

# ***Are you a serious Bible student?***



***How* serious?**

# THE WHOLE BIBLE INSTITUTE

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## WHAT IS WBI?

The *Whole Bible Institute* is a teaching ministry of Bible Baptist Church of Sharon, Tennessee, where James L. Melton is the pastor.

WBI majors in the Bible itself, rather than just *parts* of the Bible, as is the case with most Bible schools. WBI students have the opportunity to study through the entire Bible in verse by verse exposition—every book, every chapter and every verse—under the teaching of an experienced independent Baptist pastor and teacher. A person who completes the entire institute program will have spent some 2,000 hours in classtime study and passed tests on all sixty six Bible books of the Bible. We recommend that students try to maintain about a 50/50 balance between verse-by-verse studies and topical studies since all 66 books of the Bible (over 1,000 hours) must be studied through before one can graduate.

We are not an accredited school offering degrees and flattering titles. Instead, we are a church ministry teaching God's word to those who want to learn. Our mission is to be a friend of individuals, families and churches by strengthening God's people through sound Bible teaching in both audio and printed media.

Most of our materials are in audio format and have been recorded through the years during regular and special church studies. Some WBI materials are studies that we print and make available through our publishing ministry. We also offer credit for some materials that we do not publish, such as fine books by historians or theologians.

Our mission is to make it possible for Christians to learn God's word very soundly without having to relocate, and we believe this will make families and churches stronger for the Lord's work.

## THE RANKING SYSTEM

Since God's word equips the Christian soldier to be more productive in spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-18, Heb. 4:12, Psa. 149:6, II Tim. 2:1-4, etc.), we will offer *military ranks* instead of degrees. New students will begin with the rank of *Private*. Graduates will have the rank of a two star *General*. A graduated General may opt to take final exams if he chooses. His grade on these exams will determine his (or her) final rank. The highest rank, a seven star General, may only be obtained by making a perfect score on the final exam.

This system will not appeal to some since it is unique and offers no degrees, but that's actually part of the plan. Many Bible schools today are burdened with dead weight Christians who are more interested in pursuing a degree, a job in the ministry or a prospective spouse than they are in learning God's word. *The Whole Bible Institute* will only appeal to those who love God's word and want to learn it well and apply it in their walk with the Lord. The people who have other motives will be unimpressed and turned off immediately.

Each student who enrolls in the institute will be ranked a *Private* and will remain a Private until 140 credit hours have been earned. A credit hour is one hour of actual cassette tape listening and study time. Since most of our study cassettes are 90 minutes in length, a Private must study through about 93 audio cassettes and pass tests on them before becoming a Corporal. The following table shows the number of

credit hours required within each rank and the accumulated credit hours at the time of the student's promotion to the next rank:

<b>STUDENT RANK</b>	<b>HOURS REQUIRED</b>	<b>HOURS ACCUMULATED</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>CORPORAL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>SERGEANT</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>LIEUTENANT</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>740</b>
<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>MAJOR</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,290</b>
<b>COLONEL</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,620</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>2,000</b>

With each promotion the student will receive a *Certificate of Honor* from The Whole Bible Institute. This certificate will state the student's new rank and the number of credit hours that the rank represents. Students who complete 2,000 hours of study and pass all corresponding tests will receive an *Honorable Discharge* (I Tim. 5:17) stating their graduating rank of a two star General and the studies that this discharge represents.

## **THE CURRICULUM**

Over half of the 2,000 hour course will consist of verse by verse teaching on the 66 books of the Bible. Over 1,000 hours are dedicated to verse-by-verse teaching alone. The remaining hours will consist of elective topical studies, both in audio and printed form.

We have had studies of all 66 books of the Bible available since 2007, and we are presently adding to our list of available topical studies, both in audio and print format.

A student may enroll by simply completing the enrollment form and ordering the 14 study cassettes, or the MP3 disc, on the book of Romans. A suggested donation of \$28.00 is appreciated for the cassettes, or \$21.00 for the MP3 disc.

