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WILLINGDON
SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR OF WSB

Welcome to Willingdon School of the Bible!

As a ministry, we recognize that God has given us an incredible gift in His Word. It shows us who He is, how He has graciously redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how we are called to live in response to these amazing truths. As Christians, God calls us to devote ourselves to the Word of God. Willingdon School of the Bible provides opportunities to do just that.

Ever since Willingdon School of the Bible began in 2003, it has existed to equip and motivate believers to study God's word. We offer a variety of courses designed to be both high in quality and accessible to all believers. It is our deep desire that students will not only gain biblical knowledge, but that every class would lead to discipleship and bearing fruit in obedience.

So whether you are continuing in your studies or checking out WSB for the first time, we hope that you will be equipped for ministry through your time.



James VanderVeen
Pastor of Willingdon School of the Bible

MISSION STATEMENT

Willingdon School of the Bible is a ministry of Willingdon Church dedicated to providing strong biblical foundations and clear understanding of the Bible that inspires a life-long pursuit of the truth as revealed in the Word of God, and to prepare people for a life of ministry investment.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Course Fee

The course fee is mandatory for all students. Both credit and audit students will receive the course notes, audio recordings, and other necessary materials, but only students taking the course for credit will receive the course textbook. Course fees are subject to change.

2. Manner of Payment

All fees are charged in Canadian funds. Payment can be made in the following ways:

- Pay **ONLINE** at: www.willingdon.org/wsb
- To pay with **INTERAC**, visit the Church Office during office hours or the Resource Centre during weekend services.
- To pay by **CHEQUE**, make the cheque payable to **Willingdon Church**. Mail in or drop it in the Church Office mail slot in a sealed envelope addressed to WSB.
- To pay with **CASH**, visit the Church Office or drop a sealed envelope in the Church Office mail slot addressed to WSB. **Please do not mail cash.**

An enrolment confirmation email will be sent as soon as your registration is processed. Mark your calendar! Contact wsb@willingdon.org if you do not receive one.

3. Outstanding Account

The School maintains an account for each student. Students will not be permitted to register for courses if they have fees owing from a previous term. Any fee submitted will be used to clear the outstanding account first.

4. Refund

A full refund is available if a written request to withdraw from the course has been submitted to wsb@willingdon.org at least one week prior to the **start date of the class**. See **course withdrawal policy for refunds after classes begin**.

5. Tax Receipts

Since Willingdon School of the Bible is not an accredited institution, but is a ministry of Willingdon Church, fees paid for courses are not eligible for income tax receipt purposes.

6. Student Financial Assistance

Sometimes, in the sovereignty of God, circumstances in life introduce financial stress into our lives, such as unemployment, limited pensions, illnesses, and so on. If a student is genuinely in a difficult or challenging situation but still desires to take a course, please contact wsb@willingdon.org in confidence.

ADMISSIONS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Admission

Willingdon School of the Bible is open to all who have reached the age of 19 (exceptions by permission). We welcome students from all churches, not only Willingdon.

2. Registration

Registration for each term opens well before the term begins: typically in **June** for Fall term courses, in **October** for Winter term courses, and in **January** for Spring term courses. Check the weekly church bulletin or our website at willingdon.org/wsb for actual registration dates and deadlines.

Registration forms can be picked up at the church Resource Centre, any of the info stands located throughout the church, or downloaded from the WSB website. Registration forms must be submitted with full payment of course fees. (*Forms without a full payment of fees will not be processed.*)

Online registration can be completed at willingdon.org/wsb

3. Life Long Learning

Willingdon School of the Bible exists not only to provide strong biblical foundations and a clear understanding of the Bible, but it also seeks to create in students the ability and desire to pursue lifelong learning and the pursuit of truth. Students are encouraged to work through the courses at their own pace as their schedule and life commitments allow.

At WSB the emphasis is not on getting students through the program as fast as possible, instead we desire that you would learn how to study the Bible on your own and become better equipped to embark upon lifelong learning.

4. Auditing

We welcome students who would like to take a course from time to time to renew or deepen their understanding of Scripture, but don't want to work toward a Certificate or Diploma.

Students who wish to audit a course must follow the course prerequisite requirements and registration procedures. If a student would like to take a course, without having completed the required prerequisites, a written request must be sent to wsb@willingdon.org prior to registering. Requests will be considered on an individual basis. Prerequisite classes need only be audited in order to qualify for audit classes.

