

# **International Maranatha Institute**

reaching the mission fields  
of the world

**A Full Gospel Assemblies Institute of Biblical Study  
for the developing disciple, pastor, evangelist and field worker**

**Phrear School of Theology  
International Maranatha Institute  
IMI Central Campus for Distance Learning  
3018 E. Lincoln Hwy, P O Box 337, Parkesburg, PA 19365**

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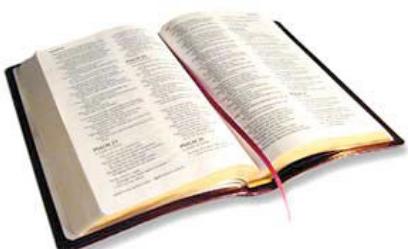
The International Maranatha Institute (IMI).....reaching the world with education since 1962!

IMI serves as the mission school of Full Gospel Assemblies for mid-level training throughout the United States and abroad, offering the Diploma of Biblical Study program. International Maranatha Institute provides a solid Biblical educational program to pastors, evangelists, church workers, layman and ministers wishing to train for the effective giving of the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

Our goal is to provide a professional development program in Biblical study, that will assist in preparation for ministerial credentialing within Full Gospel Assemblies and for the work of the great commission of our Lord Jesus. The IMI Diploma of Biblical Study program gives to you an institute level study, preparing you for ministry in your community. This program is offered primarily for the training of non-U.S. residents. While IMI courses will not afford college credit, through successful completion of the program, you will earn your Diploma of Biblical Study.

Your IMI distance learning program will provide you with a foundational understanding of the books of the Bible and numerous challenging theological subjects. The curriculum is designed with the global student in mind, allowing for study with only the Bible as your textbook, and the availability to study from anywhere in the world. The benefits include; a program designed for self study which can be started at any time; no additional materials or books to buy; and a Student Grant funding program tailored to your financial capability.

Study within a recognized school of ministry today, to become a leader for tomorrow.



*Study to shew thyself approved, a  
workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the Word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15*

1961. Dr. Charles E. Strauser, pastor and church pioneer, leading a Full Gospel - Pentecostal congregation located in Coatesville, PA received a vision from the Lord wherein he was able to see men and women of all nations crying out for education in the Word of God. Within the vision he could further see correspondence flowing freely between the United States and the nations represented. After much prayer and counsel, together with his wife and partner in ministry, the Lord led Dr. Charles and AnnaMae Strauser to begin to prepare for the opening of the Full Gospel Bible Institute there in Coatesville, PA.

1962 Full Gospel Bible Institute opens, offering a continued adult education program of study to the Chester County, Pennsylvania area to all interested in study of scripture and preparation for the ministry of the church and mission outreach.

1965 First Graduation celebration held with some 26 students receiving their Bible School diplomas in recognition of their completion of study.

1966 Registrations for correspondence study programs began to broaden out from the N.E. state region to across the U.S. and from abroad. As a leader in development of a correspondence school of Biblical study, Full Gospel Bible Institute began to witness the hunger of pastors and ministers for an education program centered on scripture alone.

1975 From the 1960's and into the 1970's and beyond, Full Gospel Bible Institute develops as the educational arm of the Full Gospel Assemblies church fellowship, and experiences steady growth both in its distance learning and continued adult education campus programs. Study Group Center locations were opened throughout the NE and into numerous cities throughout the States, and as well, into the Asian and African countries.

1981 Full Gospel Bible Institute opens new central campus and international offices location in Parkesburg, Pennsylvania.

1989 Full Gospel Bible Institute makes a name change to Maranatha Full Gospel Bible Institute.

1995 Maranatha Full Gospel Bible Institute crosses a milestone in reaching into all the world, with representation of students and alumni in more than 85 countries!

2014 Maranatha Full Gospel Bible Institute celebrates its 50th Graduation ceremony, held at Christ's Chapel, Parkesburg, Pennsylvania.

2016 With the continuation of development for the meeting of the changing educational and church development objectives for the church fellowship of Full Gospel Assemblies, Maranatha Full Gospel Bible Institute makes a name change to Phrear School of Theology, opening its central campus and offices to the greater Los Angeles, CA area, offering Associate and Bachelor ministry degree programs for those called of the Lord to the work of the Gospel ministry.

The International Maranatha Institute is then developed within Phrear School of Theology as the Full Gospel Assemblies *school of missions*, to meet the need of a solid foundational training in the scriptures, available for Full Gospel leadership schooling from around the world. Through IMI, pastors, missionaries and church laity resident outside the USA, may obtain their diploma programs of study.

The International Maranatha Institute partners with the church fellowship of Full Gospel Assemblies for its main office campus at 3018 E. Lincoln Hwy, P O Box 337, Parkesburg, PA 19365.

