



HOPE FOR ASIA BIBLE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

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“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (II Timothy 2:2, KJV).

President/Founder

Rev. (Dr.) Oommen George Kutty

B. Th., M. Th., M.S.L., D.D., D.R.S.

CORE CURRICULUM

**BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (B. Th.); DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (Dip. Th.);
CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY (C. Th.); CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS
KNOWLEDGE (Cert. R.K.)**

OLD TESTAMENT

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY I & II [6 Credits]

PURPOSE: A two-semester course. The first semester covers the creation of the world (Genesis) to the days of the Judges (Book of Judges). The second semester continues from the life of King Saul (I Samuel) to the return from Babylonian Captivity (Book of Esther). Special emphasis will be given to the History of Israel and Pentateuch. [Three credits each semester.]

INDIVIDUAL OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS [6 Credits]

PURPOSE: A two-semester study course. It includes a survey of the 39 books of the Old Testament. The Purpose: To give the student a comprehensive understanding of the Old Testament as a whole; to provide the student with an in-depth understanding of the purpose and theme of each individual book in the Old Testament; to provide a base for the comprehensive of the New Testament as it relates to the doctrines set forth in the Old Testament. Emphasis on the historical, cultural, and theological themes and practical application for the Church today. [Three credits each semester.]

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of the prophetic writings. Emphasis on the messianic prophecies, the meaning and ministry of the prophets, the theological themes, an overview of each of the prophetic books, historical developments and practical truths for today's world. [Dr. O. George Kutty's *Driven with Destiny: The Biographical and Inspirational Sermons from the Old Testament* will be one of the required text books for this course.]

OLD TESTAMENT POETRY AND THE WISDOM LITERATURE [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: An introduction to the study of the Hebrew poetry (Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon).

Survey the teachings of the poetical and the wisdom literature books of the Old Testament with emphasis on theological themes and practical truths for today's Church. In the study of Book of Psalms special attention will be given to the theme: Old Testament Worship for the New Testament Church. [Dr. O. George Kutty's *Hallelujah: The Theology of Praise and the Key to Spiritual Breakthroughs* will be one of the required text books for this course.]

WISDOM LITERATURE

PURPOSE: To present and expose the undergraduate and graduate students to the study of biblical wisdom. To enable the student to recognize and interpret essential vocabulary and themes; to determine essential characteristics of biblical wisdom. To apply that knowledge in the student's ministry.

To introduce the nature and contents of Wisdom Literature so that the student can recognize the purpose and theme of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes and enable the student to interpret Wisdom Literature in the light of its canonical and Ancient Near Eastern settings. To lead the student to apply the themes of Wisdom Literature to his ministry context. To enable the student to compare carefully the various interpretive options in Old Testament studies and to relate his own commitment to Scripture.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To increase the students' knowledge and understanding of the Book of Daniel to enable the student to comprehend the relationship of the various parts of the whole, and to equip the students to be able to teach the Book of Daniel. The students will also see the relationship of the Book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation and the other Books of the Old and New Testament.

OBJECTIVE: To acquire knowledge and understanding to the great Biblical truths of the Book of Daniel. To identify the relationship of the Book of Daniel to other books of the Old Testament and New Testament, especially the Book of Revelation. To acquire a basic understanding of prophecy as it occurs within certain Books of the Old and New Testament.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To lead the student to develop an advanced understanding of the evidence of Biblical Archaeology, to encourage the student to examine different ways that evidence from the ancient Near East can be understood, and to encourage them to begin creatively applying the evidence to the broader themes of Scripture.

OBJECTIVE: To provide the student with an opportunity to analyze major scholars and movements in the field of Biblical Archaeology. To challenge the student to develop interpretive constructions of the evidence of Biblical Archaeology that take into account both the broad sweep of Scripture and the evidence from the ancient Near East.

NEW TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A general overview of the nature and contents of the New Testament. A general familiarity with the background and literature of the New Testament is foundational for other New Testament courses.

NEW TESTAMENT SYNTHESIS I [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To present and expose the student to the study of the New Testament as a whole; to enable the student to recognize and interpret individual characters the purpose and theme of each New Testament book and the relation of the Old Testament to the New Testament; to apply that knowledge in the student's ministry.

OBJECTIVE: To introduce the nature and contents of the New Testament so that the student can recognize the purpose and theme of each book and to enable the

student to interpret the New Testament books and themes in the light of the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

To lead the student to apply the lessons and doctrines of the New Testament to his ministry context. To enable the student to compare carefully the various interpretive options in New Testament studies and relate them to his own commitment to Scripture.