After completing the Romans study and passing the Romans test, a student becomes “registered” with WBI and may select his own studies in the future. That is, we choose your first study (Romans), and you choose all the rest in any order you desire.

## **CREDIT FOR PASSING TESTS**

Upon receiving a set of audio studies, the student should listen to the recordings carefully, following along in his Bible and taking *good* notes—*very* good notes. Once a study has been completed, the student should take a few days to study his notes and the Scriptures in preparation for the test. Then he may contact WBI by mail or e-mail and request a test. Within a few days the test will arrive in the mail. The test should be taken immediately and returned to WBI for grading. Each test has a credit hour value, so upon passing a test the student is credited for those hours.

## **CREDIT FOR WORKSHEETS AND NOTES**

There are no tests for the printed studies that we offer and there are no tests for the topical studies. Tests are given only on the verse-by-verse audio teaching.

Once a student is ready to begin a *printed* study, he should contact WBI for the appropriate worksheets. These worksheets are to be filled out as the printed material is studied through. The completed worksheets are then sent to WBI for credit. WBI will return the worksheets after they have been reviewed and credit has been given.

Students may earn credit for all other studies, such as individual sermons or any sermon series, by simply taking good notes on the material and sending us the notes, or at least copies of the notes. WBI will return the notes after they have been reviewed and credit has been given. *Copies* of notes will not be returned, unless requested. Individual sermon titles, such as the hundreds listed in our catalog, are worth 1 credit hour each. The topical studies listed on pages 7-9 of *this* print-out are worth the credit hours listed with each title.

## **TEST RULES**

All tests may be taken with an open Bible, but the Bible must be a plain text Bible with no notes or references. The student must take the test in the presence of a witness, and both the student and the witness must sign each test affirming that all rules have been followed. The actual Student Agreement on each test reads as follows:

*Please do not take this test unless you have studied through the Bible chapters or topics which this test represents. If you have either listened to the recorded studies or you have attended the studies in person, you may take the test and receive due credit upon passing. Please sign below if you have met the study requirements. Unsigned test papers will be returned to you ungraded. The Whole Bible Institute reserves the right to refuse test papers or even cancel the enrollment of any student who is found to be dishonest or deceitful.*

*A witness of your choice must watch you take the test and sign their name below. This is only to help insure honesty and fairness, and not for any legal reason. Tests not signed by a witness will be returned ungraded.*

*Your graded test paper will be returned to you, while a copy will be kept on file. Keep your test for future study and reference, especially if you plan to take the B.E.A.R. exam one day.*

*You may use a plain King James Bible while taking this test, but you may not use any notes or former test papers. If your Bible has notes in it, please use another Bible without notes, and do not listen to your study cassettes while taking the test. If you pass the test, you will be credited for the appropriate credit hours, and you may move on to other studies. If you fail the test, you may take the test over after thirty days.*

The student and the witness must then sign their names to the following statements:

*I, the above named individual, have met my study requirements for this test. I understand and will abide by the above agreement, and I wish to have The Whole Bible Institute add to my record the credit hours listed below if I should pass this test.*

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*I, the chosen witness for this test, personally opened the test envelope and did not show or read this test paper to the student before he/she took the test. I have read the Student Agreement, and I give my word that the above student has taken this test honestly and has not violated any part of the Student Agreement.”*

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## **OBTAINING STUDY MATERIALS**

Most study materials are available through the regular publishing ministry of Bible Baptist Church, and **all checks should be made payable to Bible Baptist Church.** Please do *not* make checks payable to WBI or to Bro. Melton. Some studies will have to be obtained through other sources, both secular and religious.

Our financial policy remains the same: donations appreciated but not required. We do our best to accommodate all serious students, but our best service and effort is reserved for those who fully pay their own way. We reserve the right refuse service to anyone whom we feel is taking unfair advantage of our financial policy.