2019 Building upon the many years of offering a quality educational experience for those training in ministry, Phrear School of Theology expands with the relocation of its central campus offices to Celebration, FL, fully serving the growing ministries of Full Gospel Assemblies. Till present, International Maranatha Institute maintains the Pennsylvania central office campus along with the church fellowship of Full Gospel Assemblies in the rural community of Parkesburg.

2025 International Maranatha Institute continues the Full Gospel legacy of providing Biblical training to all who are called to study and minister the Word of God.

The ministry of our Lord Jesus continues!

**Available to you.....by Distance Learning ..... or by Study Group**

The **Diploma of Biblical Study** program is offered by ‘distance learning’ or in ‘study group’. Distance learning provides opportunity for independent study while those enrolling with a study group will experience classes led by local pastoral leadership.

Distance learning study programs will be able to be fit into your schedule, allowing for you to remain in current ministry, with your occupation and with your family during your time of study.

IMI coordinates with local church ministries for study group classes. These classes will meet on a semester schedule. To learn more of study group locations, open classes, registration and enrollment availability, please contact PST/IMI, Office of Records, 3018 E. Lincoln Hwy, P O Box 337, Parkesburg, PA. 19365 or at [studentservices@phrear.org](mailto:studentservices@phrear.org).

**Distance Learning. It works like this.....**

As you complete your registration for the Diploma of Biblical Study program and enroll for your first classes of study, IMI will ship to you your course syllabus for each class to which enrollment has been placed. Students may place enrollment to one to ten class studies at time of registration. Upon completion of the requirements for each individual class, including research, study, readings, lesson work and exam, you will mail your completed class course work, one or more per submission, to IMI, by postal mail or email for review and grading by IMI Instructors and Teaching Assistants. Each course is considered as a class, with the Diploma of Biblical Study program consisting of eleven (11) classes including the Thesis required for graduation.

**Text Books. Your Bible is your textbook**

The Bible is your one and only textbook needed. International Maranatha Institute courses are written from the King James Version and it is suggested that all students have access to the KJV, NKJV, or ESV Bible either in soft copy or hard copy for their study. Students may also utilize other versions of scripture to gain a broader understanding.

**Time Allotment..... for the completion of your course work.**

The majority of students will find that the average time allotment required is 20 to 30 hours for each course for research, study and course assignment. The average student receiving an average grade will complete one course per month. Each course is to be completed within a maximum of six (6) months of registration. Reregistration to the course will be required after six (6) months with current tuitions and fees being applied. Students placing enrollments to more than one course simultaneously will be afforded the maximum of six (6) months per course.

**Grading Policy**

Submitted course requirements for IMI courses are graded on the basis of submission of correct response, reference and/or comprehension of the course work as presented. Essay and thesis requirements are graded on overall presentation, content and comprehension of subject matter. It

is the policy of IMI to not provide the correct answer to each lesson question that is marked incorrect or for which partial credit is afforded. However, we do invite our student body to carefully research those areas of their work which may be afforded less than full credit. In the event that reasoning for grading indication is not understood, the student may request a full explanation. When requesting explanations, it is required that a copy of the graded material in question be returned to school offices with a written request for an explanation of grading.

### **Grading Scale**

For all course grading, the general scale utilized is as follows.

100 - 90	A	69 - 60	D
89 - 80	B	59 - 0	Incomplete
79 - 70	C	W	Withdraw

### **Student Requirements For Study**

All applicants are required be at minimum of 17 years of age and possess at minimum, the ability to demonstrate comprehension and analysis of Biblical texts, follow instruction, and read and write clear English. While not required for this Biblical study diploma program, it is recommended that all students hold the minimum of high school education available in their respective countries. IMI reserves the right to dismiss students not meeting minimum requirements for entry to and continuation of study.

### **Graduation**

Students successfully completing all required courses of the program graduate with the receiving of their **Diploma of Biblical Study**.

### **Changes in Course Offerings**

Course offerings within the Diploma of Biblical Study program may be deleted or added as deemed appropriate by IMI. Proper notice for all changes to be given to all registered students at such time that changes would occur.

**After Graduation**

Graduates of the Diploma of Biblical Study are serving their churches, communities and the mission field in the many ministries to the body of Christ. As you gain the foundational study of God's Word, coupled with the confidence of sharing the Gospel, you will experience the hand of God upon your life and ministry in Him.

