## **Dr. Bill Creasy**

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After serving six years in the United States Marine Corps, Dr. Bill Creasy received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Arizona State University in 1974, *summa cum laude*, his Master of Arts Degree from Arizona State University in 1976; and his Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1982. He retired from the UCLA English faculty in 2005 after serving more than twenty years.

For many years, he taught a year long 12-unit undergraduate course, *The English Bible as Literature*. It became one of the most popular and highly rated courses at UCLA, placing Dr. Creasy among the top two percent of UCLA's teaching faculty. Dr. Norman L. Geisler and Ralph E. MacKenzie, in their book *Roman Catholics and Evangelicals* (Baker Academic Press, 1995), call Dr. Creasy a "Bible teacher extraordinaire."

Among his many scholarly achievements, Dr. Creasy's book, *The Imitation of Christ, a New Reading of the 1441 Autograph Manuscript* (Mercer University Press, 1987) has been hailed as the standard translation of this Latin spiritual classic; in its trade edition, it also became a best seller, being chosen as a Book of the Month Club alternate selection (December, 1995). It is now in its eleventh printing, and a new 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition

was released in hardback in 2016. Nearly 500 hours of Dr. Creasy's Scripture teaching is available on <u>Audible.com</u> in 73 volumes, and it is one of Audible's best-selling, 5-star lecture programs.

Dr. Creasy has been chosen as an honorary Mortar Board member at UCLA; he has been appointed as a member of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Spirituality Commission; and he has served as Scholar in Residence at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, the first Christian academic to hold that appointment. The San Diego Ecumenical Council has also honored him for his teaching and his work in ecumenism. Dr. Creasy has spoken at countless professional gatherings, and he has served as keynote speaker at such functions as the Episcopal Bishops' Conference. Dr. Creasy is an approved speaker in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of Orange and the Diocese of San Diego.

Logos Bible Study grew out of the class that Dr. Creasy taught at UCLA. In 1989 he was asked to teach verse-by-verse through the entire Bible at a local parish in Los Angeles, and the UCLA class served as the basis for that 7-year program. By 1995 Dr. Creasy was teaching over 2,000 people weekly at parishes throughout Southern California and Arizona, in addition to continuing as a full-time faculty member at UCLA. To create accountability and structure for his teaching, in 2005 Dr. Creasy brought Logos Bible Study under the umbrella of Logos Educational Corporation, a sub-chapter "S" corporation; he is President and CEO.

Dr. Creasy is also an avid scuba diver, mountain climber and adventurer. In the scuba diving world, he is an Instructor Certifier, technical diver and cave diver; as a mountaineer, he has climbed in both the United States and Africa; and as an adventurer, he has led diving expeditions to the Aegean Sea, the Egyptian Red Sea, the Caribbean, Fiji, the sunken Japanese 4<sup>th</sup> naval fleet of Truk Lagoon, and the underwater cave systems of North-Central Florida.

As a committed Christian, Dr. Creasy brings to his teaching not only a profound commitment to Scripture and the Church, but rigorous academic standards and a zest for life and adventure that animates and enriches his writing and presentations.