

Spring 2026 Course Descriptions

New Testament Survey II

This course is a study of the Bible verse-by-verse from Romans through Revelation by listening to the expository messages of Pastor Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, CA, senior pastor of the Calvary Chapel Movement, answering the study questions in the course guide, and writing down personal notes from the teachings. This course is designed to give you a broad and deep understanding of God's Word, which will strengthen your relationship with God and help you understand His will for your life.

Community Outreach & Evangelism

Students will participate in various outreach and evangelistic programs in the local community and will be encouraged to closely observe the different programs and write about what they learn.

Book of Acts

This course will be an overview of Luke's Acts of Apostles, with special emphasis on the identity, mission and message of the early church and their relevance for the church today. We will highlight the work of both Peter and Paul and examine principles underlying their ministries. We will also seek to understand the pluralistic religious and ethnic contexts in which the early church was born, grew, and multiplied.

Intro to Apologetics

This course will be an introduction to the various aspects of apologetics or providing a reasoned defense of the Christian faith. The approach we will consider in this course is known as classical apologetics. This approach examines our faith beginning with general revelation available in God's created world and moves toward the special revelation we receive through God's word, the Bible.

The essence of apologetics is described by the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 3:15, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense [apología] to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

Biblical Missions

This course covers three basic areas: The biblical basis of missions as revealed in the Old and New Testaments, the historical development of missions during the past 1900 years of church history and the current status of Christianity around the world, with an analysis of trends and issues.

Biblical Counseling

This course surveys the history, philosophical positions, and methodological approach associated with the Biblical Counseling movement. This class will provide a foundational understanding of the philosophical and theological roots of the modern psychological paradigm contrasting with the advent and progression of the biblical counseling movement. Additionally, it will introduce counseling skills needed to become competent biblical and pastoral counselors.



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School of Ministry Parts 1 & 2 (12 credits over 2 full semesters)

This course is made available to 3rd and 4th semester students at The Rock Calvary Chapel. It is designed to train-up and equip those who feel called to leadership, such as Pastors, Ministry Leaders, Worship Leaders, and Missionaries. The course in its entirety is designed to expand the student's knowledge of scripture through scripture memorization and message preparation. The course will also provide spiritual nourishment and accountability in tight-knit group fellowship and discipleship. Students will be required to deliver a weekly prepared message.

Those who successfully complete all classes and course requirements will graduate with a Rock Calvary Chapel School of Ministry Certificate.

Qualifying students may then be ordained or assigned positions of leadership.