If a student knows someone who owns some of our cassettes, MP3's, or printed materials, he may study that material, if he chooses, without ordering new studies from us. We care not how many students share our materials so long as each student studies for himself and passes all tests honestly.

## **HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?**

Don't get in a hurry. To rise from a Private to a graduating General (two stars) one must study through 2,000 hours. This will include every book of the Bible and over 900 hours of topical studies. The table below shows the approximate number of years one can expect to be enrolled in the institute based on the average number of hours he or she studies per week:

<b>Hours Per Week</b>	3	5	7	10
<b>Years to Graduate</b>	12.8	7.7	5.5	3.8

## **COMMITMENT NOT NECESSARY**

No one has to buy any books or pay any registration or tuition fees. A student can start when he chooses and take as much time as he chooses. He can climb the ranks and go through the whole institute, or he can study only the books or topics of his choice.

Please understand that this institute exists for those who love God's word and want to learn it well. We are not a diploma mill. If you should one day graduate from The Whole Bible Institute, you will have well earned your rank. To the world and to most Christians your accomplishments will mean nothing, but to God you will be one of the chosen few who took His word seriously and got serious about learning it. Very few Christians ever even read the Bible through, much less *study* it through. May the Holy Spirit guide you to a wise and sensible decision.

## STUDIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

The verse by verse studies listed below are, by far, the most informative materials offered by this ministry. We now have the entire Bible taught through on cassette. We are also gradually converting cassettes to MP3 discs. Where this option is available, we have noted it. Otherwise, each listing is for cassette only. *NOTE: Cassettes can no longer be shipped in vinyl albums. It is up to the student to find his own cassette storage.*

### Verse by Verse Book Studies

<u>Book</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Tapes/Disc</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Genesis	36	24	\$48.00
Exodus	22.75	16	\$32.00
Leviticus	18.5	13	\$26.00
Numbers	19.5	13	\$26.00
Deuteronomy	21	14	\$28.00
Joshua	15	10	\$20.00
Judges-Ruth	16.25	11	\$22.00
I Samuel	17.5	12	\$24.00
II Samuel	13	9	\$18.00
I Kings	18	12	\$24.00
II Kings	14.5	10	\$20.00
I & II Chronicles	23	16	\$32.00
Ezra-Neh-Esther	17.5	13	\$26.00
Job	25.5	17	\$34.00
Psalms	108	72	\$144.00
Proverbs	39	26	\$52.00
Ecclesiastes	10	7	\$14.00
Song of Solomon	8.5	6	\$12.00
Isaiah	64.5	43	\$86.00
Jeremiah-Lamentations	40	27	\$54.00
Ezekiel	26.25	18	\$36.00
Daniel	13.5	9	\$18.00
Daniel	13.5	1 mp3 disc	\$13.00
Hos-Joel-Amos	17.5	11	\$22.00
Obad-Jon-Mic-Nah-Hab-Zep-Hag	14	10	\$20.00
Zech-Malachi	14	10	\$20.00
Matthew	41.5	28	\$ 56.00
Mark	22.5	15	\$ 30.00
Luke	31.5	21	\$42.00
John	40.5	27	\$ 54.00
Acts	30	20	\$40.00
Romans	21	14	\$ 28.00
Romans	21	1 mp3 disc	\$21.00
I Corinthians	18	12	\$24.00
I Corinthians	18	1 mp3 disc	\$18.00
II Corinthians	10	7	\$14.00

Gal-Eph-Plp-Col-Plm	19.5	14	\$28.00
I Thes. thru Titus	24	16	\$32.00
I Thes. thru Titus	24	1 mp3 disc	\$24.00
Hebrews	15	10	\$20.00
James	6	4	\$8.00
I & II Peter	8.5	6	\$12.00
I, II, III John, Jude	10	7	\$14.00
Revelation	34.5	23	\$ 46.00
Revelation	34.5	2 mp3 disc	\$ 34.00

