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*Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*



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## **EXTERNAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

External - being defined as a non-classroom environment off campus, not under the supervision of an instructor or proctor.

The studies that are made available through this program are to be completed in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this catalog/handbook.

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## **Provisions**

The guidelines and information of this catalog are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract. The Administrative Staff of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary reserve the right to modify, revoke, or add to these guidelines and the information that follows, at any time.

An agreement letter will be issued as you begin each new year of studies. The price of enrollment fees and tuition will be stated in the agreement letter, based on the current catalog/handbook pricing, and will not be subject to change as long as the student stays active in their studies in accordance to the guidelines set forth in this catalog/handbook.

If a student drops out of Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary and later returns, the student is subject to regulations in effect at the time of reinstatement.

**Due to the fact that some people acquire a catalog/handbook and do not get started for quite some time, prices and guidelines may have changed. The guidelines and the prices of enrollment fees and tuition will be subject to change, based upon the catalog/handbook price that is current.**

Book distributors change their prices without notice, due to price increases in materials, labor cost, and shipping. With this in mind, we must, from time to time, increase our fees also, just to cover our cost.

Our goal is to assist you and to do all that we can to keep the cost as low as possible. We want to make this the most affordable program of study available. Our desire is to help you be a good steward with the finances that God has entrusted to you.

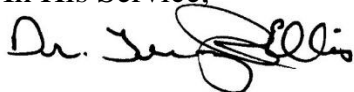
## *A Special Note from Our President*

Where to attend college is an important decision and investment in your future. The Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary is honored to offer an opportunity for direction to the future for those seeking an earned degree through external studies. We offer a variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees to help you reach your full potential for Christ and gain lifelong insight into the Word of God. Our staff is firmly committed to this endeavor. We offer high academics and excellent educational opportunities at affordable prices.

Our external studies are designed to challenge those who are serious about rightly dividing the Scriptures and for those who desire an in depth study of God's Word. If you want an external college that stands firm upon doctrine and the Word of God, then the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary may be the college for you. As with any external studies, your achievements and grades will depend largely upon your discipline, motivation, and how extensively you use the study guides provided with each lesson.

On behalf of the Rock of Ages staff, I extend our best wishes for a rewarding educational experience as you prepare for the future.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Terry R. Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" at the end.

Dr. Terry R. Ellis  
President

## ***A Note of Encouragement from Our Executive Vice President***

*“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which **were written** in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.**”*

*Luke 24:44-45*

It was after our resurrected Lord opened the understanding of the disciples, that their understanding of the Scriptures was enlightened. A greater knowledge of the Word of God and the work of the Savior was the result. Through understanding Scripture, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the disciples would proclaim the Gospel with boldness and power.

It is our desire that through diligent study, each student will have a greater knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures, which will enable and equip them to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.


In my personal Bible study it has been my practice to quote *Psalms 119:18*, “*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law,*” before I begin to study.

As you set out to study, it is our desire that you begin each lesson in prayer, asking the LORD to open your mind and heart to His understanding.

The staff of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary will be praying with you as you study the greatest book ever written.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word.

In Christ’s Service,



Dr. Ricky Dunsford  
Executive Vice-President

# INTRODUCTION

The Rock of Ages Bible Institute became a reality after seeing a burden among our own missionary families, friends, and supporters. Time after time, we were asked, “Is there a Bible School with external studies that you can recommend?” We are sure there are many such schools available. There are some we could recommend. Likewise, there are many we could not recommend. After several years of prayer and seeking God’s will, we accepted our first student in January 1996. Later as the Rock of Ages Bible Institute expanded its range of courses the name was changed to Rock of Ages Bible Institute and College of Biblical Studies. In January 2009 we expanded the range of courses once again to include studies for Doctoral Degrees, and thus the Theological Seminary was added to the name.

Rock of Ages Ministries’ verse, *II Corinthians 4:5* says, “*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.*” It is our goal through this college to provide the tools for men and women to further the cause of Christ.

God has given gifts to each of His children for the purpose of doing His work on this earth, *Romans 12:6* “*Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,...*” Our desire is to help you express those gifts in your life and ministry. We believe you should be equipped to do your best for our Lord. We want to help you through the study of God’s Word.

Rock of Ages Bible Institute and College of Biblical Studies is designed to give its students the solid foundation needed to be successful in the Lord’s work. The Rock of Ages Theological Seminary is an avenue for the serious student to further their studies through postgraduate courses.

As we have already mentioned the names reflect three institutions by three different names (**Rock of Ages Bible Institute, College of Biblical Studies, and Theological Seminary**). We will explain this in the paragraphs below, but the following verse sums it up very well. *II Timothy 2:15* says, “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing*

*the word of truth.*” God’s command to study His Word is to each and every one of us. It is not dependent upon whether or not you completed high school. Therefore, in trying to aid all of God’s children in the area of obedience to God’s command to study to shew thyself approved, we have made available different institutions for study. Hereby, you can accomplish God’s will in your life concerning studying, through our non-degree / certificate program.

Through the **first** institution, **Rock of Ages Bible Institute**, a One Year Certificate of Biblical Studies can be earned with no requirements of a High School Diploma or G.E.D. We believe that there are many people, that never completed their high school education, and now after being saved, they see their need for an education more than ever before. They now have a desire to conduct a more in-depth study of God’s Word. Rock of Ages Bible Institute is the way for this to take place. We believe that it is well pleasing unto the Lord for His children to apply themselves to the study of His Word. The presentation of this Certificate will be through **Rock of Ages Bible Institute**.

Through the **second** institution, **Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies**, we offer Degree Programs (Associate, Bachelor’s). These degrees will be earned in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this catalog/handbook, and the instruction sheet that will accompany each course. The presentation of these degrees will be through **Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies**. Due to the higher academic level of these degrees, the requirements are naturally higher as well. All degree programs require a High School Diploma or at least a G.E.D., before enrollment will be permitted.

Through the **third** institution, **Rock of Ages Theological Seminary**, we offer postgraduate degree programs (Master’s, Doctoral). These degrees will be earned in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this catalog/handbook, and the instruction sheet that will accompany each course. The presentation of these degrees will be through **Rock of Ages Theological Seminary**. Due to the higher academic level of these degrees, the requirements are naturally higher as well. Postgraduate degree programs require a minimum number of credit hours of undergraduate studies, before enrollment will be permitted. This will be addressed in more detail

in the sections pertaining to the Master's and Doctoral Programs.

Our anticipation is that once you enroll and begin your studies, you will be determined to continue on. *Philippians 3:14* says, "*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*" It will take great effort on your part to be faithful to your studies. You have an adversary that does not want you to be diligent in the study of God's Word, and he will do all he can to interfere, hinder, or even halt your studies. We want to challenge you to set a goal for the completion of each course, and then to make yourself accountable to someone near you, to help you reach your goal. Press toward that mark for the Lord.

The Rock of Ages Bible Institute will issue One Year Certificates of Biblical Studies. The presentation of Associate and Bachelor's Degrees will be through the College of Biblical Studies. The presentation of the Master's and Doctoral Degrees will be through Rock of Ages Theological Seminary.

The Rock of Ages Bible Institute will still exist as it has from the beginning to enable everyone a chance to study. However, it will be separate in name from Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

Of course we are for encouraging God's people to get a good Bible-based education. Yes, we are for helping to prepare God's servants for their field of service, and there are many colleges where you could accomplish these things. However, what makes this college so unique is that Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary is a ministry of the Rock of Ages Ministries.

You will find that reaching the **PRISONER** is at the heart of everything the Rock of Ages Ministries does. The college is no different; we are about reaching the prisoners.

