



Wisdom Journal “Type 1” - Scriptural Truths

From a Church of God, Christian Worldview

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THE FEAR OF THE LORD
IS THE BEGINNING
OF WISDOM...

Ps 111:10

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Objective:

Using the organizing structure of Systematic Theology (which covers everything about God & spirit & man) ... this Wisdom Journal seeks to provide a collection of All the topics God reveals in Scripture -- great things to know & to think about - Truths & Wisdom - harvested from many formats & sources.

When you find gold nuggets of wisdom ... it is nice to capture them as reminders for yourself & *to share with others.*

Media

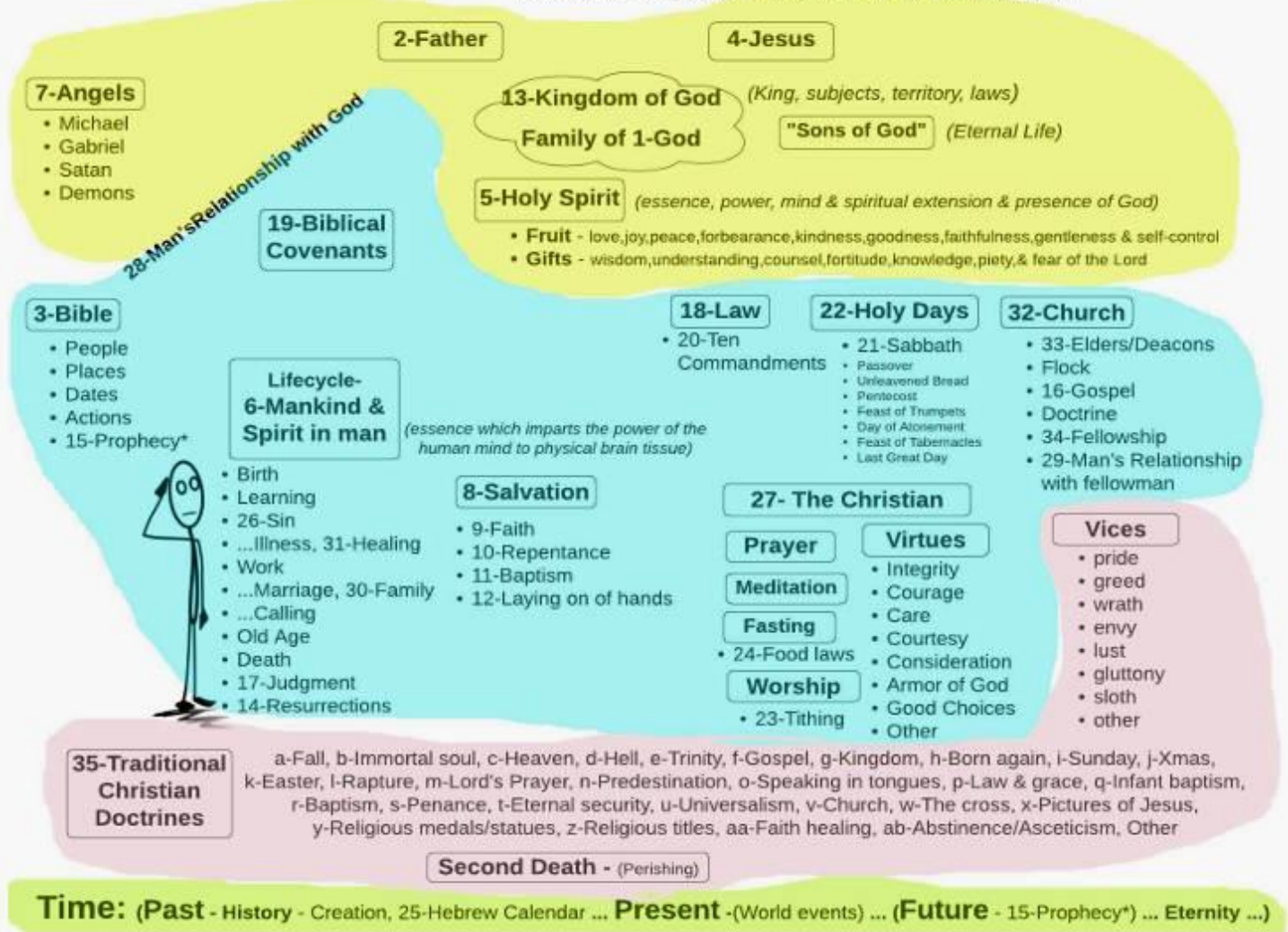
... & because people love to learn from *short videos* ... they are marked to stand out!

