



mosaiXmultiply

## Basic Bible Doctrines

*Introduction*

*Revelation & Inspiration*

*Bible & Hermeneutics*

Course Guide

Dr. Gene Haas

# WELCOME!

By taking this course you will not only be learning new information and skills. You will be equipping and empowering yourself with the proper tools to expand the Kingdom of God.

At mosaiXmultiply we believe that creating intercultural church communities in & through God's children, people of all nationalities can be saved. We are committed to create every single course with this goal in mind.

We aim to:

- Raise up, train, and mobilize men and women to plant mosaic gospel communities.
- Encourage monocultural churches to become mosaics of nations and cultures in intercultural reconciliation.
- Help local church members realize their church's vision by starting intercultural discipleship groups within their church, thereby creating the dynamic of mission and multiplication.

It is a joy and an honor to partner with you as you seek His guidance to grow in the confidence to expand His Kingdom.

Have a blessed Journey!

Joel Lutz & the mosaiXmultiply Team

## **Introduction**

Jesus is praying in John's Gospel chapter 17 and says that eternal life means knowing God, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He sent. In this course we will learn to *know* God through learning *about* Him. This will transform us to become better ambassadors for Christ and better servants of the living God.

In this course Dr. Gene Haas takes you through a survey of all the systematic theologies through a series of 30 min. videos.

The goals are 1) To educate you in Christian ministry especially in planting new congregations and in pastoral ministry. And 2) To make theology accessible to all of you. You will discover what relevance has theology to you in your personal walk with Jesus and in your ministry regardless of whether it is public or private.

## **Your teacher**



Dr. Gene Haas grew up in Canada in a religious home but did not know the grace of salvation in Christ, after university, travelling in Europe for 8 months, Gene was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-two in the mountains of Switzerland. After returning to Canada, God led him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, where he earned the M.Div. and Th. M. degrees.

Returning to Canada, he was involved in a church plant, and taught at a Bible college for 4 years. During this time, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He moved to Toronto where he completed a doctorate in theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. After that, he was a Church Planting pastor for 5 years. He then accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University, Ontario, Canada, where he taught for 28 years. He has been married for 39 years, and has two sons, and grandchildren.

Since his retirement from teaching at Redeemer University, he has been busy with research and writing, as well as frequent preaching at a variety of churches. He is also Chairman of the committee of the Eastern Canada Presbytery which guides and examines all candidates for the pastoral ministry. He has a deep passion for instructing candidates in the Bible and in theology, and for relating the Christian faith to contemporary issues of North American culture, especially in the area of ethics.

**We asked Dr. Gene Haas: “Why do you think Theology is important, and for who”?**

**Here is his answer:**

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*“I think that theology is vitally important for every Christian and for all church leaders, especially pastors. Theology grounds Christians in the truths of God's word so that we are not "blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming," but are able to "grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ" (Eph. 4:14-15). I am deeply committed to teaching theology to all Christians -- lay people and church leaders -- to enable them, by prayer and the Holy Spirit as they are rooted in God's Word, to understand and experience a greater measure of the fullness of life that Christ has for them, and to have the knowledge and wisdom to faithfully embody and proclaim the good news of salvation in Christ.”*

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## **Sessions Overview**

1. Introduction: What is theology?
2. Introductory topics – part 1
3. Introductory topics – part 2
4. Worldviews: the revelation, and our knowledge about God
5. The doctrine of Holy Scripture – part 1
6. The doctrine of Holy Scripture – part 2
7. Inspiration of Scripture
8. The scope, authority, and clarity of the Bible
9. The canon and the text of the Bible
10. Principals of biblical interpretation