# Topical Studies

We are continually increasing our topical studies, both recorded and printed. Please check our catalog and/or web site for updates. ([www.biblebaptistpublications.org](http://www.biblebaptistpublications.org))

## Audio Studies

*No tests are given on these studies. Simply send us your notes. We will return them after review, unless you send copies that need not be returned.*

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Tapes/Disc</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Judgment Seat of Christ	4.5	3	\$6.00
The Deity of Christ	2.25	3	\$6.00
Biblical Numerology	6	4	\$8.00
Southern Heritage	3.5	4	\$8.00
Babylon the Great	5.5	4	\$8.00
Understanding Baptism	3.5	4	\$8.00
The Dispensations	6.5	5	\$10.00
The Ministry of the Word	8	8	\$16.00
The Ten Commandments	11.5	10	\$20.00
Israel: USA's Final Hope	4	4	\$8.00
The Doctrine of Hell	4.25	4	\$8.00
The Kingdom of Satan	5	4	\$10.00
The Days of Noah	6	5	\$10.00
Take Up Your Cross	10	9	\$18.00
Power & Principles of Music	6.5	6	\$12.00
Order in the Church	4	4	\$8.00
Science and the Bible	5.5	4	\$8.00
The Middle East and World War III	4	4	\$8.00
What's an Independent Baptist Church?	4	4	\$8.00
Basic Training (Christian duties)	6	4	\$8.00
Thirty Inescapable Facts of Life	6	4	\$8.00
The Gospel According to the Zodiac	5	5	\$10.00
America's Baptist Heritage (Wm. Grady)	7	6	\$12.00
The Shepherd and the Sheep	6	6	\$12.00
The Ultimate Christian Soldier	10.5	7	\$14.00
The Big Picture (typology in space)	5	5 cds	\$15.00
The ABC's of Bible Study	5	1 mp3 disc	\$7.00
The Millennial Kingdom of Christ	8	1 mp3 disc	\$8.00
God's Prophetic Feasts	8	1 mp3 disc	\$8.00
If It Works, Don't Fix It	5	1 mp3 disc	\$7.00
End-Time Evidence	11	1 mp3 disc	\$11.00
That No Flesh Should Glory	11	1 mp3 disc	\$11.00



## **Printed Studies**

When ordering these studies, please specify that you are ordering for WBI studies and that you need the appropriate *worksheets*. We do offer credit on some topics that are not Bible related. This is because we feel that the subject matter is of vital importance and can help God's people to be the "wise and understanding people" that He wants us to be (Deu. 4:6).

Tests are not given on any printed studies, but *worksheets* must be filled out and mailed in for review.

### **James Melton Titles and Worksheets**

The titles below *and* the accompanying worksheets may be ordered through our standard ministry address. The worksheets are free when ordering the titles, but please specify that you are ordering for WBI studies and that you need the worksheets.

Christ in Every Chapter, Vol. I (Genesis – Numbers), 11 hrs. (\$11.00)  
Christ in Every Chapter, Vol. II (Deuteronomy – I Kings), 11 hrs. (\$11.00)  
Christ in Every Chapter, Vol. III (II Kings – Job), 10 hrs. (\$10.00)  
Christ in Every Chapter, Vol. IV (Psalms – Proverbs), 10 hrs. (\$10.00)  
Christ in Every Chapter, Vol. V (Ecclesiastes – Ezekiel), 11 hrs. (\$11.00)  
Christ in Every Chapter, Vol. VI (Daniel – Malachi), 4 hrs. (\$4.00)  
Satan's New World Order, 10 hrs. (\$7.00)

### **James Melton Titles without Worksheets**

The titles in this section have worksheets or lesson reviews as *part of* the title, so separate worksheets are unnecessary.