T=Topic **sT**=SubTopic **V**=Video **B**=Booklet/Article **P**=Point of Wisdom **L**=Link
D=Definition

Best Sources!

- The Bible
- The Cgi.org & CgiCanada.org Websites
 - CGI's Systematic Theology Project - STP - Official description of our doctrines
 - CGI's Bible Courses - Various topics explained with lots of Scriptures!
- Other CoG websites (Ucg.org, Lcg.org, etc)
- PragerU.org - for Judeo-Christian Conservative Values (5 minute videos)
- PassItOn.com - Foundation for a Better Life. The values we live by are worth more when we #PassItOn - Billboards & Video TV commercials about good values
- Truthcheck.ca - "my attempt" to capture good material on the Internet (from sources listed here) to keep the content alive (in case websites change & content would be lost)
- BibleProject.com - great video summaries of each book of the bible (via drawings)

The Plan of God (STP - Systematic Theology Project, Statement of Beliefs)



Statement of Beliefs +

- 1 - God
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Plan of God Diagram

**All the topics ...
about God & Man
Creation & History to
structure a Book of
Wisdom**

T-1 – God

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God is the eternal, omnipresent, all-powerful, supreme Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe. God is one, composed of spirit and comprising a family revealed presently as consisting of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. God is a loving, kind, merciful being who wants to share His magnificent existence by reproducing Himself through man.

Psalm 19:1; 50:1, 6–7; Isaiah 44:6; Nehemiah 9:6,16–17; John 1:12–13; 3:16; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1–2; 1 John 3:1–2; Jeremiah 9:23–24

- P - **Jer 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD:
"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;
But let him who glories glory in this,
That **he understands and knows Me,**
That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, & righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight," says the LORD.
- P - **Psa 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; & the firmament shows His handiwork.
- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#) - God
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/god/> - more than **22 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!

sT-1a – Does God Exist?

- B-[CGI-GodDoesExist-HeresTheProof.pdf](#)
- B-UCG- [Life's Ultimate Question- Does God Exist?](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study-Making God Real -Does God Exist?-Where is God?](#)
- B-LCG- [The Real God-Proofs & Promises](#)
- **V**-LCG- [Here-are-7-proofs-of-God's-existence](#)
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/does-god-exist-4-new-arguments>
- **V**-PragerU - <https://www.prageru.com/video/the-benefits-of-belief>

sT-1b – Nature of God

- [B-CGI--WhoWhatIsGod.pdf](#)
- [B-CGI-GodIsNotATrinity.pdf](#)
- BibleCourseV1 - Lesson #2. [Knowing God: Supreme Being, or Trinity?](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)
- BibleCourseV1 - Lesson #3. [Knowing God: The Mystery of the Gods](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)
- B-UCG- [Who Is God?](#)

sT-1c – See [Topic 35e x-Trinity](#)

sT-1d – God vs Science or Evolution or Atheism

- B-UCG- [Creation or Evolution-Does-it-really-matter-what-you-believe?](#)
- B-UCG- [Answers from Genesis](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study - Seeing God Through Creation](#)
- B-LCG- [Evolution and Creation-What-both-sides-miss](#)
- **V**-LCG- [Some-think-earth-is-6000-years-old-but-this-is-what-the-bible-says](#)
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/does-science-argue-for-or-against-god>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/god-vs-atheism-which-is-more-rational>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/whats-a-greater-leap-of-faith-god-or-the-multiverse>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/evolution-bacteria-to-beethoven>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/aliens-the-multiverse-or-god-science-and-god>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/are-religion-and-science-in-conflict-science-and-god>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/whats-wrong-with-atheism-science-and-god>

- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/what-is-intelligent-design-science-and-god>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/how-did-the-universe-begin-science-and-god>

T-2 - The Father

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Scripture reveals that God is a family, currently consisting of Father and Son. The Father is revealed to mankind as the perfect, Holy, Supreme Sovereign who inhabits eternity. Most references to “God” in the New Testament are references to Him. Jesus introduces and declares the Father to be greater than the Son and teaches us to pray to the Father, knowing the Father hears and answers our prayers.