Audited courses do not count toward graduation or course completion requirements for a Certificate or Diploma in Biblical Studies.

5. Prerequisites

WSB 110, WSB 120, and WSB 130 are prerequisites for all other courses. New students are encouraged to begin in the Fall Term with WSB 120, but may enroll in the Winter Term (WSB 110) or Spring Term (WSB 130). To continue on to the 200- & 300- level courses, these three foundational courses must be completed.

You do not have to commit to a program to take and enjoy a Willingdon School of the Bible course, however we do require you to complete all of the prerequisites for a course, even if you are auditing.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Transferring Credits from WSB to Other Bible Colleges

Willingdon School of the Bible courses are recognized by some post-secondary institutions and are transferable for credit for students from WSB. Some of these include Millar College of the Bible, Columbia Bible College, Pacific Life Bible College, and Okanagan Bible College.

Willingdon School of the Bible has an academic partnership with **Millar College of the Bible**.

Millar is a Christ focused Bible school with a campus in Pambrun, Saskatchewan and a campus in Sunnybrae, British Columbia. Their vision is to develop passionate, relevant servants of Jesus Christ who are shaped by the entire Scriptures. For more information on Millar College of the Bible, go to www.millarcollege.ca.

Willingdon School of the Bible also has a transfer agreement with **Columbia Bible College**.

Columbia Bible College, located in Abbotsford, BC, in its mission statement states that it “seeks to equip people for a life of discipleship, ministry, and leadership in service to the church and community.” For more information on Columbia Bible College go to www.columbiabc.edu.

If a student wishes to continue their studies at another institution they must make a request to that institution to find out if the courses are transferable. The student should then contact wsb@willingdon.org and a transcript will be sent directly to the school.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. Accreditation

We are not accredited with any outside organizations or educational institutions. The purpose of the School is to advance life-long learning and ministry investment.

2. Credit Transfer

Recognition by another institution for work done at Willingdon School of the Bible must be initiated by students as they communicate with that institution. (See Page 7)

3. Course Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled class sessions. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, a student could receive a failing grade if more than two lectures are missed. Students are responsible to obtain any missing materials or notes from other students in the class. Arrangements must be made with the instructor prior to missing an exam.

4. Classroom Etiquette

Students are expected to remember that they are in an academic classroom. It is inappropriate to engage in conversations with classmates during class. **CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF.** iPods/tablets/smart phones are permitted if Bible software and word-processing programs are being used. Otherwise, please do not surf the net or check emails during class. Only students who have registered for a course are to be in attendance.

5. Course Workload

In addition to the lectures, students should expect to budget five hours per week if you are doing the course for credit. These are exciting but also serious courses designed to call forth your best efforts as you learn to study God's Word.

6. Course Withdrawal Policy

In the rare instances that a student is unable to complete the class due to extreme circumstances which are out of their control there is the option of appealing to WSB for a withdrawal from the course. An appeal for withdrawal should be sent in writing to the registrar at wsb@willingdon.org. If granted, a credit amount of \$50.00 will be recorded and applied towards a course in the future.

7. Grade Change

Students who wish to appeal for re-marking of their assignments must send a written request with reasons to the instructor within one week of receipt of returned assignments. Students are advised to safe-keep all marked and returned assignments until a report card is issued.

8. Report Card

Course grades will be issued through email following the conclusion of the course. Any students that have submitted assignments will have them mailed directly to them. Contact the Registrar at wsb@willingdon.org if you wish to pick up your assignments at the church office or Resource Center.

9. Extension Policy

Extensions for course work are granted in cases where the student demonstrates there was an unforeseeable and unavoidable emergency. Emergencies considered as grounds for an extension typically include:

- Personal sickness or injury which prevents one from working
- Sickness, injury or death in the family which requires the student's attention
- Emotional or psychological crisis for which the student has sought professional help
- Unexpected increase, or change in job responsibilities

10. Academic Integrity

All students at Willingdon School of the Bible are expected to practice uncompromised integrity in all academic matters.

Plagiarism is the representation of the work of another person (in whole or in part) as a student's own work; or failure to give credit either for wording or for ideas that belong to another. Learning to accurately cite the ideas and work of others is an issue of honour and integrity, and a critical skill for all students.

