here on earth in the presence of the Lord. We therefore teach our students to dwell daily by grace in God's presence and to be Kingdom minded as they live, worship and work wherever they are.

'Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,' Philippians 3:17-20

'But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel...

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.' Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

'Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.' Ephesians 2:19



d) The Eternal City

Finally, we are reminded that there is an Eternal City we look to and have hope in as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

'For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God....

But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.'

Hebrews 11:10, 16.

'And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.'

Revelation 21:2-3

The word 'city' in the name Grace City Bible School does not limit our location to a city. We intend to operate in any location the Lord leads us to.