*Daniel 7:13–14; Matthew 6:9; John 1:1–2, 18; 6:44–65; 14:28;
1 Corinthians. 15:24–28; 1 John 4:8*

P- **Mat 6:9** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

P- **John 14:28** ... for My Father is greater than I.

P- **1Cor 15:24** Then comes the end, when He (*Jesus*) delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#) - The Father
- A-Sermon- [Vance Stinson- Abba-father](#)
- UCG-BibleCourse-Lesson3- [God The Father](#)

sT-2a – See [Topic 35e x-Trinity](#)

T-3 – Bible

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The whole Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God containing His plan of salvation, and record of His participation throughout history. The Bible is God’s revelation of knowledge that man cannot discover for himself. It is the foundation of knowledge, and the guidebook of life. The Old and New Testaments comprise God’s written Word, which forms the basis of Christianity as taught by the church and practiced by the Christian.

Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; John 17:17; Romans 8:16;

1 Corinthians 2:7–11; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 3:15–16

P- 2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#)** - The Father
- **L-** <https://cgicanada.org/topics/bible/> - more than **27 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- **B-**[CGI-HowToStudyYourBible.pdf](#)

Text Courses:

- Cgi Home Bible Study Course V2 - (15 Lessons + 3 Unpublished Lessons)
- Version 1 of Cgi Bible Correspondence Course - (10 Lessons – 1983?)
- Infuse Bible Studies - (ages 13-30)
- Sky – Sabbath Keeping Youth Bible Course - (12 Lessons – Ages 13+)

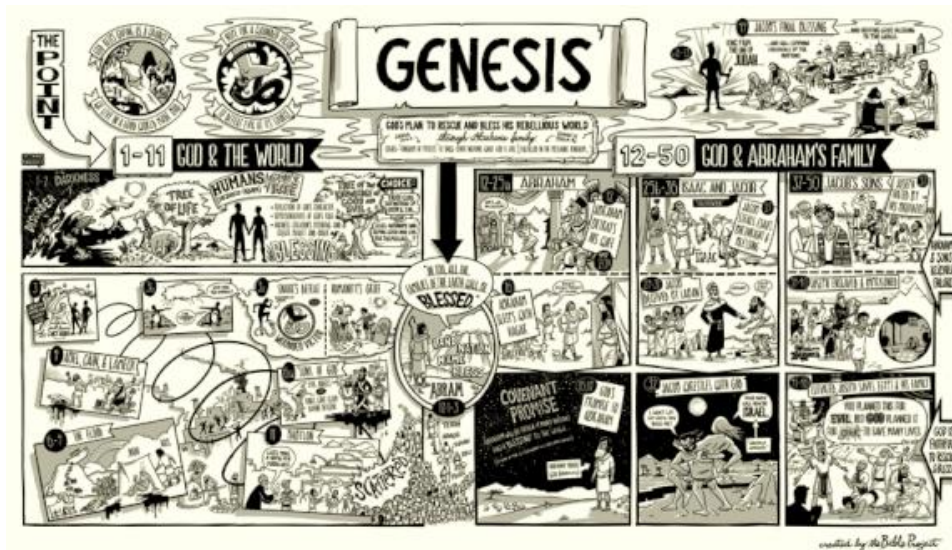
Audio or Video Bible Studies:

- **V-** *Line Upon Line Bible Academy (with Adrian Davis)*
- **V-** *Wednesday Bible Study (with Adrian Davis)*

Other Bible Books covered:

