

Supplies: Technology and Texts

Please communicate with me if you have any questions

Required Technology

1. Laptop or desktop computer *with a camera and microphone*.
 - a. Unless you have a very good tablet, I have found that tablets and smartphones are inadequate, especially with the camera use.
 - b. Headphones and mic
 - c. Class time is “live” and each participant will be on screen. Parts of the on-screen time will be recorded. Select your background accordingly. There is an in-person component and students local to Hamilton, Ontario, are strongly encouraged to attend. A laptop, camera, and audio setup is still need for in-person students.
 - d. A valid email address.
 - i. Except for quick messages (SMS, Facebook), all communication should be sent to scott.j@sympatico.ca.
 - ii. There will be an online site avail to download slides and other files. The URL will be made available upon enrolment.
 - e. Internet access. If you have poor internet connections at home, consider making class time your coffee shop or library time.
2. Software for course is Logos.
 - a. The basic version can be downloaded [here](#) for free.
 - i. This program is an excellent tool for many of your personal study and teaching.
 - ii. **If you are wanting to purchase this software, please use this [link](#). It helps me a lot!**

Textbooks

I am giving you the Amazon links, but I would really appreciate it if you ordered my friends at [Reformed Book Services](#). They are a not-for-profit book seller in Brantford, Ontario. US students should not order from them due to shipping and customs costs.

1. [Grasping God’s Word, fourth edition.](#)
2. [Grasping God’s Word Workbook](#)
3. [Expositional Preaching](#) A note on this title—this book is not so much about preaching as it is about understanding the text.

All of these are also available as software resources from [Logos](#).

Schedule

I will be sending a complete syllabus along with a schedule, but I am planning on a Tuesday evening format. After we know who is enrolling, I will set a firm time, but I am thinking of 7:30

EDT/EST. Each class will run two hours with a brief break in the middle. The course will run 14 sessions with a reading week in November.

Grades and coursework

1. My purpose is to help you grow in your knowledge and understanding. This will be accomplished by your readings, workbook assignments, and class presentations.
2. There will be no quizzes or tests.
3. There will live presentations, under 10 minutes in length. This will be explained during the class.
4. There are no term papers or essays.
5. Classroom participation, both online and live, is important. Missed classes can be viewed later but should not be the norm.
6. All your work, grades, and participation will be kept on file for your future education. *It is my plan to expand this project into a comprehensive Bible college equal to that of a university program.*
7. This program is not accredited with any agency nor is registered with the Ontario Ministry of Education. Do not assume that this work will be transferrable to another school.
8. You should expect to spend two hours per week in class and four hours per week outside of class doing assignments.
9. You may opt for a “no homework” option, but the fees remain the same.
10. Challenges—if you have a reading disability you are still welcome to participate. The main text is available on audio [here](#) for about the same price as the hardcover. The book by David Helm is available on an audio CD at Amazon.

Fees

I understand that this program, being unrecognised by accrediting bodies may seem like a financial risk to you. However, many hours of preparation and work have gone into the preparation of this course, and the fees should reflect that. *My pledge to you as your tutor is that this course will be at least as challenging as any standard Bible college or Bible institute course offering.* This first semester, however, I am not asking for fees up front, but rather on a weekly basis. There is therefore no contract. Please count the cost (time) when you commit.

Fees are fair but not free. This is a big time commitment for me and affects the ministries at Mountain View and are based on those realities.

1. For regular attendees of Mountain View there are no fees other than your textbooks.
2. For all others:
 - a. In Canada: \$25 Canadian currency; 14 weeks=\$350 plus your books/software
 - b. In the US. \$20 US currency; 14 weeks=\$280 plus your books/software.

There is no tax-deduction for these fees. Fees may be paid to me personally through Paypal, through my email address: scott.j@sympatico.ca

How to enrol

1. Please read through this document carefully, as well as the basic information sheet sent along with it.
2. Send an email to me at scott.j@sympatico.ca expressing your interest.
3. I will need your name, church currently attending, and any other prior education you have received at the Bible College level.
4. Please include days and times you are available for class, keeping in mind that we are in the Eastern time zone.