

***Francis A. Schaeffer: The Later Years, CC579***

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**Course Information**

**I. Course Description**

Continuation of the material in *Francis A. Schaeffer: The Early Years*. An examination of the biblical emphases in the thought and life of Francis Schaeffer with focus on the developments in Schaeffer's theological, cultural, and social concerns from the time of L'Abri's founding until his death in 1984.

**II. Course Objectives**

In this study of the life and ministry of Francis and Edith Schaeffer, the objective of the course is to help the student see the importance of, in the words of Dr. Schaeffer himself, "moment by moment" dependence on the Lord, and how God can use "little people" to accomplish great things. Rather than presenting a bare biography, the instructor intends to challenge the student's own Christian life and thought through the example of the Schaeffers and their commitment to God's Word.

**III. Texts**

These books can be purchased from most Christian booksellers, or you can order them online from the Covenant Seminary bookstore by visiting [www.covenantseminary.edu](http://www.covenantseminary.edu) or by calling the bookstore at 314-434-0110 (toll-free 877-213-3353).

Schaeffer, Francis A. *The God Who is There*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1968.

Schaeffer, Francis A. *Escape from Reason*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1968.

Schaeffer, Francis A. *The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1970.

**IV. Class Calendar**

Lecture 1: The Beginnings of L'Abri (I)

Lecture 2: The Beginnings of L'Abri (II)

Lecture 3: Life at L'Abri

Lecture 4: Question and Answer Session I

Lecture 5: The Ministry God Gave the Schaeffers

Lecture 6: Themes from *Basic Bible Studies* (I)

Lecture 7: Themes from *Basic Bible Studies* (II)

Lecture 8: Themes from *Basic Bible Studies* (III)

Lecture 9: Themes from *Basic Bible Studies* (IV)

Lecture 10: Question and Answer Session II

Lecture 11: Themes from *Basic Bible Studies* (V)

Lecture 12: The Line of Despair (I)

Lecture 13: The Line of Despair (II)

Lecture 14: The Upper and Lower Story (I)

Lecture 15: The Upper and Lower Story (II)

Lecture 16: The Infiltration of Evangelicalism (I)

Lecture 17: The Infiltration of Evangelicalism (II)

Lecture 18: The Infiltration of Evangelicalism (III)

- Lecture 19: The Infiltration of Evangelicalism (IV)
- Lecture 20: Question and Answer Session III
- Lecture 21: The Roots of the Modern Split in Knowledge
- Lecture 22: The Modern Split and Church Leadership
- Lecture 23: Living Before God in All of Life
- Lecture 24: Criticisms of Schaeffer
- Lecture 25: In Defense of Schaeffer

#### **V. About the Professor**

Jerram Barrs is Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture and Resident Scholar of the Francis A. Schaeffer Institute. He joined the Seminary faculty in 1989 after 18 years with L'Abri Fellowship in England, where he also pastored the International Presbyterian Church. Professor Barrs brings a special sensitivity toward those outside the Christian faith and is in great demand as a speaker in the United States and abroad. He has recently been seeking to develop a more biblical approach to evangelism by studying Jesus' conversations with unbelievers. Other interests include the arts and literature. Professor Barr's publications include *Being Human; Shepherds and Sheep; Who Are the Peacemakers?; The Great Rescue; Building Bridges to the Gospel;* and *The Heart of Evangelism.*