



From Pastor Dean:

I have been extremely pleased at the response I've had to the announcement of an upcoming class on Bible Study Methods. I am tentatively planning to begin this series around September 22 or 29.

I want to keep required materials at a minimum. Electronic aids such as *Logos* are very helpful, but I want us to learn from print books as much as possible. Recently I have run across several examples from other fields of education where a shift away from technology is occurring in order to teach the basic procedures more thoroughly, so that once the technology is engaged, people understand its use better. I spoke with a *Logos* trainer recently who has worked with thousands of *Logos* students and has observed that people who learned to study with the print books first seemed to have a much better grasp of what they are doing and why than those who just started with technology.

That said, I want to be sensitive to the cost of print books and encourage everyone to use the tools in the church library if required. Before I give everyone a list of books we will need, I need some information.

First, I need to know ASAP how many people will want to take the course so we can see about ordering the basic textbooks in bulk in order to get some sort of discount.

Second, I need to know by August 15 how many people who want to take the class have *Logos Bible Software* already, and what package collection you own. For example, if you plan to take the class and have *Logos*, do you have the Starter, Bronze, or Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond, or Portfolio Collection? With this information I can design a short orientation and instruction class to help those of you with *Logos Bible Software* get it set up.

If you're interested in more information about *Logos Bible Software*, perhaps you'll find the following information of value.

1. Today (8/1/13) I received the following in my email from Logos Bible Software. They are having a sale, so check it out if you are interested, perhaps you will find some deals. This is **not required at all** for the Bible Study Methods class, but some of you may find it helpful.

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2. Transcripts from my Bible classes are available in *Logos* format (as is the book on *Spiritual Warfare* by Dean/Ice). I understand that you can get a very basic *Logos* set up via the use of the *Faithlife Study Bible*. To qualify you need to first sign up for it. Later, I will send information about how this will also allow you to get a few important Bible study tools (such as the *Lexham Bible Dictionary*), for free with your *Faithlife Study Bible*.

In order to access this, you first have to get *Faithlife Study Bible*, available at <http://faithlifebible.com/giveaway#get>

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