

International Bible Knowledge Institute (IBKI)

Certificate Programme in Biblical Studies

This programme is designed for churches, missionary ,Bible Study centres, rural preaching schools, and disciple-making ministries in Africa. Its purpose is to help learners:

1. Know God's will for humanity.
2. Obey the Gospel of Christ.
3. Grow as faithful disciples.
4. Share God's message with others.
5. Develop servant leadership for ministry and community transformation.

The curriculum is based on the first three IBKI of International Bible Knowledge Institute published by : biblewaypublishing.com

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Duration Options:

- 1 Academic Year (3 Terms)
- 2 Semesters
- Flexible Modular Format for weekend, evening, online, or intensive training

Total Modules: 3

Award: Certificate in Biblical Studies

Module	IBKI Course	Focus
Module 1	Course 1	God's Plan of Redemption
Module 2	Course 2	Obedience to the Gospel

MODULE 1: GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

(IBKI Course 1 – Preparing the Way for Man's Redemption)

The course explores God's creation, man's fall, Christ's coming, and God's eternal plan of salvation.

Unit 1: How Did Everything Get Here?

Bible Passages

- Genesis 1–2
- Psalm 19:1
- Romans 1:20
- Hebrews 11:3

Learning Objectives

Students should be able to:

1. Explain biblical teaching on creation.
2. Compare biblical creation with secular explanations of origins.
3. Appreciate God's power and wisdom in creation.

Assessment

- Explain how the Bible describes the origin of the universe.
 - Discuss why creation points to the existence of God.
 - Personal testimony: "What creation teaches me about God."
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Unit 2: The Man Who Was God

Bible Passages

- John 1:1-14
- Colossians 1:15-20
- Philippians 2:5-11

Learning Objectives

Students should:

1. Identify Jesus as both God and man.
2. Explain the significance of Christ's incarnation.
3. Defend the deity of Christ from Scripture.

Assessment

- Who is Jesus Christ?
 - Explain two evidences that Jesus is divine.
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Unit 3: Christ—God's Mystery Revealed

Bible Passages

- Ephesians 3:1-11
- Colossians 1:24-29
- John 14:6

Learning Objectives

Students should:

1. Explain God's eternal purpose in Christ.
2. Describe Christ's role in salvation.
3. Appreciate the fulfilment of Old Testament promises.

Assessment

- Define "God's mystery."
 - Explain how Christ fulfilled God's plan.
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Unit 4: Myths About God

Bible Passages

- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Acts 17:22-31
- John 4:24

Learning Objectives

Students should:

1. Identify common misconceptions about God.
2. Distinguish biblical truth from human traditions.
3. Describe God's character.

Assessment

- List three common myths about God.

- Explain the biblical teaching that corrects each myth.
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Unit 5: From Life to Death—Mortal Man

Bible Passages

- Genesis 3
- Ecclesiastes 12:7
- Romans 5:12

Learning Objectives

Students should:

1. Explain the origin of death.
2. Describe the consequences of sin.
3. Understand humanity's need for redemption.

Assessment

- Explain how sin entered the world.
 - Describe the effects of sin on mankind.
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Unit 6: Planned Redemption

Bible Passages

- Genesis 3:15
- Isaiah 53
- Ephesians 1:3-10

Learning Objectives

Students should:

1. Explain God's redemptive plan.
2. Identify Old Testament prophecies of Christ.
3. Appreciate God's grace and mercy.

Assessment

- Trace God's plan of redemption from Genesis to Christ.
 - Present a redemption timeline.
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Unit 7: Messages of the Gospels

Bible Passages

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15-16
- Luke 24:46-47
- John 20:30-31

Learning Objectives

Students should:

1. Summarize the central message of the four Gospels.
2. Explain the Great Commission.
3. Apply Gospel teachings to daily life.

Assessment

- Compare the four Gospel accounts.
- Share the Gospel in a five-minute presentation.

MODULE 2: GOD'S MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

(IBKI Course 2)

This course examines God's dealings with humanity through different biblical periods and man's response to the Gospel.

Unit 1: Time Before Christ

Bible Passages

- Genesis 12
- Exodus 20
- Galatians 3:24

Objectives

- Explain God's covenant relationship with Israel.
- Describe the purpose of the Law.

Assessment

- Identify major events before Christ.

Unit 2: Time Christ Was on Earth

Bible Passages

- Matthew 4

- Luke 4
- John 3

Objectives

- Explain Christ's earthly ministry.
- Describe His teachings and miracles.

Assessment

- Summarize Jesus' ministry.
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Unit 3: Time After Christ

Bible Passages

- Acts 1–2
- Acts 8
- Acts 10

Objectives

- Explain the establishment of the church.
- Describe the spread of the Gospel.

