

One-Year Bible Diploma

General Expectations	This diploma is awarded to students who have demonstrated the following:
1. Foundational Knowledge of Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Identify the major themes, structure, and storyline of the Old and New Testaments. ❖ Summarize the central teachings of key biblical books. ❖ Explain how Scripture shapes Christian belief and daily living.
2. Basic Skills in Biblical Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Apply introductory principles of grammatical-historical interpretation. ❖ Use basic study tools (e.g., concordances, Bible dictionaries, introductory commentaries) to support understanding of biblical texts. ❖ Distinguish between sound interpretation and common interpretive errors.
3. Introduction to Christian Doctrine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Describe essential doctrines of the Christian faith and their biblical foundations. ❖ Identify Baptist distinctives and their significance for church life and practice. ❖ Articulate how doctrine informs Christian ethics and discipleship.
4. Awareness of Church History and Christian Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outline major eras and figures in church history. ❖ Recognize how historical developments have shaped contemporary Christian beliefs. ❖ Appreciate the continuity of the Christian tradition across time and cultures.
5. Spiritual Growth and Christian Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate growth in personal spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Scripture reading, and worship. ❖ Exhibit attitudes and behaviors consistent with Christian maturity and integrity. ❖ Reflect on their personal spiritual journey and sense of calling.
6. Foundations for Christian Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Communicate biblical truths clearly in informal teaching or discipleship settings. ❖ Participate effectively in local church ministries with humility and teachability. ❖ Engage others with grace and clarity in conversations about faith.
7. Academic and Communication Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Produce clear written work that demonstrates comprehension of biblical and theological concepts. ❖ Engage respectfully with differing viewpoints while articulating a Christian perspective. ❖ Demonstrate basic research skills appropriate to introductory theological study.

Two-Year Bible Diploma

General Expectations	This diploma is awarded to students who have demonstrated the following:
1. Expanded Knowledge of Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate a broad understanding of the content, themes, and theological message of the Old and New Testaments. ❖ Explain the structure, purpose, and major doctrines of key biblical books. ❖ Trace the unity of Scripture and its redemptive-historical storyline.
2. Developing Competence in Biblical Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Apply sound principles of grammatical-historical hermeneutics to a variety of biblical genres. ❖ Use intermediate-level study tools (e.g., lexicons, word-study resources, critical commentaries) to support exegesis. ❖ Evaluate interpretive claims and distinguish between responsible and flawed approaches to Scripture.
3. Intermediate Theological Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Summarize and explain major doctrines of Christian theology and their biblical foundations. ❖ Articulate Baptist distinctives and their implications for church life, ordinances, and mission. ❖ Integrate biblical and theological insights into coherent personal convictions and ministry practice.
4. Greater Awareness of Church History and Christian Tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Describe significant movements, figures, and doctrinal developments across major eras of church history. ❖ Explain how historical contexts have shaped Christian theology and denominational identity. ❖ Reflect on the relevance of historical theology for contemporary Christian life and ministry.
5. Spiritual Formation and Christian Maturity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate consistent growth in spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Scripture meditation, worship, and fellowship. ❖ Exhibit Christian character marked by humility, integrity, and love for the local church. ❖ Reflect meaningfully on their spiritual development and sense of calling to Christian service.
6. Foundations for Ministry and Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Communicate biblical truth clearly in teaching, discipleship, or small-group settings. ❖ Apply biblical principles to practical ministry situations such as evangelism, counseling, and church service. ❖ Participate effectively in local church ministries with increasing confidence and responsibility.
7. Academic and Communication Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Produce well-structured written work that demonstrates comprehension, analysis, and theological reflection. ❖ Engage respectfully and thoughtfully with differing viewpoints while articulating a Christian perspective. ❖ Conduct research using appropriate academic sources and present findings clearly in written and oral formats.

Bachelor of Theological Studies Degree (3-Year)

General Expectations	This diploma is awarded to students who have demonstrated the following:
1. Foundational Biblical Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate a solid understanding of the overarching narrative, major themes, and key doctrines of Scripture. ❖ Identify the historical, literary, and theological contexts of biblical passages. ❖ Explain how Scripture informs Christian belief and practice.
2 Introductory Hermeneutical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Apply basic principles of sound biblical interpretation. ❖ Use introductory study tools (concordances, commentaries, Bible dictionaries) to support responsible exegesis. ❖ Distinguish between major interpretive approaches within the Christian tradition.
3 Theological Understanding and Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Summarize essential doctrines of the Christian faith and their biblical foundations. ❖ Describe Baptist distinctives and their place within evangelical theology. ❖ Integrate biblical and theological insights into coherent personal convictions.
4 Historical and Cultural Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outline key developments, figures, and movements in church history. ❖ Explain how historical contexts have shaped Christian theology and practice. ❖ Evaluate contemporary cultural issues in light of Christian worldview commitments.
5. Christian Life and Spiritual Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate growth in personal spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Scripture reading, and worship. ❖ Reflect on their own spiritual development and articulate a maturing Christian worldview. ❖ Exhibit ethical conduct consistent with Christian character.
6. Communication and Ministry Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Communicate biblical and theological ideas clearly in written and oral formats. ❖ Demonstrate foundational skills for lay ministry, discipleship, and service within the local church. ❖ Engage others with humility, clarity, and respect in matters of faith.
7. Critical Thinking and Academic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Analyze theological and ethical questions using critical reasoning. ❖ Conduct basic academic research and present findings in clear, well-structured writing. ❖ Evaluate differing viewpoints and articulate informed Christian responses.

Bachelor of Theology Degree (4-Year)

General Expectations	This degree is awarded to students who have demonstrated the following:
1. Biblical and Theological Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the content, themes, and redemptive storyline of the Old and New Testaments. ❖ Articulate core doctrines of historic Christian orthodoxy with clarity and fidelity to Scripture. ❖ Explain and defend Baptist theological distinctives within the broader evangelical tradition.
2. Hermeneutics and Exegesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Apply sound principles of grammatical-historical interpretation to biblical texts. ❖ Utilize basic tools of biblical languages to support accurate exegesis. ❖ Evaluate theological claims and ministry practices in light of Scripture.
3. Historical and Systematic Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Summarize major movements, figures, and doctrinal developments in church history. ❖ Assess how historical theology informs contemporary Christian belief and practice. ❖ Integrate biblical and historical insights into coherent theological formulations.
4. Ministry and Pastoral Competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate foundational skills in preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. ❖ Apply biblical principles to counseling, discipleship, and congregational leadership. ❖ Communicate Scripture clearly and faithfully in diverse ministry contexts.
5. Spiritual Formation and Christian Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Exhibit habits of personal holiness, prayer, and disciplined study of Scripture. ❖ Demonstrate growth in Christlike character and ethical conduct. ❖ Reflect on their own spiritual development and vocational calling.
6. Mission, Evangelism, and Cultural Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Articulate a biblical theology of mission and evangelism. ❖ Engage contemporary culture with discernment, compassion, and gospel conviction. ❖ Communicate the Christian faith effectively across cultural and social boundaries.
7. Critical Thinking and Academic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Analyze theological, ethical, and cultural issues using rigorous critical thinking. ❖ Conduct research using scholarly sources and present findings in clear academic writing. ❖ Evaluate competing worldviews and articulate a coherent Christian response.