NEW TESTAMENT SYNTHESIS II [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To present and expose the student to the study of the New Testament as a whole; to enable the student to recognize and interpret individual characters the purpose and theme of each New Testament book and the relation of the Old Testament to the New Testament; to apply that knowledge in the student's ministry.

OBJECTIVE: To introduce the nature and contents of the New Testament so that the student can recognize the purpose and theme of each book and to enable the student to interpret the New Testament books and themes in the light of the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

To lead the student to apply the lessons and doctrines of the New Testament to his ministry context. To enable the student to compare carefully the various interpretive options in New Testament studies and relate them to his own commitment to Scripture.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

PURPOSE: A study of Christ's ministry on earth through a synthetic harmony of the Gospels.

THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF SAINT PAUL [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: This study covers Paul's early life, conversion, the three world (Jewish, Greek, and Roman), First, second and third missionary journey, doctrines, personal character, writings, and finally, his missionary methods.

OBJECTIVE: To strengthen the student's comprehension of the content of Paul's Epistles and improve his ability to research and persuasively present specific doctrinal truths. To analyze the dates, locations, and events that impacted upon the life of Paul. To understand the basic details of Paul's writings.

GREEK NEW TESTAMENT WORD STUDIES [2 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of twenty-five or more Greek words of the New Testament and its epistemological and theological meanings emerging through various cultural, classical, historical New Testament periods and its relevant application to the twenty-first century culture and times.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To present and to explore college students to the study of Revelation as a whole to enable them to recognize and interpret themes in the book; to provide them with the opportunity to evaluate the literary features and argument of the book; and to encourage them to apply the knowledge they gain from their study to their lives and ministries.

OBJECTIVE: To introduce the nature and contents of Revelation so that the student can recognize the purpose and themes of the book and to enable the student to interpret those themes in light of Scripture. To enable the student to master basic issues associated with the background, chronology, interpretation, and theology of Revelation.

A study of end-time world events as revealed in the Apocalypse. A premillennial position on the return of Christ is held. Special attention will be given to explain Israel's place in God's plan of salvation.

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: The harmonization of the words and works of Christ as contained in the Four Gospels. All account will be interwoven into a single harmony. Special attention will be given to the importance of the Synoptic Gospel (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

EXPOSITION OF ROMANS [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To introduce and expose the college student to study the Book of Romans. To enable the students to identify key passages and describe essential teachings; to apply the knowledge attained in the context of the student's current ministry.

OBJECTIVE: To provide the student an opportunity to employ the key teachings of the Book of Romans in authentic ministry settings. To challenge the student to develop and formulate theological constructs faithful to the major themes in Romans, such as imputation, justification, sanctification, and predestination. To empower the student to critique diverse interpretation of disputed passages and to assess their cogency.

INDIVIDUAL NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: In-depth study of the biblical books in the New Testament. Under the literary classification such as: Gospels, History, Pauline Epistles (Prison Epistles, Pastoral Epistles), General Epistles, and Apocalypse (Prophecy). To introduce and expose the college student to the historical background of the New Testament; to illustrate the importance of understanding the New Testament in its historical context; to prepare the student for surveying the individual books of the New Testament as a part of this historical background.

OBJECTIVE: To introduce the student to the importance of studying the world of the New Testament for interpreting the books of the new Testament. To enable the student to describe the major parties of Judaism and their beliefs and practices in the days of Jesus Christ and to demonstrate how an understanding of first-century Judaism is essential for interpreting the Gospel. To enable the student to describe the major religious and philosophical movements in the Roman world that have influenced the New Testament writers.

THEOLOGY

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

Theology Proper [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of the nature and attributes of God, the evidence for the existence of God, the doctrine of Trinity, the works of God, the decrees of God, and the meaning of the divine inspiration of the Bible.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

Anthropology [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of man in the image of God, of man the sinner through the Fall, of the results and implications of the Fall, of the origin and the antiquity of man, and of human life in this age.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

Christology, Soteriology, Hamartiology, Ecclesiology, Angelology [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of the person of Christ, His deity and humanity, the doctrine and the application of the atonement, Church and the sacraments, and the study of angels.

CHURCH HISTORY I

Pre-Reformation [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study on the history of the Church from the close of the Apostolic Age to the Reformation (AD 100-1517). Subjects covered are the Church and Roman Empire, the development of theology and dogma, the Church in the Middle Ages, the doctrinal controversies, the movements in religious life, and the Renaissance (age of enlightenment).

CHURCH HISTORY II

Post-Reformation [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of the history of the Church from the Reformation to present day. A consideration of the forerunners, causes, progress, chief leaders, and effects of the Reformation. Other topics covered are Pietism and the Evangelical Revival, the Roman and Protestant Churches in the 20th century.

