



MARANATHA
BAPTIST SEMINARY

GBC 504 METHODS OF BIBLICAL CHANGE
Fall 2021
Class Syllabus
3 credits

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“We shall all be changed.”

I Corinthians 15:51

I. INSTRUCTOR

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II. COURSE TEXTBOOKS

Jay Adams, *How to Help People Change*, Zondervan (226 pages).
Stanley Gundry, *Five Views on Sanctification*, Zondervan (238 pages).
Rolland McCune, *A Systematic Theology, Vol. 2*. Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary (203 pages).
David Powlison, *The Pastor as Counselor*, Crossway (53 pages).
David Powlison, *Safe and Sound*, New Growth Press (78 pages).
Edward Welch, *Side By Side*, Crossway (160 pages).

III. COURSE GOALS

It is the aim of this course . . .

1. To lay/ review foundational principles of biblical counseling
2. To increase your understanding of the biblical doctrine of sanctification
3. To help you understand the relationship between discipleship and counseling
4. To develop some basic skills in helping people change

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES

By taking this course you will . . .

1. Learn a scriptural method for promoting and realizing spiritual change
2. Better understand the doctrine of sanctification
3. Be able to identify and maximize opportunities in counseling/ discipleship ministry to help people change into Christ-like thinking and behavior
4. Develop confidence, competence, and compassion in your application of the Bible to various life problems

V. READING ASSIGNMENTS

You will be reading the course texts along with various theological journal articles and web articles. The reading will be selections from among the course texts and not systematic. In other words, you will not be reading the books through at one time. You are required to read 1,200 pages for this course. That is approximately 150 pages per week. You can include your textbook reading toward this assignment.

VI. OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Content Questions: There will be forty (40) content questions relating to the assigned reading. Each answer should be **a full paragraph** in length. A paragraph should be between *four to five sentences* long. It should not be filled with “filler” words. There is enough in the question to require a full answer.
- B. Sanctification Paper: Write a paper on the doctrine of sanctification and the biblical approach to counseling. The paper is to be at least fifteen (15) pages double spaced using the accepted Maranatha formatting guidelines. The paper should not be longer than 20 (twenty) pages. There should be a title page and a bibliography. Your research should include at least five scholarly books, two journal articles, and one commentary.
- C. Counseling Organizations Assessments: Peruse the websites of the 13 counseling groups listed. Note their counseling approach if it is demonstrated. Look at the means by which they certify counselors (if they do). Examine their doctrinal statements. Write a 2-3 pages (no more) paper on these organizations (3-5 sentences per organization). End the paper with a short summary conclusion on what you learned in looking at these organizations.
- D. Discipleship Project: This will also be your forum assignment. Beginning in week 2, you will be required to have a weekly discipleship/counseling meeting with another person. After meeting with him/her, you will record a journal entry (about two paragraphs) indicating how the session went. You will not be officially counseling this person, and you can even choose someone who might be more of a counselor to you. The purpose of the exercise is to get you used to meeting with someone on a regular basis with a goal of progressive sanctification.

- E. *Voluntary Live Weekly Session*: I will be giving your notes and answering questions every week in a *voluntary* live session. You are not required to attend, and the session may conflict with other courses or your work schedule. However, they will be recorded, and I encourage you to watch them at some point during the course. These sessions will be on Thursday morning at 11:00am EST.

VII. DISCUSSION

See the entry for the *Discipleship Project*. You will need to respond to other student's journal record as they post each week.

VIII. COURSE GRADE

Content Questions	30%
Sanctification Paper	30%
Counseling Organizations Project	15%
Discipleship Project	10%
Reading	15%

Grading Scale:

A	94 – 100
A-	92 – 93
B+	90 – 91
B	85 – 89
B-	83 – 84
C+	81 – 82
C	75 – 80
C-	73 – 74
D	64 – 72
F	Below 64

Late Work:

One of the unfortunate aspects of online education is that students can fall into a habit of turning work in late. This will not be tolerated for this class. Do your work before the day it is due. All assignments turned in late will be assessed a late penalty of 3% per day (*with the exception of forum posts which are not graded if they are late*). You can be granted an extension on assignments as long as you apply for it three days prior to the assignment being due. Failure to apply for an extension on time will result in the late penalty being applied. This professor will grant any other extension only in the case of extreme emergency.

Academic Success Center. One source for academic help in any course is the Academic Success Center. If you require specific targeted academic help for any reason contact the Academic Success Center located in the Cedarholm Library. If you would like more information regarding targeted academic help, please contact the Academic Success Center director at academicsuccess@mbu.edu.

ADA Policy. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, the law requires that all students with disabilities be given a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Academic Success Program Director, in the Library, (ph. 920/206-2340) or email academicsuccess@mbu.edu .

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WEEK OF	THEME	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
September 1-5 WEEK 1	The Need for Biblical Change	DF Introduction Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McCune: chapters 11-19 	DF 1 - Post	CQ 1 DF 1 – Replies
September 6-12 WEEK 2	The Doctrine of Sanctification	Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Views: chapters 1-2 House's Five Views Chart Naselli on Keswick Theology 	DF 2 - Post	CQ 2 DF 2 - Replies
September 13-19 WEEK 3	The Doctrine of Sanctification	Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Views: chapters 3-4 Mayhue on Sanctification 	DF 3 - Post	CQ 3 DF 3 – Replies

<p>September 20-26 WEEK 4</p>	<p>The Process of Spiritual Transformation</p>	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Views: chapter 5 • Adams chapters 1-4 • Combs on Disjunction • Combs on Romans 12:1-2 	<p>DF 4 - Post</p>	<p>CQ 4 DF 4 – Replies</p>
<p>September 27- October 3 WEEK 5</p>	<p>Leading Others Through Biblical Change</p>	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCune: chapters 29-36 • Combs on Fellowship in 1 John • Safe and Sound: whole book 	<p>DF 5 Post</p>	<p>CQ 5 DF 5 – Replies</p>
<p>October 4-10 WEEK 6</p>	<p>Overcoming Sinful Habits</p>	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacArthur: The Psychology Epidemic and its Cure (in the handouts) • Adams chapters 5-15 • Side by Side: chapters 1-6 	<p>DF 6 - Post</p>	<p>CQ 6 DF 6 – Replies Counseling Organizations Evaluation</p>
<p>October 11-17 WEEK 7</p>	<p>Emotions</p>	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams: chapters 16-25 • Berg on Biblical Change • Side by Side: chapters 7-12 	<p>DF 7 - Post</p>	<p>CQ 7 DF 7 – Replies</p>

October 18-24 WEEK 8	Discipleship	Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pastor as Counselor• Counseling is the Church• Unique Discipleship• Side by Side: chapters 13-17, Conclusion	DF 8 - Post	CQ 8 DF 8 – Replies