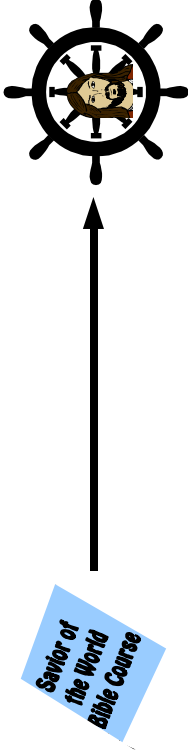


Preface

Just as the spokes of a wheel have one central gathering point, all true Bible doctrines have their center in Jesus Christ. From Old Testament to New, Jesus is the Bible's focus. He is our Creator, Redeemer, High Priest, and soon coming King!



The Savior of the World Bible Course is dedicated to leading you to our loving God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Every study is focused on Him.

This course is designed for people who are serious about studying the gospel of Jesus Christ and other key Bible doctrines in that same light. If you **“hunger and thirst for righteousness,”** it is our belief that you truly **“shall be filled”** (Matthew 5:6).

Features of this Unbound, Color Edition of the Savior of the World Bible Course

This edition of the Savior of the World Bible Course has several features that will enhance your studies:

- The comprehensive **scripture index** will help you find where a verse is referenced in the lessons. This is a tremendous aid in jogging your memory regarding the meaning of a particular verse(s). Since you will have covered all the verses in the scripture index by the end of the lessons, you will be able to quickly revisit material you have already studied and grasped. Or you will be able to look forward to future studies.
- **Color.** There's something about color that appeals to the eye...that transforms a presentation. Enjoy!
- A **picture** is worth a thousand words. Scores of colorful pictures have been added to reinforce key messages.
- Underlining draws attention to the key points of the lessons.
- A handy feature for some is that this edition of the course is unbound. Individual pages can go places where the spiral-bound version can't, such as between the pages of a Bible.
- This version of the course is priced between the bound, deluxe version and the unbound, black & white version.

Introduction to the Course

The world today is troubled. Men and women everywhere are seeking solutions to insurmountable problems – personal, social, national, and international. Underneath it all is a longing to know what is the real meaning of life.

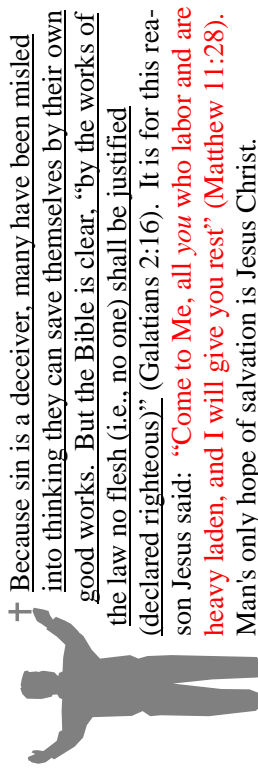
- Where did the world come from, and how did life begin?
- Why are nations continually at war, and why is there so much hatred between various races and ethnic groups?
- Is there no hope for lasting peace in this world?
- Why is our human nature torn between ideals and actions, between hope for something better and perverse inclination to do something worse?



Unaided by some power outside of oneself, humanity has failed to find a satisfactory answer to these questions. But there is hope; for implanted in every human heart is a desire to worship some higher power, a desire for God. And God has the answers.

This Bible course is intended to lead men and women to the God of love and His wonderful gift of salvation in Christ.

Discover for yourself how much He loves you and longs to bring peace, hope, and joy into your life. Listen as God speaks to you from His Word and tells you He **“so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16).



† Because sin is a deceiver, many have been misled into thinking they can save themselves by their own good works. But the Bible is clear, “by the works of the law no flesh (i.e., no one) shall be justified (declared righteous)” (Galatians 2:16). It is for this reason Jesus said: **“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”** (Matthew 11:28). Man's only hope of salvation is Jesus Christ.

But before we can rejoice in this good news of salvation, we must first come to grips with our sin problem. Once we lose all confidence in ourselves, we will find it a joy to accept with open arms God's incredible gift of salvation in Christ.

It is only when the sky is pitch dark that the stars shine their brightest.* *

So, also, to appreciate the light of the gospel, we must view it against our total depravity.

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- Jesus must increase, but we must decrease (John 3:30);
- Jesus made Himself of no reputation (Philippians 2:7), and we seek to walk as He walked (1 John 2:6); and
- He who glories, let him glory in the Lord (2 Corinthians 10:17).

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