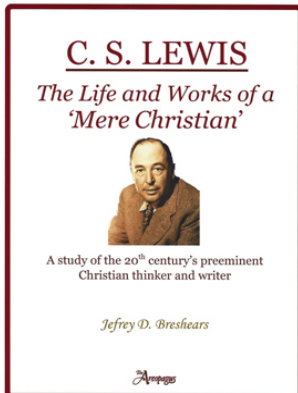


## C. S. LEWIS:

### *The Life and Works of a 'Mere Christian'*

A study of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's preeminent Christian thinker and writer



**Instructor:** Dr. Jeffrey Breshears.

**Time and Location:**

- Mondays, August 19 to October 14, 7 PM  
Abbott's Bar & Grill Restaurant (Johns Creek, GA)  
6:15 (Dinner) and 7:00 (Lecture/Discussion)

**Recommended Readings:**

C. S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy* (Harcourt, 1995)

**Study Guide and Supplemental Readings:**

Jeffrey D. Breshears, "C. S. Lewis: The Life and Works of a 'Mere Christian'." A study guide with additional course readings (\$10).

**Registration Fee:** \$50 or \$90 per couple

**Course synopsis:** C. S. Lewis was one of the most influential Christians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a prolific author whose writings have impacted Christians across all denominational lines and traditions. In a poll taken by *Christianity Today* in 2000, Lewis was voted the most popular Christian author of the century, and *Mere Christianity* was chosen the greatest Christian book of the last hundred years. Furthermore, Lewis lived a fascinating life.

This course covers the major influences and events in Lewis' life, including...

- His lonely and turbulent childhood and military service in World War I;
- His early career as an atheist scholar and professor;
- His conversion to Christianity;
- His major works in Christian apologetics, science fiction, and children's literature;
- His involvement in "The Inklings" with J.R.R. Tolkien and others; and
- His relationship with Joy Davidman Gresham.

C. S. Lewis was no average Christian, but he was, to use his own term, a "mere Christian" – one whose life was devoted to the basic core beliefs and practices of the historic Christian faith. In that respect, he serves as a model for us all. As John R. W. Stott once noted, "C. S. Lewis was a Christ-centered, great-tradition mainstream Christian whose stature a generation after his death seems greater than anyone ever thought while he was alive, and whose Christian writings are now seen as having classic status."

**The Instructor:** Dr. Jeffrey Breshears is an historian, an author, a former university professor, and the founder and president of The Arcopagus, an Atlanta-based Christian education ministry that specializes in Christian history, apologetics, contemporary cultural issues, and literature and the arts.