Submitting the same material for grading in more than one course misrepresents effort and is dishonest.

Using unauthorized aids of any sort in exams or assignments, completing work in unauthorized collaboration with others, or the unauthorized use of class recordings are all breaches of academic integrity.

The penalty for a lack of academic integrity may include a failing grade either in the assignment, examination or course, depending on the severity of the offense.

11. Academic Standards

Students must achieve at least a 60% grade to successfully complete a course for credit.

Any course taken and not completed or passed must be repeated. Registration policies and procedures apply.

Students may appeal to the instructor if a course is not successfully completed, and at the discretion of the instructor, students may be granted the opportunity to re-submit a particular assignment.

12. Graduation Requirements and Procedures.

To be included in the graduation ceremony, students must do the following:

- Successfully complete all the courses of the study program. All final assignments must be completed and submitted prior to the ceremony.
- Successfully complete the Personal Doctrinal Project for the Diploma Program.
- Settle all financial obligations with the School.

13. Assignment Format Guidelines

The default style guide for documentation of sources used and format of presentation for all written assignments will be handed out to all students in each course. They are also available for download on the WSB website.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (9 Courses Total)

Required Core Courses

Old Testament Panorama (WSB 110)
New Testament Panorama (WSB 120)
Introduction to Biblical Studies (WSB 130)
Gospels Course (WSB 301 or one of WSB 309, WSB 311, WSB 314, or WSB 315)
Pauline Epistles Course (WSB 303 or one of WSB 304, or WSB 311)
Pentateuch Course (WSB 201 or WSB 209)

Elective Courses

In addition to the core courses, students must complete **three** more elective courses at the 200/300 level. (see course listings on pg. 11)

DIPLOMA PROGRAM (18 Courses Total)

Required Core Courses

Old Testament Panorama (WSB 110)
New Testament Panorama (WSB 120)
Introduction to Biblical Studies (WSB 130)
Gospels Course (WSB 301 or one of WSB 309, WSB 311, WSB 314, or WSB 315)
Pauline Epistles Course (WSB 303 or one of WSB 304, or WSB 311)
Pentateuch Course (WSB 201 or WSB 209)

Additional Required Courses

2 Old Testament courses (WSB 202 plus any other 200-level course)
2 New Testament courses (WSB 302 plus any other 300-level course)
2 Theology courses (any two 400 level courses)

Elective Courses

In addition to the core courses, students must complete **six** more elective courses at the 200/300/400/500 level.
(see course listings on pg. 11)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

General Biblical Studies

Prerequisites: None

WSB 110 Old Testament Panorama

This course is a survey of the Old Testament that will provide an overview of the basic content of each of the books, as well as the key themes that run throughout. Special attention will be given to seeing how the Old Testament helps us to understand the New Testament. By the end of the course, students should have a deeper appreciation for the grand narrative of Scripture and be able to better understand how the two Testaments fit together.

Prerequisites: none.

WSB 130 Introduction to Biblical Studies

Introduction to Biblical Studies builds on the foundation laid in WSB 110 and 120. Rather than surveying a specific portion of Scripture, students will be introduced to how we got the Bible (its origin, collection and preservation) and to the basic steps of studying it. After taking this course students should be well equipped for a lifetime of deeper Bible study and feel confident to apply their skills to any passage of Scripture.

Prerequisites: none.

WSB 120 New Testament Panorama

This course is a survey of the New Testament that will provide an overview of the basic content of each of the books, as well as the key themes that run throughout. You will learn how each of the books fits into the total New Testament story. Our hope is that this course will instill in you a desire to pursue a life-long study of the New Testament so that you can have a greater understanding and a deeper love for what God accomplished through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Prerequisites: none.



Old Testament Studies

Prerequisites: WSB 110, 120, 130

WSB 201 Pentateuch: Genesis to Deuteronomy
A study of the first five books of the Bible including the narratives of Creation and the Fall, the Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants, the giving of the Law; and their relation to the doctrines of grace brought to fruition in the New Testament.

WSB 202 OT Historical Books: Joshua to Esther
This study of the Old Testament historical books from Joshua to Esther will help you understand the unfolding history of the people of Israel, and how God used them to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. This course includes the ministries of the prophets Elijah and Elisha.

WSB 203 Wisdom Literature: Job to Song of Solomon
A study of the content and message of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Psalms and Song of Solomon with practical life applications for your daily life and walk.

