Certificate Programme

Dynamics of Biblical Change

Course Information
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Course description

Your conversations with others are determined by how you understand God, yourself, other people, life's pressures, and, of course, the process of change. *Dynamics of Biblical Change* addresses these things and more. It describes how Christ's past grace, present grace, and future grace speak to our hearts and change the way we live our daily lives.

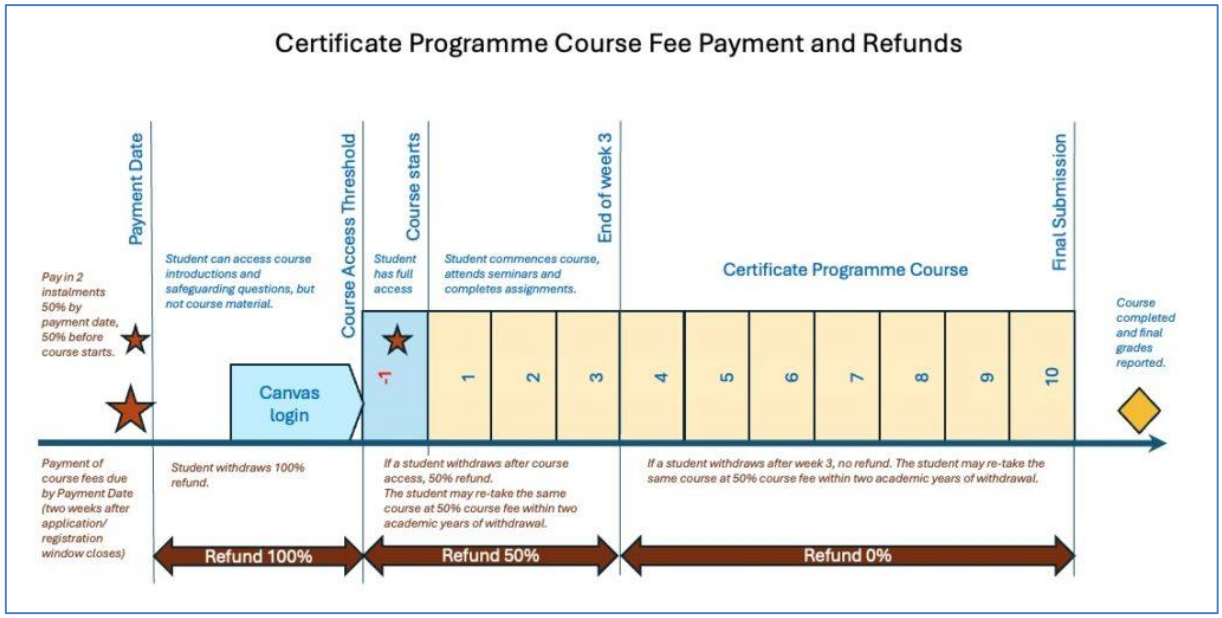
This course is about people and the way they (and we) face the troubles of life. It is about dealing with our inner struggles and changing into the likeness of Christ. Through Scripture, online lectures, assigned readings and case studies, you'll explore these practical ministry questions. Two personal change projects are key to applying the principles of the course personally.

This course was developed by the late David Powlison (1949–2019) who served as CCEF's executive director, as a faculty member and as a senior editor of the *Journal of Biblical Counseling*. He held a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and an MDiv from Westminster Theological Seminary.

Payment and access to the online course material

Students will be sent an email requesting payment for the Dynamics of Biblical Change course which will include a link for a card payment. If you have questions about the payment procedures, please see our payments FAQ's: https://bcuk.org/cp-payment-faqs/

Once we have received your payment, we will enrol you in this course. Approximately two weeks before the start of the course you will receive access to Canvas, our online learning platform. When you log in, you will find videos showing you how to use the platform, a request to introduce yourself, and safeguarding questions that need your response. Access to the course lectures, course material, and readings, will automatically open one week before the start of the course. This is called the 'course access threshold' (see illustration below). After the course access threshold, the lectures will be available both in a video format so that you can stream them online, as well as in a downloadable MP3 (audio only) file so that you can listen via MP3 player, smartphone, etc.



Required reading

You will need access to a copy of ONE of the following books:

How Long, O Lord? Don Carson, (IVP)
When God Weeps, Joni Eareckson Tada (Zondervan)
Walking with God through Pain & Suffering, Tim Keller (Hodder & Stoughton)
God's Grace in Your Suffering, David Powlison (Crossway)
Suffering, Paul Tripp (Crossway)

Some of these are available from 10ofthose at a discount for Certificate Programme students - see https://www.10ofthose.com/partners/bcukstudent.

To obtain this discount:

1) Set up an account with 10ofthose at https://www.10ofthose.com/account/

2) Apply for an account upgrade:

- When logged in, select "Upgrade" (or navigate to https://uk.10ofthose.com/account/account-upgrade)
- Select "Student"
- Enter your name and email address
- Enter "BCUK" for the institution

- For "Study End Date" - enter the date you expect to finish studying with BCUK (eg 1, 2 or 3 years hence)
- Tick the box to confirm you are a student

Once you have completed and submitted the form, 10ofthose will email you to confirm the upgrade request.

All other required reading will be available via Canvas, our online learning platform.

Technical requirements

We strongly recommend that students have access to and experience with a desktop or laptop (not just an iPad or mobile device) with internet access, as well as Microsoft Word or a word processor that can export files in a .doc or .docx format. Canvas recommends using Google Chrome for your browser when accessing the classroom.

There is a Canvas Mobile App available, although the Canvas app does not have the same functionality as using Canvas on your computer. We therefore strongly recommend that you use your computer as your main access to the course material and use the app to supplement this access. Please also note that we cannot offer technical support if you have issues with the app.

Further details of the browser and computer technical requirements of Canvas are available from:

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/What-are-the-browser-and-computer-requirements-for-Canvas/ta-p/66

Privacy – how we use your information

Biblical Counselling UK (BCUK) values the individuals who share their details with us. We respect your privacy and are committed to ensuring that your personal data is kept safe and used in a way that you would reasonably expect.

Our privacy policy sets out how BCUK processes and protects the personal information that is given to us. We aim to be clear about how we collect, store and use your data and to let you know your rights, including how to stop receiving communications from us.

If you have any questions about this policy, please email the Data Protection Lead at data@bcuk.org, or write to: The Data Protection Lead, Biblical Counselling UK, c/o Christ Church, Christchurch Street, Cambridge, CB1 1HT.

Want to keep in touch?

If you would like to receive brief emails a couple of times a month with links to our regular blog and information about our conferences, training and resources, and/or receive our monthly Prayer and Financial Support updates, please sign up at bcuk.org/newsletters/.

From time to time, Biblical Counselling UK may contact current and past students on the basis of legitimate interest with information about our training courses. If you do NOT wish us to contact you, please email us at courses@bcuk.org. July 2026