HISTORY OF THE MODERN-DAY PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A comprehensive study of the history of the modern-day Pentecostal movement worldwide, and the key leaders whom God raised up around the world, and the major spiritual and revival movements that emerged throughout the world as Pentecostal movement.

MODERN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

[3 Credits]

PURPOSE: This study points out the various religious and secular movements in India with millions of devotees from both the East and the West following Hinduism, New Age Movement, and other philosophical worldviews.

OBJECTIVE: In order for the college student to effectively evangelize India, a comprehensive understanding is much needed amidst of the cacophony of competing voices and maelstrom of worldview options, philosophies, and cultism in India at the present time.

PNEUMATOLOGY [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study of the person, attributes, works, symbolisms, and other aspects of the third person of the triune God-head, the Holy Spirit. It will also teach how to cultivate a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit throughout the student's life and ministry and to be connected to the power source.

OBJECTIVE: To enable the student to be sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout his study life, and moreover, to rely and surrender totally upon Him for his ministry's success upon the degree completion at Hope For Asia Bible College and Seminary.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Homiletics [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To provide opportunities for under graduate and graduate students to relate the elements and principles of expository preaching to a multi-media generation to their pulpit and public speaking ministries and to examine and analyze both the theological foundations and the communication theory behind the process of expository preparing and delivering effective Biblical messages using a variety of homiletical techniques and designs.

OBJECTIVE: To give students an opportunity to utilize their basic knowledge and understanding of expository preaching to a multi-media generation by relating what they know to their pulpit and public speaking ministries. To give students the opportunities to develop and formulate their own techniques and designs for preaching to a multi-media generation.

As it is observed, that the best way to learn swimming is to jump into the water; the art of preaching is taught through live preaching and hearing. Constructive criticism is made after each sermon, and the principles of effective expository preaching thoroughly discussed.

Remember: The uniqueness of Hope For Asia Bible College and Seminary is the Concentration in Public Speaking and Expository Preaching of God's Word.

MISSIONS

Theology of Missions [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: A study that covers the missionary elements in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. The emphasis will be given to the method, mandate, motive, and power in missions. A course to help students to understand the theological basis for missions from Genesis to Revelation.

OBJECTIVE: To motivate and inspire students to heed to God's call to reach the unreached mission fields in India. To challenge the students to catch a global vision for the teeming millions in India. To pray for God to raise up laborers (harvesters) so that they can be trained and equipped and send forth to the mission fields through the vision of Hope For Asia Bible College and Seminary.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH [3 Credits]

PURPOSE: To enable the students to understand that soul-saving is the throbbing of God's heart. To empower the students in evangelistic outreaches, soul-winning ministries, and church growth principles in the light of the Scriptures. To mobilize a new generation of soul-hot, God-gripped, Spirit-filled men and women in India to fulfill the "Great Commission" of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20).

Emphasis will be given to the call of God, cultural dimensions, contextualization, communication process, qualifications, characters, motivations, methods, and message in the life and ministry of an evangelist. This course will energize the students with passion for souls and with evangelistic zeal.

MASTER OF DIVINITY CURRICULUM

CONCENTRATION IN PULPIT COMMUNICATION AND EXPOSITORY PREACHING

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MEP – 001-3 PULPIT COMMUNICATION AND EXPOSITORY PREACHING

PURPOSE: To develop Master Level student's ability to summarize, formulate, and evaluate theological and theoretical principles related to preaching to a multi-media generation and to enhance the student's ability to assess the values and impact of preparing and delivering effective biblical messages using a variety of homiletical techniques and designs.

OBJECTIVE: To challenge students to research select areas concerning approaches to preaching to a multi-media generation in order to further grow in their mastery of the subject.

MEP – 002-3 INQUIRY AND RESEARCH OF MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS

PURPOSE: To develop the Master Level student's ability to research historical and theological issues so that they can analyze, evaluate, organize, and apply in a scholarly manner insights gained in the study of world religion.

OBJECTIVE: Students will have an opportunity to analyze the significance and relationship of essential factors involved in developing a Christian outreach. Students will be challenged to look at modern political, social, and religious issues in the light of the effect of world religions. Students will be able to evaluate and to conduct scholarly research on comparative religions.

MEP-003-3 IN-DEPTH EXEGESIS FOR EXPOSITORY PREACHING

PURPOSE: To develop the Master Level student's ability to summarize and formulate well-organized approaches to biblical interpretation; and to enhance the student's ability to do competent expository preaching based on their awareness and understanding of solid hermeneutical methodologies.

OBJECTIVE: To empower students to evaluate and critique various points of view concerning the relationship between proper biblical interpretation and effective expository preaching.