WSB 204 Early Prophets
In this study close attention will be paid to the prophets who ministered in Israel before the exile. We will study the office and ministry of these Old Testament prophets and unpack the significance of the message they preached to God's people.

WSB 205 Later Prophets
In this course close attention is paid to the prophets who ministered to God's people during and after the exile. It will explore the office and ministry of these Old Testament prophets and unpack the significance of the message they preached. Special attention will be given to the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah.

WSB 207 Amos
This course will take us through the book of Amos and his pre-exilic ministry as a prophet to God's people. We will look at his specific message and also talk about techniques for reading prophetic literature.

WSB 209 Genesis
This course will examine how the book of Genesis lays a foundation for the rest of Scripture. While time will be spent studying the creation accounts, the course will cover the whole span of the book of Genesis. We'll trace themes throughout the book and discuss theology as it emerges.

WSB 213 1 & 2 Kings
This course will examine the books of 1 and 2 Kings. Special attention will be given to how Kings fits into its canonical context and how God is at work in the history of his people.



New Testament Studies

Prerequisites: WSB 110, 120, 130

WSB 301 The Gospels

A study of the life and message of Jesus as viewed from the combined perspective of the four Gospels. Special attention will be given to application of what it means to follow Jesus today.

WSB 302 Acts

A study of the Acts of the Apostles with special focus on the establishment and extension of the Early Church.

WSB 303 Pauline Epistles

A survey of each of the Pauline letters (excluding Romans), their central themes and message and their impact on the development of the Early Church.

WSB 304 Romans

A study of Paul's letter to the Romans, the most glorious exposition of the Gospel we have in the New Testament, with particular attention to its importance in helping us become established in the Gospel.

WSB 305 1 Peter

This course will take a strong "applications" approach to an in-depth study of 1 Peter, considering the theme of living as "elect aliens" in the midst of a world that worships its own gods. The themes of living with suffering and persecution will also be explored.

WSB 306 Revelation

This study of the book of Revelation will focus on the purposes, themes and basic content of the book. Students will come to see that Revelation is not only a book that speaks about future events. Revelation calls for disciples to remain faithful to Jesus in the present.

WSB 308 1 Corinthians

This is a study of Paul's letter to Corinth that will provide an overview of the main themes of 1 Corinthians and encourage the careful study of this letter as it relates to everyday life.

WSB 309 Gospel of John

This study will explore John's perspective on the life, message, death and resurrection of Jesus. Attention will be given to themes that John develops. The relation of John to the other gospels will also be discussed.

WSB 311 Ephesians

This detailed study will provide an overview of the main themes of Ephesians and help students work through the more difficult passages found in this letter.

WSB 313 Gospel of Mark

A study of the Gospel according to Mark with a focus on the message and mission of Jesus. Students will gain a greater appreciation for the historical context of the gospel as well as the ways in which Jesus' ministry fulfills Old Testament prophecies and expectations.

Theological Studies

Prerequisites: WSB 110, 120, 130

WSB 401 Theology 1

This course is an introduction to basic biblical theology. Between WSB 401 and WSB 402 we will cover the nature and attributes of God, the doctrines of Creation, Man, Salvation, the Trinity, and more. Students will be required to think deeply and apply themselves diligently, with the goal of being further transformed into the likeness of Christ.

WSB 402 Theology 2

This course is an introduction to basic biblical theology. Between WSB 401 and WSB 402 we will cover the nature and attributes of God, the doctrines of Creation, Man, Salvation, the Trinity, and more. Students will be required to think deeply and apply themselves diligently, with the goal of being further transformed into the likeness of Christ.

WSB 403 Theology 3: Doctrinal Paper

This is a self-guided study of the major doctrinal themes of the Bible. This study will culminate in the writing of a personal statement of faith and followed by a personal interview. This will be the crowning work of the courses taken in this program.

WSB 410 Specialty Theology Elective

A specialty theology elective, focusing on a more specialized element of Christian Theology. A detailed course description will be provided in advance of the course offering.

Doctrinal Paper Project

To complete the Diploma program, students will write a detailed personal doctrinal statement based on all doctrines studied in this program. As this paper completes the requirements for the 18-course Diploma, it will be written and submitted as WSB 403 after all of the other 17 courses have been successfully completed for credit.