**Now the question is, "How can a college accomplish this task of reaching prisoners?"** The price you pay for your enrollment covers the books, study guides, CDs, and shipping. However, the price of tuition is quite different, since all the office work and grading of the courses is done by missionaries and volunteers. No

one receives any part of the tuition for their labor. We are supported just like all our other missionaries, by churches and individuals.

We have tried to make the courses of study available to you, at what we believe to be the most affordable price anywhere (**Cost of enrollment materials plus tuition**). Each year of studies, (1st - 4th year) consists of **32 credit hours**, and that multiplied by the tuition price of **\$15.00 per credit hour** equals **\$480.00 per year**. (This includes the: One Year Certificate of Biblical Studies, Associate, and Bachelor's Degree).

The Master's Degree Program consist of **36 credit hours**, and that multiplied by the tuition price of **\$25.00 per credit hour** equals **\$900.00**.

The Doctor of Biblical Studies, Doctor of Religious Education, and Doctor of Ministry Degree Programs consist of **36 credit hours each**, and that multiplied by the tuition price of **\$40.00 per credit hour** equals **\$1,440.00 per degree**.

The Doctor of Theology Degree Program consist of **40 credit hours** and that multiplied by the tuition price of **\$40.00 per credit hour** equals **\$1,600.00**.

So, what happens with the tuition funds, which are paid into the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary? Only a small portion (**25%**) of this goes to the operation of the college office. Of course there are office supplies that must be purchased, and equipment that must be maintained, but we try to keep that to a minimal amount.

This enables the college to pass the majority (**75%**) of the tuition on to the Rock of Ages Ministries, which goes toward reaching the prisoners with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Most people do not or did not realize that when they do their studies through this college, they not only get an education, but they are helping to get the Gospel to the prisoners as well. I really believe that you would agree this makes us one of the most unique colleges in the world. You can help others reach souls, by studying.

According to the following passage, you could be laying up fruit in heaven by studying God's Word. *Philippians 4:17* says, "*Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.*"

I guess the introduction could be summed up by saying it like this; **we are trying to build a people for the Lord, not a building or an organization.**

Since this is an external studies program, you can enroll at any time during the year, without waiting for the fall or spring semester, like most other colleges. You do not have to study at the pace of anyone else, but at your own pace to reach the goal you set for yourself. There are no set time limits, in which the studies have to be completed. It is totally dependent upon the amount of time that your schedule will permit you to study.

We realize one of the reasons for choosing an external studies program is because of your busy schedule and obligations to family and work/ministry. We are very much aware that things do happen that might halt your studies either briefly or for extended periods of time. Therefore, we expect you to keep us updated on your progress by e-mail or telephone, at least every two months if you have not submitted completed work for grading. By notifying us that you are still working on your courses, even if you are not ready to turn it in for grading, we will keep you updated in our records as active.

We do want to encourage you to be diligent in your studies and to try to complete them in a timely manner, which we believe, would be pleasing to the Lord. (II Timothy 2:15)

Would you earnestly pray about doing your studies through Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary?

In Christ's Service,



Dr. Robert Keeton

Director of Education

Psalms 119:130

# **ADMINISTRATION**

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# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ANSWERED**

## **What is Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary?**

Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary is an extension of the Rock of Ages Ministries. It is an external studies program designed to better equip men and women to further the cause of Christ.

## **Is Rock of Ages Ministries non-denominational?**

No! Rock of Ages Ministries is an Independent Baptist mission board. All of our missionaries are members of Independent Baptist churches.

## **What Bible does Rock of Ages Ministries use?**

We hold strictly to the Authorized King James Version. No other version will be permitted for our missionaries or students of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

## **What if I answer questions requiring Bible quotes using a different version of the Bible?**

Your answer will be marked as incorrect. You are to follow the guidelines set forth in these studies. Many of the textbooks will have other versions quoted in them, (this is why we have a disclaimer in the front of every textbook stating that we do not agree with the other translations that are used in their text) but we want you to use the Authorized King James Bible for your quotes.

## **Who is able to enroll in Rock of Ages Bible Institute?**

Any Christian, man or woman, who agrees with us scripturally, doctrinally, and that will agree to abide by the regulations/guidelines of this ministry, and is a member of a Baptist Church.

## **Who is able to enroll in Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary?**

Any Christian, man or woman, who agrees with us scripturally, doctrinally, and agrees to abide by the

regulations/guidelines of this ministry, is a member of a Baptist Church, and has a High School Diploma or a G.E.D.

**Do you have on-campus students?**

No. All studies are external.

**May I transfer work from another college or receive credit for life experience?**

Yes. This will be discussed under the heading of: Life and Ministry Experience, and Transfer of Credits.

**How may I obtain an official transcript of completed work through Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary?**

Official transcripts will be provided only upon written request. The first copy will be at no charge. Additional requests will cost \$5.00 each.

**Must I be a high school graduate to enroll?**

You may enroll in the Rock of Ages Bible Institute and work to receive a **One Year Certificate of Biblical Studies**, without a high school diploma or G.E.D. If you are a high school graduate or have a G.E.D., you may enroll in the degree program of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

**Is there a Bachelor's Degree Program available for women?**

Yes. We are currently offering a Bachelor of Biblical Studies, Bachelor of Religious Education, and Bachelor of Theology.

**Is there a Master's Degree Program available for women?**

Yes. We are currently offering a Master of Biblical Studies, Master of Religious Education, and Master of Theology.

**Is there a Doctoral Degree Program available for women?**

Yes. We are currently offering a Doctor of Biblical Studies, Doctor of Religious Education, and Doctor of Theology.  
**(Doctor of Ministry - men only)**

**Do you accept credits for individual subjects transferred from a secular or state college?**

Yes, but only the English credits. This is a required subject even in our college due to the need of correct grammar being used in writing. This will be discussed under the heading of: Life and Ministry Experience, and Transfer of Credits.

**Do you have formal graduations?**

Not at the present time. Due to this being an External Studies College, we have students that are literally around the world. We are at least in the planning stages of what we may be able to offer in the future.

**Can we email our finished courses to you?**

No. We are trying to keep the cost of the college at the very lowest possible expense. If you e-mailed them to us, we would have to print them out for grading purposes, and that would increase our overhead more. It is better for each student to do his or her own printing. (The only exception to this rule would be for individuals living outside the United States)

**Before enrolling, if I have other questions, how can I get the answers that I need?**

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## Accreditation Status

The Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary is fully supported by student tuition. Any money not used for the expense of the college will help the Rock of Ages Ministries carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prisoners around the world. Therefore, while receiving a Bible Education our students are helping win souls in prison.

A special note of interest is placed here to clarify our position on accreditation. The Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary is **NOT accredited** by any state educational system. We are not a Liberal Arts College and are not recognized by anyone other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

We cannot assure you that the work you do or the degree you earn will be transferable to another college, or Bible Institute. Nor can we assure that your degree will qualify you for a teaching position or any other employment opportunities. (We are not saying it will not be transferable or accepted. We just cannot assure you that it will be.) However, most Bible Colleges will accept a transfer of credits from Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

We do believe Christian workers, Sunday School Teachers, Preachers, and students of the Bible will gain much knowledge for their personal ministry and service for the Lord. We believe God will richly bless those who prepare themselves for His service. Studying with Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary allows you to better prepare yourself for His service, while continuing in your present work or ministry.

If approval “of man” is what you are looking for there are many such colleges you may attend. If approval by God is your objective, we want to help you to reach that goal. You may study at your own pace in the privacy of your home at an affordable cost.

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15*

## LIFE AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Preachers and Christian workers that have served five or more years in full time positions of Christian service will be awarded life experience credits, if they qualify. Evaluation will be on an individual basis, and will be determined by the college staff.