**Ministry License and Ordination**

The mission of IMI is to provide a foundational Biblical study development program, that will open the Word of God to the one seeking to be a channel of service for Christ Jesus. As IMI serves as the mission school of the church fellowship of Full Gospel Assemblies, graduates are welcome to apply for ministerial credentialing in recognition of their ministry to the Church. Graduates of the IMI program have been successful in serving the Lord in all capacities of service to the Church, including those offices of evangelist, missionary, and pastor. Those seeking ministerial commissioning, licensure and ordination may apply directly to the church fellowship of Full Gospel Assemblies Int., 3018 E. Lincoln Hwy, P O Box 337, Parkesburg, PA 19365; the local church to which they serve; or to their church fellowship or denomination. Additional ministry and educational requirements, and ministry development may be required.

**Opening and Developing Ministry**

Full Gospel Assemblies welcomes established, as well as new and developing ministries from all countries to partner with the church fellowship for the furtherance of the Gospel. Information is available for interested congregations and evangelistic ministries at [www/fgai.org](http://www/fgai.org).

**Tuition and Fees**

Registration Fee: \$ 25.00 Paid with enrollment to first course of study.

Tuition: \$ 49.00 Per course of study.

Fee Total \$ 25.00

Tuition Total \$ 539.00

**Additional Fees:**

Shipping and handling \$ 0.00

Diploma/Records Fees \$ 0.00

Transcript Fees \$ 15.00 Per each official transcript issued.

**Student Grant Funding**

International Maranatha Institute provides for IMI student financial assistance. Student Grant funding is available through the missions giving of the people of God, churches and ministries.

Students unable to contribute the requested tuition and fees may apply for IMI student grant funding assistance. **Application for Student Grant funding to be submitted when filing your Diploma of Biblical Study program application.**

As student grant funding is available, IMI will fulfill its mission to supply Biblical and ministry training to all requesting.

**Transfer Credit**

When an IMI applicant / student desires to receive transfer credit for like courses completed with other institutions or programs, a request must be submitted to the Admissions Office along with an official copy of the transcript(s) or records. Consideration will be given to courses in which the student earned a "C" (2.0) or better. A maximum of 50% of credit may be applied through transfer to the Diploma of Biblical Study program. IMI reserves the right to determine the transferability of prior credit earned.

**Withdraws and Refunds**

Students withdrawing from a course of study may receive full refund of tuition payment when written withdraw is completed and received by the IMI, Office of Registrar, within the first 30 days of registration to the course.

**Diploma of Biblical Study**

**Program Course Titles, Descriptions & Sequence**

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**Course Sequence**

Course sequence will follow as described absent of allowance for credit of prior study.

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**Program Course Titles and Descriptions**

**BS101**

**The Holy Spirit - The Comforter** - A study of the person, work, and witness of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives.

**BS102**

**New Testament Books** - A general overview study of the books of the Bible from Matthew through Jude, giving insight into God's love and Grace to the Church.

**BS105**

**Understanding Prayer and Fasting** - The study of Understanding Prayer and Fasting will reveal to the student, through the word of God, answers for the receiving of prayer requests, and explanations of hindrances to a prayerful life.

**BS106**

**Spiritual Gifts** - A complete study of each of the nine Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This study will open understanding for the importance of the Gifts to the child of God. Further exploration will be given to the proper use of Spiritual Gifts within the Church.

**BS107**

**The Godhead** - A critical study of the Father, Son, and Holy spirit, teaching the principal of our triune God.

**BS112**

**Scriptural Principles of Giving** - An enlightening study of the principals and responsibilities set forth by God for the financial support of the Church and individual blessings received through adherence to the word of God.

**BS113**

**Dispensational Truth** - The study of Man and His progression through the ages from innocence to the prophesied millennial reign.

**BS114**

**Personal Witnessing** - Through this study, you will explore the Christian's responsibility of taking the good news of the gospel to the world in which we live.

**BS136**

**Positive Faith** - A foundational study for every follower of Christ. This course examines the call for the believer to receive the faith that comes by the power of the Holy Spirit as they place their trust in the blessed word of God.

**BS143**

**The Supremacy of Jesus Christ** - A chapter by chapter examination of the epistle of Hebrews, bringing to light the position, power and supreme authority of Christ Jesus.

**BS115**

**Biblical Studies Treatise** - Final program requirement is the course Thesis paper. The program Thesis will be required to be written in reflection of subject matter covered within the course modules of the IMI Biblical Studies program.

**Submitting Applications, Registrations, Enrollments,  
Tuition & Fee Payments.....****Payments**

All payments must be in form of credit or debit, check, money order, Paypal, Western Union or travelers checks payable in US Dollars. Students resident outside the United States may also utilize American Express Travelers which may be acquired through an American Express office or banks within each respective country.

All online payments may be made through the donate page of [phrear.org](http://phrear.org).

**All Correspondence**

All International Maranatha Institute correspondence for application submission, registrations, enrollments, tuition payments, course work, student complaints, & general informational requests may be forwarded to Phrear School of Theology - International Maranatha Institute.

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