Church History and Missions

Prerequisites: As stated in specific course

WSB 501 Survey of Church History

A survey of Church history from the end of Acts until today, including the significant events and people who have shaped the Church and its theology.

Prerequisites: WSB 110, 120, 130

WSB 510 Church History Elective

Church History specialty elective, focusing on a particular period of time, issue, or development in Church History. A detailed course description will be provided in advance of the course offering.

Prerequisites: WSB 110, 120, 130

WSB 533 Intro To Islam

This course is an overview of Muslim faith and practice, with an emphasis on comparisons with Christianity. It will briefly discuss the origins of Islam in pre-Islamic Arabia, how it has spread and developed throughout history, and how it exists today in various manifestations all the way from Morocco to Malaysia. It will talk about Sunni-Shi'ite differences as well as the influence of extremism. Most importantly, the study will help you learn how to share the Gospel with Muslims with passion, love and understanding.

Prerequisites: None

Specialty Four Week Offerings

WSB 601 Spiritual Gifts

This special four-week course will explore what the Bible has to say about Spiritual gifts, how they have been used historically in the church, and how each believer is called to use their gifts to serve the body and glorify God. There will be a good blend of careful study as well as practical application to real life.

Prerequisites: None

WSB 603 The Story

Many believers know a lot of stories from the Bible. But, not many people know how these stories fit into the one big story told throughout the pages of Scripture. Join us for this special four-week course where we will explore the grand narrative of the Bible in a thorough and yet memorable way.

Prerequisites: None

WSB 602 The Kingdom of God

When Jesus walked this earth he proclaimed that the Kingdom of God had drawn near. But what exactly does that mean? This four-week course will examine what the Bible teaches about the kingdom of God from the Old Testament to the New Testament. We'll discuss how Jesus' first hearers would have understood the term, and how we should understand it today.

Prerequisites: None



INTERNATIONAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Spanish

WSB 110SP **Panorama del Antiguo Testamento**

Este curso muestra cómo Cristo es el tema central del Antiguo Testamento a través de una reseña de los contextos históricos y los conceptos más prominentes en cada uno de los libros del Antiguo Testamento. Preguntas acerca de la creación, la caída histórica, el pecado y la necesidad de un salvador son respondidas en formas que puedan formar una cosmovisión cristiana en una sociedad que es a menudo hostil a la verdad de Dios. Desarrollarás una comprensión de la relevancia y aplicación del Antiguo Testamento para la vida cristiana contemporánea.

Si no ha tomado ningún curso de WSB anteriormente, recomendamos que este sea su primer curso.

Pre-requisitos: Ninguno

WSB 120SP **Panorama del Nuevo Testamento**

Este curso es un panorama de los libros del Nuevo Testamento que nos proporcionará una visión general del contenido básico de cada uno de los libros, así como también los temas más prominentes de cada uno de los Libros. Usted aprenderá cómo cada uno de los libros encajan en la historia total del Nuevo Testamento. Nuestro deseo es que este curso inculque en usted el deseo de seguir estudiando de por vida el Nuevo Testamento para tener un mayor entendimiento y un amor más profundo por lo que Dios realizó a través de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Pre-requisitos: Ninguno

WSB 130SP **Introducción a los Estudios Bíblicos**

Este curso se basa en los fundamentos dados en WSB 110 y 120 con un estudio del milagro de la Biblia incluyendo su origen, colección y preservación. Usted será presentado a los principios básicos y las prácticas importantes para un estudio personal más profundo de la Biblia.

Pre-requisitos: Ninguno

Chinese (Mandarin)

WSB 110MN **舊約總覽**

這科是透過舊約歷史背景概覽而指出基督是舊約每本書的中心主旨。課程內容會探討神的創造,人類的歷史由人的墮落,有罪和需要被拯救開始。課程內容能幫助信徒在一個敵對神話語的社會中建立穩固的基督觀。並會教導信徒學習有效地讀經及“聆聽神”的話語,提倡個人屬靈成長及操練。若果你從未修讀過威靈頓教會聖經學院 (WSB) 的科目,我們推介你由此科開始。

先修課程要求: 無

WSB 120MN **新約總覽**

本課程將對新約聖經作一個總覽,除了概述新約聖經中各書卷的基本內容外,也將會介紹貫穿整部新約聖經的主旨。你將學習到每一卷書卷如何融入在整部新約的架構之中。我們希望透過這一課程,能夠使你建立起對新約聖經終生學習的熱忱與渴望,進而能夠對神藉著耶穌基督的生命,受難,與復活,為我們所成就的救恩,有更深刻的體會與熱愛。本課程將以中文授課。

