

# Salem Bible C H U R C H

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## HOME STUDY COURSE

### INTRODUCTION

#### ORIGIN:

The Home Study Course used by our fellowship of churches was formulated under the direction of the founder of our fellowship, Pastor Harlan Alspach. This was done through consultation with Dr. John Walvoord (president of Dallas Theological Seminary), Dr. Herman Hoyt (president of Grace Theological Seminary), and Dr. J. Vernon McGee (founder of Through the Bible Radio Program). This course has been recognized by major mission boards and many have been trained for the ministry by use of this course, as well as the Continued Home Study Course.

#### PURPOSE:

The Home Study Course is designed to be accessible for all believers. It is meant to supplement one's devotional study and to give an accelerated knowledge of the word of God. The books may be used selectively, dependent upon one's schedule, or systematically for the more serious student. For a systematic approach to the study course, the following schedule is suggested for the first year, with the goal of completion in one year:

#### SCHEDULE (1<sup>st</sup> year):

- Scofield Reference Bible — 4 pages per day [for completion in one year]
  - Profitable Bible Study [1<sup>st</sup> half], Smith — complete the first week
  - Synthetic Bible Study, Gray — coinciding with Bible reading
  - Major Bible Themes, Chafer — once per week [for completion in 52 weeks]
- (following the completion of Profitable Bible Study):
  - The Gospel of John, Pink — one chapter per day, 6 days a week [for completion in 12 weeks]
  - God's Man in China, Taylor — complete within 12 weeks
- (following the completion of John):
  - The Pentateuch, Macintosh — one chapter per day, 6 days a week [for completion in 31 weeks]
  - Beyond the Ranges, Fraser and Nests Above the Abyss, Kuhn — complete within 31 weeks
- (following the completion of John & the Pentateuch):
  - True Evangelism, Chafer — complete in one week
  - Power Through Prayer, Bounds — complete the following week
  - Scofield Reference Bible Subject Chain Reference Summary Notes — complete in the remaining 6 weeks

#### THE LOCAL BODY & CHRISTIAN SERVICE:

It is recommended that in connection with the Home Study Course one regularly attends the services of the local church, in order to receive the teaching of the various expository book studies, as well as any Bible Conferences or seminars available.

In order to apply the knowledge of the word of God, it is also recommended that one serve in the local body as God may lead.

#### YEARLY RESUME:

It is also recommended that the student meet with the pastor quarterly or at least once a year to present one's progress in study, Christian walk and service.