We realize that some preachers and Christian workers have been, bivocational for many years. They are laboring in two places of employment, and working just as hard at both jobs, as someone only working in one place of employment. These preachers and Christian workers have served the Lord faithfully and labored long hours for the cause of Christ and are worthy of recognition for their Christian service also.

No preacher or Christian worker will be overlooked that can validate their service of five or more years of adequate time invested in the ministry through the following: preacher (Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Missionary, or Evangelist), Christian School teacher or principal, and other full time church related ministries.

Validation would require signed statements from the pastor, and deacons or trustees, testifying to the fact that the appropriate hours have been served for the number of years submitted by the applicant, ministering in the Lord's call upon their lives. Also, we would expect the applicant to provide materials to validate subject matters taught as proof of ministry.

Up to but not exceeding six credit hours may be awarded for each year of **documented Christian service**. The maximum life experience hours will not exceed **60 Credit Hours**, and will apply only toward the Bachelor's Degree. **A minimum of 32 hours must be completed through this institution for each degree awarded.**

**There will be a non-refundable one-time fee of \$100.00 for life experience evaluation.**

Please fill out and submit your College Application, and Life Experience Application, along with the above-mentioned (signed) documents for consideration. **Final approval will be at the discretion of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary Staff.**

**Note: Submission of life and ministry experience will only be accepted at the time of application.**

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” I Corinthians 14:40

It would not be ethical to allow someone to enroll and do courses for the earlier years, and then submit years of life and ministry experience to by-pass the more difficult courses of the later years.

We are not ignoring the experience you have, and we know that experience is of great value, but we have to set parameters, and adhere to them.

To illustrate here is a hypothetical scenario. If you had four years of experience and enroll in the college, you cannot come back after you finish another year of ministry and say well I now have five years, I want to use my life and ministry experience. It is based upon what you have at the time of application.

*“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.”*

*II Corinthians 8:12*

There may be other colleges that will allow this. However, we are trying to maintain the highest level of integrity possible.

We want our students to be able to display their diplomas with a sense of achievement, knowing they have worked and earned their degrees. When others see your degree hanging on your wall, we want them to know that you earned it.

There are too many colleges that have become what is known as a paper mill. They are handing out degrees with little or no validation of work or study. This cheapens education and is a disgrace to what God’s Word has mandated for the child of God.

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15*

## TRANSFER OF CREDITS

We will consider accepting credit for subjects previously studied that are offered in this catalog, **if completed with a college of our faith (Baptist) and Scriptural doctrine.** A transcript or other proof of subject completion must be submitted to obtain credit.

Evaluation of transferable credits will be made from official transcripts after the student has been accepted for admission. Students from schools of higher learning will receive credit for equivalent courses in which a “C” average or better is maintained, provided the content of the courses meet requirements for the student’s program of studies.

**A minimum of 32 hours must be completed through this institution for each degree awarded.**

If original transcripts cannot be provided, a decision to accept or reject credits will be made by the Staff of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

**English** (if it meets college standards and credit requirement equivalent) **is the only** (individual subject) **non-Biblical course** that will qualify for transfer of credit (Unless you have earned a degree from secular institution).

We have an **Evaluation Program** for new applicants that have completed an Associate, Bachelor’s, or Master’s Degree Program through an acceptable (secular) institution.

You can validate your (earned) degree by presenting us a copy of your original diploma and a set of all original transcripts from the applicable institution(s) (no copies of transcripts accepted). We will review and consider your studies after we receive the copy of your diploma and a set of all original transcripts, and after you have completed the required **Evaluation Program** offered by Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

## **Evaluation Requirements for Students Desiring to Transfer Their Studies (Degrees or Credits)**

Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary is a Bible college. Therefore, the degrees offered by this institution pertain to Biblical Studies and Ministry. Our goal is to focus on preparing God's servants for the work of the ministry, and increasing their knowledge of God's Word, His plan for their life, and how they might better serve Him and fulfill God's plan for their life.

The following requirements are for anyone applying for enrollment in Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary with a previously earned degree or credits from another college or institution. The requirements are not designed to weigh you down, but rather to uphold the integrity of this college. We want to maintain a high standard of excellence that anyone would be proud to be a part of. The degrees that are offered by Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary are strictly of a Biblical nature. Therefore, those who are awarded such degrees need to have an adequate knowledge or background experience of the Bible.

1. You will be required to submit original transcripts from previous college or institution as proof of studies.
2. The transcripts will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine starting position in degree programs offered by Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.
3. The acceptance of previously earned credits or degrees will be at the discretion of Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.
4. Filling out an entrance evaluation may be required of the applicant to discern the course of studies needed for placement into the degree program that will be agreed upon by the applicant and our college staff.

5. If the previously earned degree is of a totally non-Biblical nature, the applicant will be required to complete their studies in accordance with a Biblical Studies degree program for their next earned degree.
6. **After earning a Biblical Studies degree** the student can then pursue a Religious Education, Ministry, or Theology degree.
7. The evaluation will be based upon basic doctrines of the Bible.
8. The evaluation will consist of 15 Doctrines that must be answered to the satisfaction of Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary Staff.
9. Each question must be answered with no less than 350 words and no more than 500 words (5,250 – 7,500 words total).
10. Scripture references with quotes will be required in each answer, but the answer is not to consist totally of Scripture quotes. Your understanding of the question must be clear in your answers using your own words.

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**Entrance / Placement Evaluation**

*This evaluation is designed for those that have previously earned a degree or degrees from other institutions of a secular or non-Biblical nature.*

*The purpose of this evaluation is to determine the course of studies needed and the degree program in which you will begin your studies. This is to help us design a study program that will be beneficial to you. We will tailor the studies to meet your needs and the goal that you want to achieve.*

**Instructions for Submission of Work**

1. Work is to be done on (8 ½ x 11) white paper, single spaced, and typed on one side only, using font size 12.
2. Good composition rules are to be followed, i.e., proper page margins: 1.5 inches on left and top; 1 inch on the right and bottom. Each page is to be numbered .5 inches up from the bottom center of the page.
3. Required writing: **350 - 500 words** on each of the **15 Doctrines** on the Evaluation List (**5,250 - 7,500 words total**). You are expected to use proper English/Grammar and spelling in your work, using complete (whole) (not fragmented) sentences, composed with proper sentence structure.
4. Scripture references with quotes will be required in each answer, but the answer is not to consist totally of Scripture quotes. Your understanding of each Doctrine on the list must be expressed clearly in your own words. (**We accept only Authorized King**

**James Version Scriptures; all other versions will be marked as incorrect).**

5. Proof read your work to eliminate as many errors as possible since these errors will affect your evaluation.
6. You are to submit your work in a binder of some kind that will securely hold your work. Submit original work only, no photo copies. However, be sure to make and keep a copy of your work for yourself, just in case it gets lost in the mail.
7. Submission of the 15 doctrines on the Evaluation List are to be typed.
8. If you have any questions feel free to contact us by calling (706) 459-3233, writing to our mailing address, or email us at [roacobs@gmail.com](mailto:roacobs@gmail.com).

