



# **COVERING THE EARTH** **WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE!**

What is **ThroughTheScriptures.com**? By design, it is an online school that will teach the entire Bible, book-by-book and verse-by-verse, in twenty-three languages. Since it is web based, the school will be available to anyone on the earth with a connection to the Internet. This school will be the nearest that the church has come to having a pure, complete, and continual “teaching-the-Bible presence” in every nation and city of the world! Admittedly, these are extravagant descriptions that sound almost too good to be true; nevertheless, they are true, and the school is now here!

The website for the school is scheduled to be released September 1, 2015. Utilizing the Internet’s global network of communication, it will provide anyone who has access to a computer and the Internet with the opportunity to study in-depth through the Bible. With study texts of up to 700 pages covering almost every book of the Bible, it will be a school of extensive Bible study. Most likely, this type of school has never been offered globally before.

### **THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES!**

The school will offer an online, high-level study of the Scriptures. At the time of the initial release, it will feature a complete study of the New Testament in English and French, along with seventeen courses in English

on various Old Testament books. (The Bible books not included on the website at its beginning will be added soon after.) In addition to these features, three to six studies will be available in many other major and significant minor languages of the world. These study texts cover the history of Christianity through detailed studies of the life of Christ (a harmony of the four Gospel Accounts), the Book of Matthew, and the Book of Acts. Offering courses in a total of twenty-three languages will open the door for 65 percent of the earth’s population to begin a serious online study of the Bible.



### **SEE HOW IT WORKS**

Through the Internet, the student is brought into a cyberspace classroom for a thorough study of the Scriptures. When the student enrolls in a course, he receives a digital copy of the study text. The first course, *The Life of Christ 1*, is a 580-page study of the first part of Christ’s earthly life. Information concerning the initial reading assignment is accompanied by an online video which gives the student tips on how to be effective in his study of the Bible. He also is provided with a study guide that will point him to the major topics of the study that he will want to grasp for the accountability tests.

After fulfilling the reading assignment, the student must take an examination to determine his compre-

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hension of what was studied. If he does not receive a score of 70 or higher on the test, he is permitted to review his reading assignment and study guide and retake the test. He must score a minimum of 70 percent before he can move on to the next reading assignment. He may retake the test as many times as is necessary for him to receive a passing score. He is given fifty days to complete each course. Extra time will be granted to those who need it.

Each course contains a detailed study text, six videos, and six accountability exercises or tests. Five tests are comprehensive; the sixth test is a retention examination that cannot be retaken. A computerized, running transcript is kept so that the student is made aware of the level of accomplishment that he has attained. The transcript is privately owned by the student, and only the student can make the transcript public.

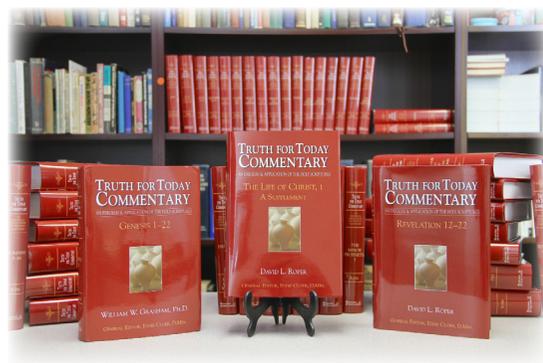
### CONSIDER THE MULTILINGUAL DIMENSION

How can the church present the Bible to 7.2 billion people? How can we teach regular, in-depth Bible classes in fifteen major languages and eight significant minor languages throughout the world? At this point in time, only the Internet provides the complete coverage that is necessary to be able to do the thorough teaching that must be done.

At its beginning, **ThroughTheScriptures.com** will include English along with twenty-two other languages. The languages chosen for the school are the most widely-spoken languages of the earth. Truth for Today World Mission School (TFTWMS), the organization behind this online school, has begun the translation of the entire school into these languages. TFTWMS will add other languages (such as Italian and Swahili) as funds become available. Some brethren have taken up the challenge of providing the funds for the translation of the school into one or more of the languages that are the current focus. The translation of the Bible studies into these twenty-two languages will provide the most Scripture for the most people in the shortest amount of time. The complete coverage of the Bible, coupled with the multilingual features, makes this school the golden opportunity of this age!

### NOTICE THE THOROUGH COVERAGE OF EACH BOOK

As the school begins, forty-two volumes of study texts will be utilized. Most of these volumes are approximately 400 to 700 pages in length. They are in-depth, thorough studies of the Scriptures that have been written by faithful, responsible, and well-respected brotherhood scholars. Being reading-based, the school will use these commentaries as “teachers.” What better way to provide a daily, ongoing, in-depth study of the Bible for the world at large!



