

CHAPTER 1 : ABOUT THIS COURSE

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
(Eph 4 v 15,16)

A. Introduction

This course is run by Live the Life Church (Hermanus, South Africa). The course has two chief objectives.

A.1. Doctrine

We aim to give the new believer a firm foundation by teaching on most foundational aspects of becoming and being a Christian. The former includes the essential initiation steps of conversion, water baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit. The latter includes the basic elements of the Christian life in each of four directions:

- Towards God : worship, prayer, fasting, the Bible and love.
- Towards the church (each other), community, relationships, accountability and leadership
- Into the world: evangelism and service
- Against the enemy : spiritual warfare

A.2 Vision and Values

The course also serves as an introduction and orientation to Live the Life in **five** ways:

- To provide a general foundation and also explain our doctrine and practice in each of these areas.

- The last talk focuses specifically on the “headship” (leadership structures), “heartship” (values), and “hopeship” (vision, values and ventures) of this church.
- To teach how to be part of maintaining the unity of the church.
- An opportunity for people to get to know each of the Elders and their wives and some of the other leaders as they take turns in teaching. For every believer to be able to answer these 3 important questions.

1. Where do I belong relationally?

2. Where do I serve functionally?

3. Where am I accountable spiritually?