The Sound Doctrine Bible Course, Books I and II, 12 hrs. (\$2.00)  
The King James Bible Course, 5 hrs. (\$1.00)  
Noteworthy Bible Course, 15 hrs. (\$3.00)  
Melton's March, 25 hrs. (print out freely from our web site: [www.biblebaptistpublications.org](http://www.biblebaptistpublications.org))  
Prophecy Pursuit, 7 hrs. (\$7.00)  
The Church History Course, 10 hrs. (\$5.00)  
The True Light Bible Course, 40 hrs. (\$10.00)

### **Other Titles and Worksheets**

The titles in this section are not authored by Bro. Melton and are not available through this ministry (except for the first one, which we do carry), but we do provide worksheets to WBI students for all of the titles.

The 5,000 Year Leap, Principles of Freedom 101, W. Cleon Skousen, 26 hrs. (see catalog)  
A Basic History of the United States, Vol. I, Clarence Carson, 14 hrs.  
A Basic History of the United States, Vol. II, Clarence Carson, 17 hrs.  
A Basic History of the United States, Vol. III, Clarence Carson, 17 hrs.

A Basic History of the United States, Vol. IV, Clarence Carson, 22 hrs.  
A Basic History of the United States, Vol. V, Clarence Carson, 26 hrs.  
A Basic History of the United States, Vol. VI, Clarence Carson, 25 hrs.  
Basic Economics, Clarence Carson, 27 hrs.

### **In the works:**

Dispensational Truth, Clarence Larkin, 40 hrs.  
Rightly Dividing the Word, Clarence Larkin, 25 hrs.  
Theological Studies I, Peter S. Ruckman, 63 hrs.  
Theological Studies II, Peter S. Ruckman, 57 hrs.  
The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer (8 vols.), 60 hrs.  
The Answer Book, Samuel C. Gipp, 18 hrs.  
Kingdom of the Cults, Walter Martin, 42 hrs.  
In the Beginning, Walt Brown, 50 hrs.

\* Dr. Carson's books may be ordered from the *American Textbook Committee* in electronic format, or hard copies may be ordered from [www.boundarystone.org](http://www.boundarystone.org). The worksheets can be obtained from our ministry at no charge. Dr. Carson's books are *very* conservative, and we highly recommend them for any Christian adult or high school student. Books by other listed authors may be ordered online or through various bookstores or ministries.

## **ABOUT BRO. MELTON**

Bro. James Melton was born in 1963 in Obion County, Tennessee. He received the Lord Jesus at the age of fifteen, and was a member of two independent Baptist churches in northwest Tennessee until he started Bible Baptist Church in 1995.

He married Angela Mae Smith in 1993, and their first child was born in 1995.

In late 1995 Bro. Melton and a handful of godly believers organized Bible Baptist Church and began holding services in Weakley County in early 1996.

The ministries of Bible Baptist Church presently include literature distribution, door to door visitation, public street preaching, the *Whole Bible Institute*, and a publishing ministry which ships over 100,000 pieces of literature and recorded studies per year to all fifty U.S. states and many foreign nations.

James makes his home in the small town of Sharon, Tennessee, with his wife Angela and their five children, Rachel Beth, Nathan Isaac, Rizpah Anne, Noah Bedford, and Jacob Leland.

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# WBI ENROLLMENT FORM

Dear WBI,

I have read the preceding pages and I understand how WBI works. I know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I hunger for a greater knowledge of his words. Please enroll me in WBI and send me the study on the book of Romans as soon as possible.

Last Name:	
First Name:	Middle Initial:
Address:	
City:	
State:	Zip:
Phone:	
E-mail:	

Please write your initials to the left of one of the statements below:

	I have enclosed the suggested donation for the Romans study, and I hope to be able to send donations for most all future studies.
	I am not able to enclose the suggested donation this time, but I plan to make donations for most of the studies that I order in the future.
	I have not enclosed a donation, and I probably will not be able to donate much in the future, but I love God's word and I would like to be a WBI student.

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Signature

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Date

Check one for the Romans Study:    \_\_\_ Cassettes    \_\_\_ Mp3 disc