### DECIDE TO GET INVOLVED

A school of this kind needs the assistance of the entire brotherhood to succeed.

*Funds are needed.* Perhaps you can help with the expense of placing this large school online. The website for the school in English has been constructed. This part of the school is now in its testing phase. No funds are needed for this aspect of the school.

*However, funding for additional languages is a major challenge.* This constitutes the most expensive part of the school. TFTWMS will be putting at least six commentaries into twenty-two languages per year so that by 2020 the entire school will be online in these languages. When the translation aspect is completed, the school will be unparalleled in history.

## START YOUR OWN SCHOOL

Another major way that the brotherhood can be a part of building this online school is by *each congregation putting together a local school as part of its local work*. The school itself is nearly ready to be launched on the Internet. You do not have to construct it; it is already built and waiting for you. You must simply recognize its value and begin using it. Students will pay a minimum fee for each course (\$35 in the States; \$3.50 in most other countries). This fee covers the cost of the course, a hardback study text for students in the States, and a digital copy of the study text for students in all countries.

Each local congregation of the church can have an effective, nearly college-level school of biblical studies with minimum effort. Before you begin, you will need to inform the congregation that the church plans to have an ongoing school as part of its local work. It is best to educate the congregation over three to four weeks about the coming school. It would help us if you can start your school September 1.

During the time of preparation for the school, a dean or facilitator should be identified. This person will monitor the progress of those who will be studying through the Bible in the school. The dean will also encourage the students by communicating and working with them to solve problems and by arranging occasional meetings for the students, bringing the fellowship and camaraderie factors into the school. The dean will maintain the continuity of the school by leading and inspiring a group in the congregation to be avid students of the Bible.

## HELP THE WORLD WHILE HELPING YOURSELF!

In addition to growth in Bible knowledge that a local school of this kind will bring to the local church, the local school will also help schools in other countries to arise and flourish. A portion of the money received from the course fees will be put toward the continued translation process for the twenty-two languages. By helping yourself to a thorough study of the Bible, you will also be helping others throughout the world to study the Bible in their own languages.

One of the important side benefits of the school is its follow-up ability. It will be a significant way to assist



A congregation  
of the Lord's  
church in Peru

new Christians to grow in their faith in the Lord. The courses in the school will also be of invaluable assistance to preacher training schools, missionaries, short-term mission efforts, medical missions, and personal work in America and throughout the far reaches of the earth. This online Bible-study school will join hands with all the Christian works, giving them the essential follow-up that is always needed.

Let us be working constantly at putting valid schools like this one in every nation, city, and town throughout the world! Surely we should give every person on earth an opportunity to study through the Bible for himself! With the Internet, such a goal as this is attainable. Let us not stop until this is done!

## WHATEVER ELSE YOU CHOOSE TO DO, HELP TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL SCHOOL

This is one of the finest ways to help us take on every nation of the world. Even if you do not have a large number of members wanting to study through the Bible in-depth, you will help by at least encouraging a few to take up serious Bible study.

## WILL YOU HELP?

Remember the words of Peter: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18a).

When an opportunity like this comes to us, let us take hold of it and help it to succeed!

Return Service Requested

***COULD THIS BE ONE OF THE MOST FAR-REACHING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAS COME ALONG?***

***JOIN WITH US BY MAKING A SCHOOL  
A PART OF THE LOCAL WORK  
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.***

- Pray for the success of this major online school.
- If you can, help us immediately with a personal contribution.
- Encourage the local congregation to put together a local school of biblical studies.
- Encourage your friends and neighbors to become students with you as you study through the Bible.
- Encourage each missionary or national preacher to put one of these schools in place where he serves.



Consider carefully what you can do to help. **Contributions are needed** to cover the expense of the translation of these study texts. This is the biggest and most expensive part of the school. Just think, you can help provide a study of the whole Bible in twenty-three languages of the world!

**You can help immeasurably by putting together a school of biblical studies** that will function alongside your other local works. Every church can be of significant help in this way. You may not have a large number to sign up at first, but some will. In the local

setting, you will be encouraging all of us to return to a serious study of the Bible.

The finest and most lasting gift we can give anyone is an opportunity to make a thorough study of the Bible. Think of the hundreds of thousands of people on earth who will now have such an opportunity.

Be sure that you are a part of the biggest effort the churches of Christ have ever made to give the whole Bible to the entire world. Very few people on earth have studied carefully through the Bible. Let us do what we can to change this fact!