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**Entrance / Placement Evaluation**

**Evaluation List**

- 1. The Doctrine of Divine Inspiration**  
The Scriptures of the Old Testament, and the New Testament,  
and its preservation through the Authorized King James Bible
- 2. The Doctrine of the Trinity – (Triune Godhead)**  
**God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit**
- 3. The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ**
- 4. The Doctrine of Sin**
- 5. The Doctrine of Salvation.**
- 6. The Doctrine of Redemption**
- 7. The Doctrine of Adoption**
- 8. The Doctrine of Assurance**
- 9. The Doctrine of Eternal Security of the Believer**
- 10. The Doctrine of Reconciliation**
- 11. The Doctrine of Satan**
- 12. The Doctrine of Heaven and Hell**
- 13. The Doctrine of Sanctification**
- 14. The Doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ**
- 15. The Doctrine of Last Things**

# ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

## Grading System

**A+ = 100 - 98**

**A = 97 - 94**

**A- = 93 - 90**

**B+ = 89 - 87**

**B = 86 - 84**

**B- = 83 - 80**

**C+ = 79 - 77**

**C = 76 - 74**

**C- = 73 - 71**

**D+ = 70 - 69**

**D = 68 - 67**

**D- = 66 - 65**

**F = 64 - 0**

## Requirements for Receiving Bible Certificates and Degrees

**The Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary does not offer a formal graduation ceremony.**

1. The completion of all prescribed courses with a **minimum score of 71**, as an established standard set by Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.
2. Full payment of all financial obligations (registration, enrollment fees, tuition, or any other incurred expenses).
3. Submission of any and all documents (Transcripts, diplomas, G.E.D., or any other required validation).
4. All Bible Certificates and Degrees will be mailed to the recipients upon satisfaction of all requirements as listed above.

## ***STATEMENT OF FAITH***

- We believe that the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God and that they are the supreme and final authority for faith and practice. We accept the Authorized King James Version to be the Word of God, without error.
- We believe in a Triune God, who is — God The Father, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 2:18)
- GOD THE FATHER, Creator of Heaven and earth, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, rich in grace, supreme in love, and measureless in power. He hears and answers prayer. He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- GOD THE SON, JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S only begotten Son and born of the virgin Mary. He is the only atonement for the sin of this world by the shedding of His blood on the cross. We believe that He arose bodily, ascended into Heaven and is seated at the Father's right hand as our High Priest and Only Mediator. We look for His personal, premillennial, imminent return.
- GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, a Person who is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is sent from God to reprove the world of sin and to regenerate all who receive Christ as personal Saviour.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, but because of Adam's transgression, the whole human race fell. All men everywhere are sinners, both by nature and by choice.
- We believe in a personal devil who was cast out of Heaven and is now the prince of the air. He is the archenemy of God. He has already been judged and someday will be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night, forever and forever.
- We believe that salvation is by grace, through faith in the shed blood of the Son of God, which was shed for the sins of all

mankind, not merely for a selected few. When someone receives salvation, they are eternally secure.

- We believe that Heaven and Hell are literal places, prepared of God as the only eternal abode. All those who have been saved shall live eternally with God. All those without Christ shall abide in the lake of fire forever, eternally separated from God.
- We believe local churches consist of regenerated believers who have been Scripturally baptized and are banded together for worship, work, spiritual fellowship, and spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only church ordinances.
- We believe in Bible separation, that is, to be set apart from the world, sin, self, and Satan, and to be separated "unto the praise of His glory" and the furtherance of the Gospel.
- We believe that all believers are to be witnesses unto the lost for Christ. We believe that all believers have certain God-given gifts and talents and are stewards for God. Some are called to preach or to other special ministries. We also believe that all who have rejected the Gospel or who have never heard the Gospel are lost, and that it is every believer's responsibility to help get the Gospel to everyone.
- We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornications, adultery and pornography is a sinful perversion of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 19:5-13; Genesis 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1, 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

## **GUIDELINES FOR STUDY**

You may work on multiple courses or one course at a time at your own pace until it is finished and then begin the next course. Those with a busy schedule may find that one course at a time works best for them, although it is recommended that you set a goal to complete at least one course every two (2) months. If you get discouraged working on any particular course, we encourage you to switch to another course at least for a short time. Then later go back and work on the first course again. We realize that some courses may keep your interest more than others may. However, they are all needed to give you a better understanding of God's Word.

We realize that you may have a personal problem or some situation that prevents you from turning in a completed course within a two (2) month period. If this happens, a card, letter, call, or e-mail to the college explaining the situation is required, and will assure that readmission will not be necessary. If no communication is received within a four (4) month period, the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary reserve the right to place the student on the inactive list and readmission may be required.

Course material submitted for grading must be neat and readable. The cover page for each course must contain the course title, course number, student name, street address, city, state, zip code, last four digits of social security number, date, and the completed work attached, and secured in a folder (binder) of some type (not loose leaf).

We prefer that you send one course at a time upon completion for grading. If you choose to send several courses or an entire year at one time please allow 3 - 8 weeks for grading to be completed.

We prefer that all work be typed, making it much clearer and easier to grade. Computer programs will help you with grammar, punctuation, and spelling. This will help your grade and enhance your writing skills. If you cannot type it, maybe you can get someone to type it for you. Note: all work that is "computer generated through a printer," make sure the cartridge has sufficient ink for a clear print.

If you do not type your work, please be sure that your handwriting is legible (to others) (printed with mixed upper and lower case letters is much clearer than cursive). If it is not legible it will be returned to you to be rewritten. We cannot grade what we cannot read. Do not submit “mixed” work (typed and handwritten). Do not use pencils. **Black or Blue ink is all that is accepted**, but do not use both colors in the same course.

All work is to be done on standard size (8 ½ x 11) white paper, or white notebook paper, single spaced, and printed or written on one side only. Each page is to be numbered at the bottom center of the page, one-half inch up from the bottom. Send original copy only. **Please, do make a copy for your records, just in case it is lost in the mail.**

Only completed courses are to be sent in. Partial courses will not be accepted.

For all courses where answer sheets are not provided; courses are to be completed as follows: **Write out the question. Leave one blank line below the question, write your answer, and leave one blank line below your answer before writing the next question.** Proofread your work to correct as many errors as possible, failure to do this will affect the grade you receive.

If you wish to have your completed work returned to you, please furnish return postage and envelope with the completed course(s). However, this is not needed for we will return all corrected pages to you, and you should have a copy of the original.

Your grades will be recorded in your permanent file, and your written work will not be kept, (if there is no return postage-paid envelope accompanying your work).

Should you have any questions, please contact us at the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Fees / Course Materials / Tuition / Discounts

1. Matriculation / Application fee: \$30.00
2. Tuition for the **One Year Certificate of Biblical Studies** through the **Bachelor's Degree Program** is \$480.00 per year. This is the equivalent of \$15.00 per credit hour for 32 hours per year. Each year will consist of 8 courses at 4 credit hours each, which will total 32 credit hours.
3. Tuition for the **Master's Degree Program** is a total of \$900.00. This is the equivalent of \$25.00 per credit hour for 36 hours.
4. Tuition for any of the following: **Doctor of Biblical Studies, Doctor of Religious Education, or Doctor of Ministry Degree Programs** is a total of \$1,440.00. This is the equivalent of \$40.00 per credit hour for 36 hours.
5. Tuition for the **Doctor of Theology Degree Program** is a total of \$1,600.00. This is the equivalent of \$40.00 per credit hour for 40 hours.
6. Reinstatement fee if applicable: \$30.00. **Example:** If you have been doing work in another college and are now starting back with Rock of Ages.
7. Postage for all work mailed to the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary must be paid for by the student.
8. If return envelope with pre-paid postage is not provided by the student, notification of grade will be sent along with corrected pages, and the lessons will be discarded.
9. All fees, tuition, and prices of course materials including: books, study guides, binders, and CDs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

10. All fees and tuition due must be paid in full before Certificates or Degrees will be issued.
11. Enrollment prices for all course materials, study guides, binders, CDs, and etc., must be purchased as a package for the applicable year. Prices are listed later in the catalog by applicable years. Courses cannot be purchased individually.
12. All course materials for the applicable year including, study guides, binders, CDs, and etc., are to be paid in full before shipping.
13. Discounts do apply for the spouse that chooses to study also. The spouse will receive a 50% discount on tuition. If the spouse chooses a course that is different from the primary student's courses, that course material must be purchased in addition to the primary student's courses.
14. If the spouse (second student) receiving the 50% discount excels beyond the primary student (first student) in their studies, they will become the **Primary Student** concerning the tuition price.
15. We do accept Debit and Credit Card Payments over the telephone for enrollment fees and tuition prices.
16. If you already have the book for a selected course you may purchase the study guide to go along with your book for the price of \$5.00. However, the book must be the correct edition (same ISBN #) by the publisher, or the study guide will not match.
17. Life Experience Evaluation Fee is \$100.00, and is non-refundable. The only Life Experience that we accept is that which would be considered **full-time**. By the expression full-time we mean laboring in a position of Christian Service that would include a qualifying workload and time involved on a consistent basis, for a minimum of five years.