先修課程要求: 無

WSB 130MN **聖經學習入門**

在 WSB 110 和 120 的基礎上,進一步介紹聖經學習。這門課並不關注聖經的特定章節,而是向學生介紹聖經是如何來的(其起源、匯整和保存),以及學習聖經的基本步驟。這門課結束後,學生應該能夠得着裝備,長久一生追求更深入的聖經學習,並有信心能夠把學到的技巧應用到任何章節的經文中。

先修課程要求: 無

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. GOD

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- a. We believe in God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of this universe, who in His infinite wisdom and love planned the redemption of mankind and accomplished it through Jesus Christ.
- b. We believe in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, was crucified for our sins, rose from the dead and was exalted to the right hand of God.
- c. We believe in the Holy Spirit who effects redemption in the lives of those who believe in Christ. He convicts, guides, teaches, rebukes, indwells, empowers, comforts, intercedes, unites believers into one body, and glorifies Christ.

Gen. 1; Deut. 6:4-6; Ps. 139; Is. 40; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1, 18; 4:24; 15:26; Rom. 8:1-17, 26-27; 2 Cor. 3:17; 5:19; 13:14; Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Tim. 3:16; 6:15-16; Heb. 11:6; Jude 25

2. THE REVELATION OF GOD

We believe that God has made His power and deity known in creation. He revealed Himself also in word and deed in the Old Testament. He revealed Himself supremely and finally in the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. We believe that all Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are inspired by God as men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit. We accept the entire Bible to be without error in the original writings, the infallible Word of God and the final, complete and authoritative guide for the faith and life of Christian discipleship.

Ps. 19; 119:105; Lk. 24:27, 44; Rom. 1:18-23; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:16-21; Heb 1:1-2; 8:5-13

3. MAN AND SIN

We believe that man was created in the image of God, sinless and in fellowship with God, with a free will to make moral choices. By sinning he brought death upon the whole human race. As a consequence all people are sinful by nature, guilty before God and in need of forgiveness and restoration.

Gen. 1:27; 3:1-19; Mt. 19:13-15; Rom 3:10-18; 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3

4. SALVATION BY GRACE

We believe that there is one God and Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ, who by his substitutionary death has redeemed humanity from the power of sin, death and eternal punishment. We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, and by faith alone. Those who repent receive forgiveness of sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit are born into the family of God, and, as faithful disciples, joyfully obey God's Word.

Acts 2:42, 46; Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-9; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 4:12; 9:15-28; 1 Jn. 1:9

5. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer and transforms every believer into the image of Christ and enables the believer to witness to their Lord in daily life. The Christian lives in fellowship with God and other believers and joins a local church at baptism. Every believer contributes to the building of the body of Christ with their material and spiritual gifts. By the means of grace provided by Christ, the believer seeks to grow to maturity as this is expressed particularly in the "fruit of the Spirit." Since every believer's body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" he or she refrains from those things which harm the body and the mind. In striving for perfection the believer recognizes their complete dependence on God and, are constantly in need of His forgiving and cleansing grace.

Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 12:26; 15:4-5; Rom. 6; 8:9-16; 12; 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 2:1-4; 4:1-16; Tit. 2:11-14; Heb. 12:14; 1 Jn. 3:17-18

6. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We believe that the church was established through Christ's redemptive work in history, and that it is comprised of all who put their faith in Him and who are baptized by the Spirit into one body, regardless of nation, race or social class. Despite the diversity in congregations and denominations, the Holy Spirit creates unity among all the people of God. The local church is an association of baptized believers.

Mt. 18:15-35; Jn. 13:1-17; Jn. 17-21; Acts 2:38-44; 15:1-28; 1 Cor. 12-14; 2 Cor. 2:6-8; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:10-22; 5:21, 25-27; 1 Thess. 5:11, 14; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15; Rev. 5:9

7. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

We believe that the Gospel is “the power of God unto salvation,” and that the command to make disciples of all nations is the primary task of the church. Every member of the church is called to participate in the mission of the church as he/she is enabled by God’s grace.

