

REL 120 - Foundations of Christian Faith (FB) Syllabus

Course Title: REL 120 - Foundations of Christian Faith

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Office Hours: By Appointment

Course Duration: 4 Weeks

Course Credits: 3

Format: Online

Course Description:

This course provides an exploration of the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith, with a focus on the nature of God, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the role of the church. The study will include an in-depth look at the doctrine of the Trinity, God's attributes, and His relationship with humanity. Students will also gain an understanding of how these beliefs can be practically applied to personal faith, ministry, and community engagement. Through a combination of readings, videos, and reflective assignments, students will deepen their theological understanding and learn how to integrate these beliefs into real-world contexts.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Comprehend and articulate the core doctrines of the Christian faith, including the nature of God and the Trinity.
2. Explain the key attributes of God and their significance for Christian worship and daily practice.
3. Analyze the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ and apply His teachings to contemporary ethical and social issues.
4. Describe the role of the church in promoting spiritual growth, community support, and social change.
5. Apply Christian ethics to personal, professional, and community settings.
6. Develop a culminating project that demonstrates the integration of Christian faith and values into a tangible initiative or work product.

Required Materials:

1. *Foundations of Christian Faith* by Ebed-Melech University
2. Access to the course videos and readings on the learning platform.

Course Outline and Weekly Schedule:

Week 1: Exploring the Nature of God and the Trinity

- **Read:** Chapter 1 of the course textbook, *Foundations of Christian Faith*.
- **Watch:** “Week 1 Video” (Video provided in course resources).
- **Assignments:**
 1. **Reflection Journal:** Write a 500-word reflection on your understanding of the Trinity and how each person—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—interacts in your life. Submit your reflection by Sunday at midnight.
 2. **Quiz:** Complete the Week 1 Course Certification Quiz. Due by Sunday at midnight.
 3. **Application Exercise:** Dedicate time each day to a specific prayer focus for each person of the Trinity. Use this exercise to deepen your understanding of their distinct roles.
- **Inspirational Scripture:** “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” — 2 Corinthians 13:14

Week 2: The Teachings and Ministry of Jesus Christ

- **Read:** Chapter 2 of the course textbook, *Foundations of Christian Faith*.
- **Watch:** “Week 2 Video” (Video provided in course resources).
- **Assignments:**
 1. **Essay:** Write a 500-word essay analyzing one of Jesus’ parables. Discuss how its teachings can be applied to a modern social issue. Submit by Sunday at midnight.
 2. **Quiz:** Complete the Week 2 Quiz, focusing on the teachings of Jesus and His ethical principles. Due by Sunday at midnight.
 3. **Practical Application:** Choose one teaching of Jesus and apply it to your daily life. Reflect on how this practice influenced your interactions and decisions.
- **Inspirational Scripture:** “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” — John 13:34-35

Week 3: The Role of the Church and Christian Community

- **Read:** Chapter 3 of the course textbook, *Foundations of Christian Faith*.
- **Watch:** “Week 3 Video” (Video provided in course resources).
- **Assignments:**
 1. **Reflection Journal:** Write a 500-word journal entry on the role of the church in addressing a current social issue. Consider how the church’s teachings can inspire community action and change. Submit by Sunday at midnight.
 2. **Community Service Project Outline:** Develop a project outline that integrates Christian values and addresses a local need. Submit by Sunday at midnight.
 3. **Quiz:** Complete the Week 3 Quiz, focusing on the church’s role in spiritual growth and social engagement. Due by Sunday at midnight.
- **Inspirational Scripture:** “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.” — Hebrews 10:24-25

Week 4: Christian Ethics and Practical Faith Integration

- **Read:** Chapter 4 of the course textbook, *Foundations of Christian Faith*.
- **Watch:** “Week 4 Video” (Video provided in course resources).
- **Assignments:**
 1. **Ethics Reflection:** Write a 500-word reflection on a recent ethical dilemma you faced and how Christian ethics could have been applied to resolve it. Submit by Sunday at midnight.
 2. **Culminating Project:** Submit a final project that demonstrates your understanding of Christian ethics and faith integration. Your project can be a community service initiative, an ethical leadership guide, or a practical resource that reflects Christian values. Submit by Sunday at midnight.
 3. **Final Quiz:** Complete the Final Course Quiz to review key concepts from the entire course. Due by Sunday at midnight.
- **Inspirational Scripture:** “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” — Colossians 3:23

Grading Breakdown:

- **Reflection Journals and Essays:** 30%
- **Quizzes:** 20%
- **Application Exercises and Projects:** 20%
- **Culminating Project:** 30%

Contact Information:

For questions or clarifications, please reach out via email at [Instructor Email]. I am available for appointments by request. I look forward to our journey together as we explore the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith!