

# **APOLOGETICS RESEARCH SOCIETY**

## **Certificate in Christian Apologetics Program**

**Dates:** Friday December 11, & Saturday December 12, 2009

**Time:** 5:30-9:30 PM & 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

## **APOLOGETICS, BIBLICAL CRITICISM & INSPIRATION**

Textual criticism is a discipline concerned with the study and comparison of early manuscripts or editions of literary works in order to restore or reconstruct, as closely as possible, the author's original and make it available to the modern reader. Perhaps the most well known branch of this discipline is the textual criticism of the New Testament.

This class will help the student understand the evidential basis for the unity and inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, especially in light of challenges from scholars who study this material but do so from a non-believing bias. Questions to be considered include who wrote various books and what sources did the gospel writers use? How should we think about inspiration of the text in light of modern scholarship? Topics include inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible, the documentary hypothesis, higher textual criticism, canon criticism, historical criticism and other related topics. This is the fifth in a series of classes toward a certificate in Christian Apologetics.

The class will be Friday evening and Saturday. Credit for completing the class will apply toward a certificate in Christian Apologetics. To receive credit for the course, there will be assigned readings, a paper to be submitted, as well as an exam. Students who want to simply audit the class are definitely invited. The cost of the two-part series is \$40 per student. If you can only make one session, the cost will be \$20. A light dinner is included on Friday. **Required readings:** 1. Beale, G. K. *The Erosion of Inerrancy in Evangelicalism: Responding to New Challenges to Biblical Authority* (Wheaton, IL: Wheaton, 2008). 2. Giles, G. *"The Jesus Seminar and Higher Criticism"* 2009. **Extra Credit** Josh McDowell's *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1999), chapters 14 through 31 (pages 391-579).

### **Teacher:**

Glen Giles Elder,  
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### **Designed for:**

Christians interested in  
deep biblical teaching.

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