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Students taking courses through Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary's Distance Learning Program had a chance to learn in a unique environment this summer. In the midst of Grecian ruins, and alongside their professors, the students walked where Paul walked, making the Bible come even more alive to them.

The students were led on a one-week intensive "Greece Week," which included classroom instruction and touring, by Dr. Ergun Caner, president of LBTS, Dr. Dan Mitchell, academic dean, and Dr. Leo Percer, professor. Two sessions were offered, July 20-27 and July 27-Aug.3.

Classes on The Corinthian Letters, Global Apologetics and Pauline Letters were taught at the Greek Bible Institute, on the famous Marathon Road at the halfway point between Marathon and Athens. It was this road that became the namesake for the grueling 26.2 mile Olympic event known as the Marathon.

The classes met each morning, followed by on-site studies at the biblical sites of Mars Hill (mentioned in Acts 17), Corinth and the Parthenon.

"I love the chance to meet DLP students face-to-face," Caner said. "It gives us the opportunity to interact with them, and they in turn get to meet their professors. It is an amazing added advantage to the DLP program here at Liberty University."

Almost 40 DLP students attended the Greece Weeks, which are part of the LBTS Eduventure Initiative.

"Over the past two years, students have met faculty in Israel, Greece and Tunisia," Caner said. "Students combine vacation time and learning, and get to see these amazing sites, rather than just study about them."

Due to the success in the weeklong intensives, plans continue for DLP students to be offered the opportunity to study with professors in China, Russia, Brazil, Australia and Iceland in the near future.

To read a log from the trip and for more information about LBTS and the Distance Learning Program, go to www.liberty.edu/academics/religion/seminary.

Photo caption: Dr. Ergun Caner and a group of students in the second Greece Week, a summer program offered to Distance Learning students through Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, pose in front of the Temple of Apollo in Corinth.