Assessment

- Discuss the growth of the early church.
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Unit 4: End of Time on Earth

Bible Passages

- Matthew 24
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Revelation 20–22

Objectives

- Explain biblical teachings on the second coming.
- Discuss final judgment and eternity.

Assessment

- Explain Christian hope concerning eternity.
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Unit 5: Time to Decide

Bible Passages

- Joshua 24:15
- Acts 2:37-41
- 2 Corinthians 6:2

Objectives

- Recognize the urgency of responding to God.
- Understand personal responsibility.

Assessment

- Write a personal response to God's invitation.
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Unit 6: From Death Through the Cross to Life

Bible Passages

- Romans 6
- Galatians 2:20
- Colossians 2:12

Objectives

- Explain the meaning of the cross.
- Describe new life in Christ.

Assessment

- Explain how Christ's death brings salvation.
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Unit 7: Myths About Forgiveness

Bible Passages

- Acts 2:38
- Acts 22:16
- 1 John 1:7-9

Objectives

- Identify misconceptions about forgiveness.
- Explain biblical forgiveness.

Assessment

- Describe God's conditions for forgiveness.
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Unit 8: Baptism into Christ

Bible Passages

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Romans 6:3-5
- Galatians 3:26-27

Objectives

- Explain biblical baptism.
- Understand its relationship to discipleship.

Assessment

- Defend the biblical teaching on baptism.
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MODULE 3: A NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE IN CHRIST

(IBKI Course 3)

This module focuses on spiritual growth, church life, service, and Christian maturity.

Unit 1: A Kingdom Not Made With Hands

Bible Passages

- Daniel 2:44
- Matthew 16:18
- Colossians 1:13

Objectives

- Explain the nature of God's Kingdom.
- Describe the church as God's people.

Assessment

- Explain the relationship between the Kingdom and the Church.
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Unit 2: Servants in the Kingdom

Bible Passages

- Mark 10:42-45
- John 13:1-17

Objectives

- Define servant leadership.

- Demonstrate Christ-like service.

Assessment

- Develop a community service project.
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Unit 3: Appointing Elders/Shepherds

Bible Passages

- 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Titus 1:5-9
- Acts 20:28

Objectives

- Explain biblical church leadership.
- Identify qualifications for elders.

Assessment

- List qualifications of elders and their responsibilities.
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Unit 4: First Principles of Christ

Bible Passages

- Hebrews 5:12–6:3

Objectives

- Understand foundational Christian doctrines.
- Explain repentance, faith, baptism, resurrection, and judgment.

Assessment

- Teach a beginner's Bible lesson.
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Unit 5: Widows and Others in Need

Bible Passages

- James 1:27
- Acts 6:1-7
- 1 Timothy 5

Objectives

- Explain Christian responsibility toward the needy.

- Demonstrate practical compassion.

Assessment

- Conduct a ministry needs assessment.
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Unit 6: Spiritual Milk

Bible Passages

- 1 Peter 2:2
- Psalm 119:105

Objectives

- Develop habits of Bible study and prayer.
- Explain spiritual growth.

Assessment

- Maintain a devotional journal for four weeks.
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Unit 7: Myth of Misery

Bible Passages

- Philippians 4:4-13
- Romans 8:28

Objectives

- Develop a biblical understanding of suffering.
- Build spiritual resilience.

Assessment

- Discuss how Christians overcome trials.
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Unit 8: Message from the Epistles

Bible Passages

- Romans 12
- Ephesians 4
- James 1

Objectives

- Apply teachings from the New Testament letters.

- Develop Christian character.

Assessment

- Character study from an Epistle.

Unit 9: Worship God in Spirit and Truth

Bible Passages

- John 4:23-24
- Acts 2:42
- Colossians 3:16-17

Objectives

- Explain biblical worship.
- Participate meaningfully in congregational worship.

Assessment

- Prepare a biblical worship service outline.

PROGRAMME-WIDE ASSESSMENT

Assessment Type	Weight
Class Participation	10%
Scripture Memory	10%
Assignments	20%
Ministry Practicum	20%
Mid-Term Examination	15%
Final Examination	25%

Practicum Requirement for Certificate Programme

Each student should:

1. Lead at least one Bible study.
2. Share the Gospel with five people.
3. Participate in one community service project.
4. Prepare and deliver a 10-minute devotional message.
5. Complete a personal discipleship growth plan.
6. This modular structure allows churches and Bible schools to run the programme in three terms of 10–12 weeks each, two semesters, or as weekend intensive modules.