# Method of Payment

## Course Materials

Enrollment prices for all course materials including: study guides, binders, CDs, and etc., must be purchased at the beginning of each year.

Enrollment prices are subject to change due to increased pricing from suppliers. We will do everything we can to keep the cost affordable. However, when you secure the quote in your agreement letter for the material by payment your tuition quote will be secured also and will not increase regardless of the amount of time you take to do that year of studies. We will submit an agreement letter to you with the total Enrollment Prices listed for the applicable year for the needed materials. You will have 30 days to lock in those prices by payment.

## Tuition

If the student pays tuition for a full year in advance (at the time of enrollment), there is a 10% tuition discount. (Tuition does not have to be paid in advance; this is an option to save 10% on tuition)

### Example: 1<sup>st</sup> year through 4<sup>th</sup> year (Bachelor's Degree)

	4 credit hours per course x \$15.00	= \$ 60.00
	8 courses per year	= 32 credit hours per year
	32 credit hours @ \$15.00	= \$ 480.00
Advance payment	Less 10% discount	<u>-48.00</u>
	Total	\$ 432.00

### Spouse's Cost is @ 50% discount already.

32 credit hours @ \$7.50 = \$ 240.00

### Example: 5<sup>th</sup> year (Master's Degree)

	4 credit hours per course x \$25.00	= \$ 100.00
	9 courses per year	= 36 credit hours per year
	36 credit hours @ \$25.00	= \$ 900.00
Advance payment	Less 10% discount	<u>-90.00</u>
	Total	\$ 810.00

### Spouse's Cost is @ 50% discount already.

36 credit hours @ \$12.50 = \$ 450.00

Example: **6<sup>th</sup> year (Doctoral Degree)**  
**(Biblical Studies, Religious Education, Ministry)**

	4 credit hours per course x \$40.00	=	\$ 160.00
	9 courses per year	=	36 credit hours per year
	36 credit hours @ \$40.00	=	\$ 1,440.00
Advance payment	Less 10% discount		<u>-144.00</u>
	Total		\$ 1,296.00

**Spouse's Cost is @ 50% discount already.**

36 credit hours @ \$20.00 = \$ 720.00

Example: **7<sup>th</sup> year (Doctoral Degree) (Theology)**

	4 credit hours per course x \$40.00	=	\$ 160.00
	10 courses per year	=	40 credit hours per year
	40 credit hours @ \$40.00	=	\$1,600.00
Advance payment	Less 10% discount		<u>-160.00</u>
	Total		\$1,440.00

**Spouse's Cost is @ 50% discount already.**

40 credit hours @ \$20.00 = \$800.00

**You may choose to pay in advance at the time of enrollment, and get the 10% discount on the tuition, or send in your tuition with each course upon completion. You can choose which ever of these options best fits your budget.**

Certificates or Diplomas will not be granted until all financial obligations have been satisfied.

**NOTE:**

The counseling courses are basic studies and are only an aid to the Christian lay counselor. **A state board must license professional counselors.** Lay counselors who present themselves as professionals risk being judged in court by professional standards.

## Enrollment Procedure

1. Fill out the **Application for Admission** you received with this catalog or (downloaded from [www.roapm.com](http://www.roapm.com)).
2. If transfer of credits is applicable. Contact any previously attended college(s) and request transcripts to be sent to Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary. In order to evaluate eligibility, we must have original transcripts for credits transferred from each institution(s).  
**Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies**  
**P.O. Box 4419**  
**Dalton, GA. 30719**
3. An application fee of **\$30.00** must be submitted with your completed, signed, and dated application. **Non-refundable**
4. Life and Ministry Experience fee of **\$100.00** must be submitted with required documentation listed on page 16 (if applicable). **Non-refundable**
5. After processing your application, assessing transcripts from previous college(s), and evaluating your life and ministry experience (**if applicable**), you will be notified of the credit hours awarded for life and ministry experience, and the transfer of any acceptable transcript credit hours.
6. We will then calculate the hours still needed to complete the degree that you have chosen. We will also calculate the cost of materials and tuition needed.
7. We may give you a call to discuss the evaluation of transcripts, or courses needed.
8. We will send you an Agreement Letter listing the courses, cost for materials and tuition required to complete the year of study that would pertain to you.
9. Send your check for the appropriate amount to the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary. You also

have the option to call and make the payment with a debit or credit card.

10. Upon receipt of your payment, your enrollment materials: books, study guides, binder, CDs, and etc. will be shipped by way of UPS to you with an Agreement Letter marked paid as your receipt.
11. Upon receiving your books and materials you may begin your studies.

If a husband and wife desire to study together, the Secondary Student's tuition will be at 50% of the Primary Student's cost. You can purchase one set of materials which will include one set of study guides for each book, which you can duplicate if needed, to be used by both Primary and Secondary Students. Please indicate with the application if Secondary Student requires any additional courses, which will include study guides (if taking a different course or courses from the Primary Student). If the Secondary Student uses different books from the Primary Student the tuition is still discounted 50% for the Secondary Student.

**If the Secondary Student receiving the 50% discount gets ahead in their studies, they will become the Primary Student concerning the tuition price.**

# FIRST YEAR PROGRAM

## One Year Certificate of Biblical Studies

Issued by

**Rock of Ages Bible Institute**

### **32 Hours When Completed (Total Year 1)**

#### **No Diploma or G.E.D. Required**

110	Life of Paul	4 hrs.
111	Bible Doctrines	4 hrs.
113	New Testament Survey	4 hrs.
114	Israel's History	4 hrs.
116	Manners and Customs of Bible Times	4 hrs.
117	Studies in Acts	4 hrs.
118	Final Authority	4 hrs.
119	God's Comfort	4 hrs.
120	Science and the Bible	4 hrs.
121	Teachings of Jesus	4 hrs.
122	Chemistry of the Blood	4 hrs.
125	Failing Forward (overcoming failures)	4 hrs.
126	On Being a Servant of God	4 hrs.
127	How to Pray and Study Your Bible	4 hrs.
128	God's Approval on Your Ministry	4 hrs.

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<b>(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
<b>First Year Tuition – 32 Hours</b>	<b><u>+480.00</u></b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$665.00</b>

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<b><u>First Year Advanced Payment</u></b>	
<b>(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
<b>First Year Tuition – 32 Hours</b>	<b>+480.00</b>
<b>10% Tuition Discount</b>	<b><u>-48.00</u></b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$617.00</b>

# ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

## Associate of Biblical Studies

Issued by

### Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies

#### **64 Hours When Completed (Total Years 1 & 2)**

##### **Diploma or G.E.D. Required**

200	Keeping the Mission in the Missionary	4 hrs.
211	Old Testament Survey	4 hrs.
212	Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah	4 hrs.
213	Church History	4 hrs.
216	The Tabernacle	4 hrs.
217	Balancing the Christian Life	4 hrs.
218	Fall Feasts of Israel	4 hrs.
219	Christian Finances	4 hrs.
220	Women of the Bible	4 hrs.
221	Men of the Bible	4 hrs.
222	Promises of the Bible	4 hrs.
223	Parables of the Bible	4 hrs.
224	Treasures in the Psalms	4 hrs.
225	A Glorious Church	4 hrs.
226	By Their Blood	4 hrs.
227	The Perfect Bible	4 hrs.
228	To the Golden Shore (Missions)	4 hrs.
229	One Nation Under God	4 hrs.
230	How Could a Loving God	4 hrs.
231	With Christ in the School of Prayer	4 hrs.

