

New Creation Teaching Ministry

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' COURSE



Christian Workers' Course

The aim of the **Christian Workers' Course** is to help church members to better understand their faith and its practice. The kind of training offered is to equip them to become Christian workers with a good knowledge of the Scriptures, Doctrine, Biblical and Church History, Practical Christian Living, and forms of Christian Ministry.

Theological Teaching

We believe that in the Apostolic age the gospel was proclaimed through the ministry of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher in such a way that willing listeners grasped 'the whole counsel of God' and responded. Intellectual brilliance is not required to know the truth of God and live in it. The Three Persons of the Godhead lead us into all the truth. We seek in our teaching and learning to follow this 'prophetic principle' as teachers and listeners come under the Word of God. We believe that what we learn springs directly from the Scriptures as our way and rule of life, and that the living truth of Scripture helps us in approaching the contemporary scene. We see our teaching as bringing us into interpersonal relationships with the Triune God, with the community of Christ—the Church—and with the general community.

Who May Participate?

This Course would be useful for anyone desiring to be better equipped for the work of ministry. It must be noted, however, that the Course receives no accreditation recognised by outside bodies, and attracts no government funding. It is simply a training Course that can help Christians in their ministry in and through their local church. It could also help to prepare any who may wish to undergo further training in other places of learning.

How is the Course Presented?

There are four ways in which elements of the Course are made available:

- 1 **Correspondence Subjects**, as detailed below.
- 2 **Weekly Classes**, as offered in the yearly program, with set assignments.
- 3 **Schools**, as offered each year: Summer, Winter, Spring or Ministry School, with set assignments.
- 4 **Study Materials**, in the form of books or notes and mp3 CDs or cassettes from the Tape Catalogue, with set assignments.

A **Subject Certificate** is awarded for each completed subject. A number of units is allocated to each subject—each unit is roughly equivalent to one term's work in a particular subject.

A **Course Certificate** is awarded to students who complete 16 units, which cover the following four categories: Old Testament; New Testament; Doctrine; Christian Life and Ministry. Students are not graded, but are encouraged to grasp the materials presented, according to their abilities, in ways that make a positive difference to their thinking and living.

A **Personal Tutor** is provided for each of the Correspondence, Schools and Study Materials Subjects. In the Weekly Classes, the teacher serves as tutor and marks the assignments. Course materials may be obtained for personal study without a tutor, but certificates will not be awarded in such cases.

Students are encouraged to complete each subject or unit within twelve months. More than one subject may be taken at a time. Full time study is required for 16 units to be completed in one year.

Correspondence Subjects

Eleven subjects are currently available, as listed on the enrolment form, with others in preparation.

Studies may be commenced at any time during a year. Those who need assistance with subject choice can be helped by the Director of Studies. We recommend that students start with **The Knowledge of God** and/or **Salvation History**, because these two subjects give an over-view which encourages students to know God in relationship. This, then, undergirds all the other subjects. **Biblical Counselling** should be taken at the end, as the whole approach is grounded in gospel conviction.

The cost for each subject is \$25.00. Study materials, in the form of books or notes, are provided, together with Lesson Notes and Assignment Questions. Listening to audio cassettes, or mp3 CDs where available, is compulsory. Cassettes for each subject may be purchased at \$3.00 each or borrowed free of charge (postage extra). Mp3 CDs are \$5.00 each, plus postage. Assignments are set for each lesson. The number of lessons for each subject varies from 8 to 16. Students have a choice between **two Study Methods** for nine of the eleven listed subjects:

1. Essay style responses
2. Direct answers to a set of questions.

Students are asked to state their preferred method of study in these subjects. A tutor is assigned for each subject. (Course materials may be obtained for personal study without a tutor, but certificates are not awarded in such cases.)

Weekly Classes Subjects

These are open to folk who live in and around Adelaide, who are able to attend the Weekly Classes. Subjects available vary each year, as detailed in the yearly program. Those who need assistance with subject choice can be helped by the Director of Studies. Weekly Classes in the student's choice of subject must be attended, and a record will be kept of attendance.

Assignment questions will be set for each subject, and marked by the teacher. One assignment is to be completed for each term (four in the year). When more than one topic is covered at a Weekly Class in the course of a year, a Subject Certificate detailing the number of units attained will be awarded for each topic.

Schools Subjects

Attendance at all sessions of the annual Summer, Winter, Spring or Ministry Schools is required, and the completion of one assignment.

Study Materials Subjects

Students may choose subjects from the Tape Catalogue for which audio cassettes or CDs and notes are available, in consultation with the Director of Studies. Notes or books can be obtained at cost. Listening to audio cassettes, or mp3 CDs where available, is compulsory. Audio cassettes for each subject may be purchased at \$3.00 each or borrowed free of charge (postage extra). Mp3 CDs are \$5.00 each, plus postage.

Assignment questions will be set for such subjects, and a tutor assigned. One assignment is to be completed for each term (four in the year).

Regular Gatherings

Students, Tutors and Speakers are encouraged to attend where possible the New Creation Summer School, Winter School (in South Australia), Ministry School (South Australia), and/or Spring Schools (New South Wales). See the Yearly Program for details. Participation in the monthly Ministry Studies could also be helpful.

Regular meetings are also held for those within reach of Adelaide for fellowship and encouragement, as well as the Commencement and End-of-Year Gatherings.

For further course information, contact:

Director of Studies
New Creation Teaching Ministry
Tel: (08) 8270 1861
Fax: (08) 8270 4003
Email: studies@newcreation.org.au