Mt. 2:23; 11:5; 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-20

8. THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

We believe that God through the Holy Spirit has endowed all His children with gifts for Christian ministries. All are called to use their gifts to build up the body of Christ and to glorify the Lord. Some members of the church are called to lead, to preach, to teach and to care for the church. For this reason, God gives some to be Elders and Pastors. The church commissions or ordains people for such ministries and loves, respects, and supports those who serve faithfully. Those in leadership are to live exemplary Christian lives.

Is. 6:1-10; Jer. 3:15; Acts 6:1-6; 20:28; 1 Cor. 12:1-31; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 3:1-10; 5:17-22; Tit. 1:5-9; 3:10; 1 Pet. 5:1-5

9. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We believe that Christians should be baptized in water upon confession of their faith in Christ. We practice baptism by immersion, although we receive into fellowship those who have been baptized on confession of their faith by another mode. By baptism a believer enters into the fellowship of the local church and commits him/herself to a life of discipleship and service.

Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:2-6; Col. 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 3:21

10. THE LORD’S SUPPER

In preparation for the fellowship of the Lord’s Supper, all believers examine themselves. All those who understand its meaning, confess Jesus Christ as Lord in word and life, are accountable to their congregation and are living in right relationship with God and others are invited to participate in the Lord’s Supper.

Mt. 16:24; 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:23-32; Rev. 3:20

11. MARRIAGE AND THE HOME

We believe that God instituted marriage. Marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. Believers who marry should have a common Christian commitment; a believer should not marry an unbeliever. We believe that divorce, and all sex outside of marriage constitutes a violation of God's intention for marriage. Christian parents should nurture their children through exemplary living, prayer, worship, instruction in God's Word, and godly discipline.

Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18-24; Prov. 5:18-19; Mal. 2:13-16; Mt. 5:31-32; 19:4-9; 1 Cor. 7:10-11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:22-23; 6:4; Heb. 13:4

12. THE LORD'S DAY AND WORK

We believe that God has called us to work and that work is honourable. However, the Christian also needs to have time for worship, instruction in the faith and fellowship. Therefore, following the example of the New Testament Church, we set aside one day a week for spiritual upbuilding and limit our labours on that day to work of necessity and deeds of mercy.

Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-10; Mt. 6:33; Lk. 24:1-36; Acts 2:1; 20:7; Rom. 14:5-6; Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Heb. 10:23-25

13. CHRISTIAN INTEGRITY

Christians are obligated to speak the truth at all times. As a witness to our integrity we affirm that we will tell the truth at all times in keeping with what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Also, we avoid holding membership in lodges and secret societies which may require an oath, or may otherwise conflict with allegiance to Christ and his church, but seek rather to foster fellowship among believers.

Mt. 5:33-37; 23:1-12; Jn. 18:19-23; 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph 5:6-13; Jas. 5:12

14. THE STATE

We believe that God has instituted the state. Our chief concern and primary allegiance, however, is to Christ's kingdom. We pray for our government, respect those in authority, pay taxes, obey all laws not in conflict with the Word of God, and witness against corruption and injustice in society.

Mt. 22:17-21; Acts 4:19; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim 2:1-6; 1 Pet. 2:13-14

15. LOVE AND PEACE

We believe that Christians should live by the law of love and practice forgiveness of enemies as taught and exemplified by Jesus. We seek to be agents of reconciliation; our bond with other followers of Jesus transcends all racial, social and national barriers. We view violence as contradictory to the new nature of the Christian. In times of national conscription or war, we will teach and encourage alternate service where possible.

Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 5:17-28, 38-45; Rom. 12:19-21; 13:8-10; 1 Pet. 2:19-23

16. CHRIST'S FINAL TRIUMPH

We believe that God will some day bring His purposes to a final consummation. We believe that Christ will return visibly, personally and bodily. When Christ returns the dead in Christ will be raised bodily and together with the living believers they will be bodily transformed and they shall be forever with the Lord. In the end all evil powers will be defeated and whereas the ungodly shall suffer eternal punishment, the saints shall enjoy eternal bliss in the presence of God.

Is. 2:4; 61:1-11; Mt. 25:13, 31-46; Mk. 9:43-48; Lk. 16:22-23; Jn. 5:25-29; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:21-58; Phil. 1:21-24; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Tit. 2:11-14; 2 Pet. 3:3-13; Rev 1:15, 20-22

*To equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:12

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