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##### **Interchangeable Courses from other years**

327	Revealing Islam (End Times)	4 hrs.
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**(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price    \$185.00**

**Second Year Tuition    +480.00**

**Total = \$665.00**

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##### **(Associate) Second Year Advanced Payment**

**(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price    \$185.00**

**(Associate) Second Year Tuition    +480.00**

**10% Tuition Discount    -48.00**

**Total = \$617.00**

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## THIRD YEAR PROGRAM

(First of two years towards a Bachelor Degree)  
(No certificate or degree awarded for third year)

### 96 Hours When Completed (Total Years 1 - 3)

301	Music of the Bible	4 hrs.
311	Prophets of Israel	4 hrs.
312	Kingdom of the Cults	4 hrs.
313	Christian Counseling I	4 hrs.
314	Homiletics ( <u>Men's</u> )	4 hrs.
315	Hermeneutics	4 hrs.
316	Christian Education I	4 hrs.
317	Beatitudes	4 hrs.
318	Developing the Leader Within You	4 hrs.
319	Studies in Elijah	4 hrs.
320	Studies in Ruth	4 hrs.
321	Studies in Daniel	4 hrs.
322	Studies in Joseph	4 hrs.
323	Biblical Creationism	4 hrs.
324	Miracles of the Bible	4 hrs.
325	Foxes Book of Martyrs	4 hrs.
326	Understanding the Constitution	4 hrs.
327	Revealing Islam (End Times)	4 hrs.

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(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$185.00
Third Year Tuition	<u>+480.00</u>
Total =	\$ 665.00

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<u>Third Year Advanced Payment</u>	
(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$185.00
Third Year Tuition	+480.00
10% Tuition Discount	<u>-48.00</u>
Total =	\$ 617.00

# BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

(One of the following will be awarded according to courses studied)

## Biblical Studies - Religious Education - Theology

Issued by

**Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies**

**128 Hours When Completed (Total Years 1-4)**

400	From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya (Missions)	4 hrs.
411	English Skills	4 hrs.
412	Holy Spirit	4 hrs.
414	Major Bible Prophecies	4 hrs.
415	Major Bible Themes	4 hrs.
416	Studies in Romans	4 hrs.
417	David His Life and Times	4 hrs.
418	Christian Counseling II	4 hrs.
419	The Second Coming	4 hrs.
420	Divine Names & Titles of the Bible	4 hrs.
421	Embraced by the Cross	4 hrs.
422	Prayers of the Bible	4 hrs.
424	Genesis of a Legacy	4 hrs.
425	Apostles of the Bible	4 hrs.
435	Studies in I & II Thessalonians	4 hrs.
436	Bible History Old Testament	4 hrs.

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### **Interchangeable Courses from other years**

<b>216</b>	The Tabernacle	4 hrs.
<b>217</b>	Balancing the Christian Life	4 hrs.
<b>327</b>	Revealing Islam (End Times)	4 hrs.

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<b>(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>
<b>(Bachelor's) Fourth Year Tuition</b>	<b><u>+480.00</u></b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$ 690.00</b>

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### **(Bachelor's) Fourth Year Advanced Payment**

<b>(8 Courses - 32 Hours) Enrollment Price</b>	<b>\$ 210.00</b>
<b>(Bachelor's) Fourth Year Tuition</b>	<b>+480.00</b>
<b>10% Tuition Discount</b>	<b><u>-48.00</u></b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$ 642.00</b>

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# MASTER'S PROGRAM

(One of the following will be awarded according to courses studied)

**Biblical Studies - Religious Education - Theology**

Issued by

## Rock of Ages Theological Seminary

### 36 Hour Master's Program

#### 164 Total Hours When Completed (Total Years 1-5)

"Master of Theology" Degree will require completion of **7 courses and a 25,000 word thesis.** Biblical Studies - Religious Education **9 courses - no thesis.**

#### Assignments will be made after review of previous studies.

500	Biblical Theology of Missions	4 hrs.
501	Feeding and Leading	4 hrs.
510	Minor Prophets	4 hrs.
511	New Manners & Customs of the Bible	4 hrs.
512	Words and Works of Jesus Christ	4 hrs.
513	Eschatology (Things to Come)	4 hrs.
514	Dispensationalism	4 hrs.
515	Christian Education II	4 hrs.
517	Jesus Christ our Lord	4 hrs.
518	Christian Apologetics	4 hrs.

#### **519 Quality Research Papers (Book)**

**+ 25,000 Word Thesis for Th.M.** 8 hrs.

521	Team Leadership in Christian Ministry	4 hrs.
522	The Temple	4 hrs.
523	Sketches of Jewish Social Life	4 hrs.
524	The Chronology of the Old Testament	4 hrs.
526	How do We Know the Bible is True	4 hrs.
527	The Long War Against God	4 hrs.

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#### Interchangeable Courses from other years

<b>311</b>	Prophets of Israel	4 hrs.
<b>435</b>	Studies in I & II Thessalonians	4 hrs.
<b>327</b>	Revealing Islam (End Times)	4 hrs.

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<b>(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>
<b>(Master's) Fifth Year Tuition</b>	<b><u>+900.00</u></b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$1,130.00</b>

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#### Master's Fifth Year Advanced Payment

<b>(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>
<b>(Master's) Fifth Year Tuition</b>	<b><u>+900.00</u></b>
<b>10% Tuition Discount</b>	<b><u>-90.00</u></b>
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$1,040.00</b>

# DOCTOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Issued by

## Rock of Ages Theological Seminary

### 36 Hour Doctoral Program

#### 200 Total Hours When Completed (Total Years 1-6)

The “**Doctor of Biblical Studies**” Degree will require completion of 7 courses and a **25,000 word thesis**, or 9 courses and **no thesis**.

Assignments will be made after review of previous studies.

611	Old Testament Ethics	4 hrs.
612	Baptist History in America	4 hrs.
613	End Times Prophecy	4 hrs.
614	Revelation of Jesus Christ	4 hrs.
615	Emblems of the Holy Spirit	4 hrs.
617	Defending the Faith	4 hrs.
622	Genesis Record	4 hrs.
623	Majesty of God in Old Testament	4 hrs.
626	For Time and Forever	4 hrs.
<b>610</b>	<b><u>Quality Research Papers (Book)</u></b>	
	<b><u>+ 25,000 Word Thesis for D.B.S.</u></b>	8 hrs.

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#### Interchangeable Courses from other years

616	Scientific Creationism	4 hrs.
620	Preaching & Teaching Old Testament	4 hrs.
621	Daniel	4 hrs.
624	Christian Educator's Handbook	4 hrs.

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(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 215.00
(Doctoral) Sixth Year Tuition	<u>+1,440.00</u>
Total =	\$1,655.00

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#### Doctor of Biblical Studies Advanced Payment

(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 215.00
(Doctoral) Sixth Year Tuition	<u>+1,440.00</u>
10% Tuition Discount	<u>-144.00</u>
Total =	\$1,511.00

# DOCTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Issued by

## Rock of Ages Theological Seminary

### 36 Hour Doctoral Program

#### 200 Total Hours When Completed (Total Years 1-6)

The “**Doctor of Religious Education**” Degree will require completion of **7 courses and a 25,000 word thesis.**

#### Assignments will be made after review of previous studies.

611	Old Testament Ethics	4 hrs.
612	Baptist History in America	4 hrs.
613	End Times Prophecy	4 hrs.
614	Revelation of Jesus Christ	4 hrs.
615	Emblems of the Holy Spirit	4 hrs.
616	Scientific Creationism	4 hrs.
617	Defending the Faith	4 hrs.
<b>618</b>	<b><u>Quality Research Papers (Book)</u></b>	
	<b><u>+ 25,000 Word Thesis for D.R.E.</u></b>	8 hrs.