MEP-004-3 ANALYZING THE THEOLOGICAL BASIS FOR EXPOSITORY PREACHING

PURPOSE: To develop the Master Level student's ability to summarize and formulate well-organized theological constructs; and to enhance the student's ability to do competent expository preaching based on their awareness and understanding of key doctrinal issues.

OBJECTIVE: To empower students to evaluate and critique various points of view concerning their relationship of Christian doctrine to effective expository preaching.

MEP-005-3 CRITICAL ASPECTS OF EXPOSITORY PREACHING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PURPOSE: To enhance Master Level student's ability to do competent expository preaching from the Old Testament based on their awareness of how to assess critically the issues surrounding the authorship, date, background, characteristics, themes, and literary features of each book of the Hebrew corpus; and to encourage them to evaluate and critique various approaches to expository preaching that are based on the Old Testament text.

OBJECTIVE: To offer students an opportunity to analyze their own competency levels in the area of expository preaching from the Old Testament. To sharpen the student's ability to analyze and assess character studies, historical developments, and sensible interpretation of the biblical text as the foundation for sound expository preaching from the Old Testament.

MEP-006-3 CRITICAL APPROACHES TO NEW TESTAMENT EXPOSITORY PREACHING

PURPOSE: To enhance the Master Level student's ability to do competent expository preaching from the New Testament based on their awareness of how to assess critically the issues surrounding the authorship, date, background, characteristics, theme, and literary features of each book of the Greek corpus; and to encourage them to evaluate and critique various approaches to expository preaching that are based on the New Testament text.

OBJECTIVE: To enhance the student's ability to evaluate and critique various approaches to expository preaching that are based on the New Testament text.

MEP-007-3 CONTEMPORARY BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS

PURPOSE: To develop the student's ability to summarize current trends in hermeneutics to evaluate those trends critically and to articulate his/her own approach to those trends in original research, assessment, and formulation.

OBJECTIVE: To empower the students to be a knowledgeable and articulate teacher of biblical hermeneutics.

MEP-008-3 BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESEARCH METHODS

PURPOSE: To introduce and expose Master Level students to:

- 1) Secular and Christian research paradigms;
- 2) Specific problems relating to biblical and theological studies research;
- 3) Scholarly research methods and types of analysis used today;
- 4) Fundamentals of the thesis/dissertation process so that they are able to identify and describe the essential components of research critically analyze and evaluate existing research literature, develop practical skills required for independent research, and synthesize and apply knowledge and skills to an original research problem in their own theses.

OBJECTIVE: To challenge students to develop practical research skills and formulate their own approaches to independent scholarly research. To enable students to apply knowledge and understanding to problems of original research.

MNTE-009-3 IN-DEPTH EXEGESIS OF SECOND TIMOTHY

PURPOSE: To develop the Master Level student's ability to summarize and formulate the teachings of 2 Timothy; to evaluate critically the exegetical options in the book; to engage in original research, assessment, and construction. To provide the student an opportunity to employ the key teachings of the Book of 2 Timothy in authentic ministry settings. To challenge the student to develop and formulate interactive constructs that reflect the significant themes in 2 Timothy.

OBJECTIVE: To present and expose the Master Level student to the study of 2 Timothy; to enable the student to recognize and interpret significant themes; to understand the purpose and theme of 2 Timothy; to apply that knowledge in the student's ministry; to empower the student to exegete the Epistle of 2 Timothy and to preach expositively.

MNTE-009-3 EXEGESIS OF ROMANS

PURPOSE: To develop the Master Level student's ability to summarize and formulate the teachings of the Book of Romans; to evaluate critically the exegetical options in the book; to engage in original research; assessment, and construction. Special emphasis will be given to the purposes of Romans within the historical context of Paul's missionary life and ministry.

OBJECTIVE: To provide the student an opportunity to employ the key teachings of the Book of Romans in authentic ministry settings. To challenge the student to develop and formulate theological constructs faithful to the major themes in Romans, such as imputation, justification, sanctification, and predestination. To empower the student to critique diverse interpretation of disputed passages and to assess their cogency.

MRW-0011-10 MAJOR WRITING PROJECT

THESIS PROJECT

All degree candidates are required to submit an acceptable thesis at the end of their respective programs.

The B. Th. thesis or written project should be 40 pages without including the bibliographies and footnotes.

The M. Div. thesis or written project should be 60-70 pages without including the bibliographies and footnotes.

Faculty approval of thesis is based on the doctrinal integrity and scholarly excellence of the thesis, rather than length.

Students are required to successfully complete the course on Bibliographic Research Methods before registering for thesis credits.

OBJECTIVE: Be competent in the biblical, historical, theological, and practical aspects of your chosen subject. Complete a scholarly writing project relating to Expository Preaching.