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#### Interchangeable Courses from other years

620	Preaching & Teaching Old Testament	4 hrs.
621	Daniel	4 hrs.
622	Genesis Record	4 hrs.
623	Majesty of God in Old Testament	4 hrs.
624	Christian Educator’s Handbook	4 hrs.
626	For Time and Forever	4 hrs.

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(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 200.00
(Doctoral) Sixth Year Tuition	<u>+1,440.00</u>
Total =	\$1,640.00

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#### Doctor of Religious Education Advanced Payment

(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 200.00
(Doctoral) Sixth Year Tuition	<u>+1,440.00</u>
10% Tuition Discount	<u>-144.00</u>
Total =	\$1,496.00

# DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Issued by

## Rock of Ages Theological Seminary

### 36 Hour Doctoral Program

#### 200 Total Hours When Completed (Total Years 1-6)

The “Doctor of Ministry” Degree will require completion of 7 courses and a 25,000 word thesis.

#### Assignments will be made after review of previous studies.

611	Old Testament Ethics	4 hrs.
620	Preaching & Teaching Old Testament	4 hrs.
621	Daniel	4 hrs.
622	Genesis Record	4 hrs.
623	Majesty of God in Old Testament	4 hrs.
624	Christian Educator’s Handbook	4 hrs.
626	For Time and Forever	4 hrs.
<b>619</b>	<b><u>Quality Research Papers (Book)</u></b>	
	<b><u>+ 25,000 Word Thesis for D.Min.</u></b>	8 hrs.

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#### Interchangeable Courses from other years

612	Baptist History in America	4 hrs.
613	End Times Prophecy	4 hrs.
614	Revelation of Jesus Christ	4 hrs.
615	Emblems of the Holy Spirit	4 hrs.
616	Scientific Creationism	4 hrs.
617	Defending the Faith	4 hrs.

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(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 200.00
(Doctoral) Sixth Year Tuition	<u>+1,440.00</u>
Total =	\$1,640.00

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#### Doctor of Ministry Advanced Payment

(9 Courses - 36 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 200.00
(Doctoral) Sixth Year Tuition	<u>+1,440.00</u>
10% Tuition Discount	<u>-144.00</u>
Total =	\$1,496.00

# DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Issued by

## Rock of Ages Theological Seminary

### 40 Hour Doctoral Program

### 240+ Total Hours When Completed (Year 1-7)

The “**Doctor of Theology**” Degree will require completion of 6 courses and a 50,000 word thesis equal to 4 courses.

#### Assignments will be made after review of previous studies.

701	Basic Theology	4 hrs.
702	Biblical Theology New Testament	4 hrs.
703	Biblical Theology Old Testament	4 hrs.
704	Systematic Theology	4 hrs.
705	Exegetical Theology	4 hrs.
706	Wisdom of Solomon	4 hrs.
707	The Moody Handbook of Theology	4 hrs.
<b>708</b>	<b><u>Quality Research Papers (Book)</u></b>	
	<b><u>+ 50,000 Word Thesis for Th.D.</u></b>	16 hrs.

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#### Interchangeable Courses from other years

611	Old Testament Ethics	4 hrs.
614	Revelation of Jesus Christ	4 hrs.
616	Scientific Creationism	4 hrs.
620	Preaching & Teaching Old Testament	4 hrs.
622	Genesis Record	4 hrs.
623	Majesty of God in Old Testament	4 hrs.

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(10 Courses - 40 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 180.00
(Doctoral) Seventh Year Tuition	<u>+1,600.00</u>
Total =	\$1,780.00

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#### Doctor of Theology Advanced Payment

(10 Courses - 40 Hours) Enrollment Price	\$ 180.00
(Doctoral) Seventh Year Tuition	<u>+1,600.00</u>
10% Tuition Discount	<u>-160.00</u>
Total =	\$1,620.00

## **Requirements for Master's or Doctoral Thesis**

Guidebook: **Quality Research Papers** by Nancy Jean Vyhmeister.

The following are Rock of Ages Theological Seminary requirements for the compilation of any Thesis/Dissertation submitted to Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary:

- Length will be twenty-five thousand (**25,000**) or fifty thousand (**50,000**) words, determined by the degree that is pursued.
- You may select your own subject. Then submit the subject along with a simple outline for approval.
- All work is to be typed, without error, double-spaced, one side only, and in a secure binder.
- Orders of the various parts of the work are as follows: Title page; Biographical Sketch of Author; Dedication or Acknowledgments, if desired; Table of Contents; Introduction; Chapter 1 etc.; Endnotes; and Bibliography.
- Each new chapter will begin on a new page, two inches from top edge of page.
- Margins will be one inch on the top, bottom and right side, and one and one-half inch on the left side.
- Page numbering will be in the center at the bottom of all pages, one half inch from the bottom of the page.
- Preliminary pages are to be numbered using lowercase Roman numerals, beginning with the title page, but do not type a number on that page.
- The first page of the "Introduction" is page 1.
- Endnotes are to be used. Footnotes are unacceptable.
- The first two chapters and a sample page of the endnotes must be submitted for review before the student continues with the thesis.
- Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in rejection of the thesis.

**Completed work is to be submitted also on a CD, in Microsoft Word format, along with a printed copy in a binder as described above.**

**No exceptions to the above rules.**

## **Doctoral Degree Program**

Doctor of Biblical Studies -----	36 hours
Doctor of Religious Education -----	36 hours
Doctor of Ministry -----	36 hours
Doctor of Theology -----	40 hours

### **Requirements for Enrollment**

**Doctor of Biblical Studies** - Requirements are an earned Master's degree with a minimum of **164 credit hours**.

**Doctor of Religious Education** - Requirements are an earned Master's degree with a minimum of **164 credit hours**.

**Doctor of Ministry** - Requirements are an earned Master's degree with a minimum of **164 credit hours**.

**Doctor of Theology** - Requirements are an earned Master's degree with a minimum of **200 credit hours**.

### **Requirements for Completion**

**Doctor of Biblical Studies** - The degree requires completion of **nine courses** or **seven courses** and submission of a **25,000** word dissertation, on a subject that has been approved by the college staff.

**Doctor of Religious Education** - The degree requires completion of **seven courses** and submission of a **25,000** word dissertation, on a subject that has been approved by the college staff.

**Doctor of Ministry** - The degree requires completion of **seven courses** and submission of a **25,000** word dissertation, on a subject that has been approved by the college staff.

**Doctor of Theology** - The degree requires completion of **six courses** and submission of a **50,000** word dissertation, on a subject that has been approved by the college staff.

## Rejection of Master's or Doctoral Thesis

Students seeking a Master's or Doctoral degree from Rock of Ages Theological Seminary are strongly urged to carefully proofread their thesis to eliminate possible problems that could result in it being rejected.

There are several reasons why Rock of Ages Theological Seminary might reject a thesis:

- **Rejected because of doctrinal errors:**

The “Statement of Faith” on pages 25 and 26 of our catalog outlines the doctrinal stand of Rock of Ages Theological Seminary. Deviation from this “Statement of Faith” will result in the rejection of a Master's or Doctoral thesis – NO EXCEPTIONS! To accept a thesis, which does not align with the Rock of Ages Ministries’ “Statement of Faith” damages the doctrinal integrity of Rock of Ages Ministries. Rock of Ages Ministries has stood on this “Statement of Faith” for many years and will not compromise in this area.

- **Rejected because of quotations from Bible translations other than the Authorized King James Version:**

There will be **NO** exceptions. This is stated in our catalog on page 12 under the heading Frequently Asked Questions, pages 21-22 under heading Entrance / Placement Evaluation (see instruction four), and on page 48 under heading Disclaimer Concerning Textbooks. Our position on the Authorized King James Version is stated clearly in our doctrinal “Statement of Faith” on page 25. The New King James Version is **NOT** the same as the Authorized King James Version.

- **Rejected because of excessive typos:**

A thesis that contains an excessive amount of typos such as: indentions, spacing, alignment errors, etc., could be rejected

and returned to the student for correction and resubmission. Therefore, it is strongly advised that the student have persons other than their self to proof read the thesis. Sometimes, familiar eyes do not see what a fresh set of eyes will notice immediately. NOTE: When a thesis is submitted, it is to be print ready, which would mean without typos.

- **Rejected because of excessive grammatical errors:**

If there are problems with sentence structure, incomplete sentences, spelling, or the use of wrong words or punctuation, the thesis may be returned for correction. Again, one would be wise to have their thesis proof read by someone who is competent in English grammar. NOTE: When a thesis is submitted, it is to be print ready, which would mean without grammatical errors.

- **Rejected due to wresting (or twisting) Scripture to fit your view or thoughts:**

Many study the Word of God with the intent to prove their own preconceived ideas. Students must be pliable and allow the Bible to change their own views if necessary.

- **Rejected if the requirements for a Master's or Doctoral thesis are not followed:**

Please become familiar with the "Requirements for Master's or Doctoral Thesis" on page 44. These requirements must be followed explicitly.

Carefully study the textbook entitled "Quality Research Papers." This is a helpful resource and the student is expected to read this textbook. It is important that the student submit an acceptable thesis. The Rock of Ages Theological Seminary reserves the right to charge **75% of the original tuition** (equivalent of 8 hour for a 25,000-word thesis, and 16 hours for a 50,000-word thesis) for a Master's or Doctoral thesis that is resubmitted because it has been returned to the student.

# Disclaimer Concerning Textbooks

The **Authorized King James Version (KJV)** is the only translation of the Bible used by Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary. We believe this is the preserved Word of God for the English-speaking world. All Scripture quotations and questions must be answered from the **KJV**. The use of any other version will be graded as incorrect.

In these modern days, it is almost impossible to purchase study books that hold strictly to the use of **KJV** Scriptures. In the study books which we have been able to obtain, there may be quotations from other versions of the Bible that we do not endorse. Yet, in the textbooks we use, there is a wealth of knowledge that can be gleaned. Therefore, we have affixed a disclaimer in the front of each textbook that we use, stating that we do not indorse or agree with the other versions of Scriptures that may be used in their text.

## Textbooks and Study Guides

The textbooks received from the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary includes the study guide. If the student has the textbook in his/her library or wishes to purchase it elsewhere, **there is a \$5.00 charge for the study guide**. If you have the same textbook, or purchase the textbook elsewhere, be sure to confirm with us that it is the same edition, revision, and printing that we use. Many books are revised and updated, some even more than once.

We reserve the right to substitute some textbooks as individual needs arise.

**NOTE: Enrollment prices which reflect all needed materials (books, study guides, binders, CD, and etc.) are subject to change without notice.**

Please call the **Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary** at **(706)459-3233** for prices and questions.

## **Issuing of Certificates**

### **Rock of Ages Bible Institute**

All **One Year Certificates of Biblical Studies** - will be mailed to the student upon the completion of required work.

## **Issuing of Diplomas**

### **Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies**

**Associate and Bachelor's Degrees** - will be issued after the completion of all required work is approved by the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies Staff. Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies Staff will meet **once per quarter** for the final approval of all submitted work and to issue degrees. The Diplomas will be mailed to the student.

## **Issuing of Diplomas**

### **Rock of Ages Theological Seminary**

**Master's and Doctoral Degrees** - will be issued after the completion of all required work is approved by the Rock of Ages Theological Seminary Staff and the Board of Regents. Rock of Ages Theological Seminary Staff and the Board of Regents will meet **twice per year** for the final approval of all submitted work and to issue degrees. The Diplomas will be mailed to the student.

## **Master's or Doctoral Thesis Approval Process**

Thesis work will be approved in accordance with the requirements set forth earlier on page 44. The Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and Theological Seminary Staff and the Board of Regents will have to approve each step in the process. Note: do not wait until the last moment to start your thesis process. Submit your subject and outline for approval early, for it may take up to three months for us to process each step that is involved. We do not want to be the reason for your delay.

**Step one** - submit thesis subject and a brief outline for approval.

**Step two** - submit the first two chapters of the thesis and a sample page of the endnotes.

**Step three** - submit the completed thesis ready for grading.

## Credits For A Mission Trip

We realize the value and the impact that a trip to the mission field can have upon an individual.

The impact of what the eye sees can greatly change a person's life forever. Many have simply gone to see and then surrendered to go.

The value of seeing the needs on the mission field may forever change the value one puts upon their giving to missions to help reach souls around the world.

We realize that there are many things that may be gleaned from the experiences on the mission field that can never be taught from a book. Therefore, we are encouraging mission trips where you may glean from the years of experience of missionaries that have been there through the blessed and the difficult times.

Requirements to receive credits for a Mission Trip are as follows:

1. Missionary on the field must be of like faith (Independent Baptist). Approval will be at the discretion of the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies and the Board of Regents.
2. The mission trip must be for the duration of at least 10 days.
3. The mission trip must be validated by the missionary that you labored with on the field. **(Form for validation provided by the Rock of Ages College of Biblical Studies upon request for the missionary to fill out.)**
4. Write 12,500 words describing the present work on the field visited, the country's information, the mission's possibilities or potential, the needs of the mission work, the restrictions that the missionaries face, and the burden that you have or have gained as a result of the trip.

The total credits that will be earned upon the completion of the above requirements will total **4 Credit Hours**. The cost will be \$15.00 per credit hour. There will be no textbooks for these credits. **Credits will not apply beyond the Bachelor's Degree.**

**Students can use trips that have been taken within one year retro of their enrollment date, or current studies, but must meet the above requirements even for past trips.** There is a limit of **ONE** mission trip (4 credit hours) per degree earned.

# Degrees Defined

**Biblical Studies** - It provides a Biblical foundation of study for all Christians and especially for those desiring to better understand Biblical principles. The Biblical Studies Degree is designed to provide the fundamentals to the field of Bible study for the seminary student.

**Religious Education** - Typically, this is a preparation for a professional teaching ministry, usually offered by Christian institutions. The curriculum may include theological study and sometimes a thesis.

This degree offers a broad education in the areas of Scripture and Theology. Typically, this degree will be sought by those individuals who are interested in serving as pastors, missionaries, evangelist, youth leaders, or in other forms of local church ministry.

**Ministry** - Its primary emphasis is on the practice of ministry (practicum). The program allows the student to both sharpen ministry skills and think critically about theological issues confronting ministry.

This degree is designed to give the basics of field ministry for the student. The program provides a Biblical foundation of study for all Christians and especially for those desiring to enter into the pulpit ministry.

**Theology** - This is the study of God or, more generally, the study of religious faith, practice, and experience, or of spirituality, "the science of things Divine."

This includes the study of the nature of God and religious truth; rational inquiry into religious questions.

It is the systematic study of the existence and nature of the Divine and its relationship to and influence upon other beings.

# Personal Notes

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