- **V-** *Acts (with Vance Stinson)*
- **V-** *Romans (with Bill Watson)*
- **V-** *Philippians (with Wynn Skelton)*

- **V-** James (with Vance Stinson)
- **V-** Jude (with Bill Watson) & (with Vance Stinson)
- B-UCG- [Is the Bible True?](#)
- B-UCG- [How to Understand the Bible](#)
- B-UCG- [Bible and Archaeology-Part-1](#)
- B-UCG- [Bible and Archaeology-Part-2](#)
- BibleCourse-UCG- [12 Lessons](#)
- B-LCG- [the-bible-fact-or-fiction](#)
- BibleCourse-LCG- [12 Lessons](#)
- **V-**LCG- [Critical-keys-for-effective-bible-study](#)
- **V-**PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/the-best-book-to-read-to-your-kids>
- **V-** <https://bibleproject.com/explore/book-overviews/>



L - <http://timeline.biblehistory.com/>



T-4 - Jesus Christ

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of God, and the Son of Man. He was the prophesied Messiah of the Old Testament and is described in the New Testament as being fully human and fully divine. As the second member of the God family, He has existed throughout eternity as the “Word.” He divested Himself of this power and His majesty, and became a human being to die for the sins of all mankind as our loving and merciful Savior. After three days and three nights, He was resurrected to immortality. He ascended to heaven to become our High Priest and will, at some undisclosed date, return to establish the Kingdom of God on earth and rule as King of Kings with His saints forever.

Deuteronomy 18:15; Matthew 17:15–17; John 1:1–14; 3:16; Acts 2:32–33; Romans 5:8; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 4:14–15; Revelation 1:13–16

P- Php 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in **Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself** and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is **above every name**, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P- Hebrews 4:14-15 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus** the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but was in all points **tempted** as we are, yet **without sin**.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#) - Jesus Christ**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/jesus/> - more than **33 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- **B-[JRG-Is Jesus Really God.pdf](#)**
- **B-[EJC-EvidenceForTheLifeOfJesusChrist.img.pdf](#)**
- **B-[TES--ChristCanBePreachedFromTheOldTestament.pdf](#)**
- **B-[JFP-JesusChristIsFulfilledProphecy.pdf](#)**
- **B-[MSH-MessiahJustWhoIsTheAnointedOne.img.pdf](#)**
- **B-[CCE-RealReasonsWhyChristCameToThisEarth.img.pdf](#)**
- **B-[RKJ-WhoReallyKilledJesus.img.pdf](#)**
- **B-[CMR--WhyChristMustReturn.pdf](#)**
- **B-[SevenDeclarationsOfJesusAndEvidenceOfHisResurrection.pdf](#)**

- BibleCourseV1 - Lesson #4. [Knowing God: Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit](#) —
[Review MP3 Audio](#)
- B-UCG- [Jesus Christ: Saved By His Life](#)
- B-UCG- [Jesus Christ: The Real Story](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study-Making God Real- Who is Jesus Christ?](#)
- V-LCG- [Was-Jesus-a-real-person?](#)
- V-The Chosen - first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ
- V-PragerU- [Was Jesus a Socialist?](#)

sT-4a - [See Topic 15-Prophecy](#)

sT-4b - [See Topic 35e x-Trinity](#)

T-5 - Holy Spirit

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Holy Spirit is the essence, power, mind, and spiritual extension and presence of God. God begets Christians as His sons and daughters through this Spirit. It strengthens a Christian spiritually, converts his mind, and serves as an earnest or guarantee of eternal life. The Spirit is the power by which God will raise His people from the dead and transform them into immortal spirit beings, thus completing the process of conversion.

John 5:25–29; Acts 1:8; 2:38; Romans 8:9–11, 14; 1 Corinthians 2:9–16; 15:42–55; Ephesians 1:13–14

P- Act 1:8 But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you ...

P- Eph 1:13-14 (GW) You heard and believed the message of truth, the Good News that He has saved you. In Him you were sealed with the Holy Spirit whom He promised. This Holy Spirit is the **guarantee** that we will receive our inheritance.

- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#) - Holy Spirit
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/holy-spirit/> - more than **10 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-[CHC-ComforterHelperCounselor.pdf](#)
- B-[IsTheHolySpiritGreaterThanGod.pdf](#)
- BibleCourseV2 - Lesson #16. [Understanding the Holy Spirit](#)
- BibleCourseV1 - Lesson #4. [Knowing God: Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)
- B-UCG- [The Power of the Holy Spirit](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study - Fruit of the Spirit-overview](#)
- **V-**LCG-[What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

sT-5a – See [Topic 35e x-Trinity](#)

T-6 - Mankind

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The greatest truth of the Bible is that God is reproducing Himself through mankind. Hence, humanity's goal and purpose for existence is, ultimately, to enter God's family and become literal sons of God. Human beings are physical beings with no inherent immortality, but they can receive eternal life as a free gift from God. Man was created by God to be wholly flesh and blood, yet in God's image and with a spiritual component—the “spirit in man”— included in his brain, which together compose the human mind.

Genesis 1:26–27; Job 32:8; Psalm 22:9–10; 71:5–6; 139:13–14; Ecclesiastes 3:21; 11:5; 12:7; Isaiah 44:2, 24; Jeremiah 1:5; Zechariah 12:1; Acts 2:38; Romans 8:16; 1 Corinthians 2:11–15; 1 John 5:11–13

P- [Psa 8:4](#) What is man that You are mindful of him, & the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, & You have crowned him with glory & honor...

P- [Job 32:8](#) But there is a **spirit in man**, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

P- [1Cor 2:11](#) For what man knows the things of a man except the **spirit of the man** which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#) - Mankind & the Spirit in Man**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/mankind/> - more than 16 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- **V-UCG- [The-spirit-in-man](#)**

sT6a- [See sT-27a - Virtues](#)

sT-6b - Vices

- **V-LCG- [Tattoos-what-does-the-Bible-say?](#)**
- **V-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/is-evil-rational?>**

List of character vices -

- **addiction** - a state of physiological or psychological dependence on a potentially harmful drug
- **adultery** - voluntary sexual relations between a married person and somebody other than his or her spouse
- **aggression** - threatening behavior or actions
- **alcoholism** - dependence on alcohol consumption to an extent that adversely affects social and work-related functioning and produces withdrawal symptoms when intake is stopped or greatly reduced
- **anger** - a strong feeling of grievance and displeasure
- **antagonism** - hostility or hatred causing opposition and ill will
- **arrogance** - the act of feeling or showing self-importance and contempt or disregard for others
- **avarice** - an unreasonably strong desire to obtain and keep money
- **bias** - an unfair preference for or dislike of something
- **bigotry** - when somebody with strong opinions, especially on politics, religion, or ethnicity, who refuses to accept different views
- **boastfulness** - to refer immodestly to possessions or achievements
- **bragging** - to talk with excessive pride about an achievement or possession
- **brutality** - unrelentingly harsh and severe; extremely ruthless or cruel
- **callousness** - showing no concern that other people are or might be hurt or upset
- **chauvinism** - unreasoning, overenthusiastic, or aggressive loyalty to a particular gender, group, or cause
- **cheating** - to deceive or mislead somebody, especially for personal advantage
- **conceit** - a high opinion of your own qualities or abilities, especially one that is not justified
- **condescension** - behavior that implies that somebody is graciously lowering himself or herself to the level of people less important or intelligent
- **corruption** - dishonest exploitation of power for personal gain; extreme immorality or depravity
- **covetousness** - to have a strong desire to possess something that belongs to somebody else
- **cowardice** - an absence of courage
- **crabbiness** - a disposition to be ill-tempered; irritable in character
- **crankiness** - disagreeable and easily irritated or annoyed
- **craziness** - not showing good sense or practicality; one affected by a psychiatric disorder
- **cruelty** - deliberately and remorselessly causing pain or anguish; bringing about pain and distress
- **cupidity** - greed, especially for money or possessions
- **decadence** - a state of uninhibited immoral self-indulgence
- **deceitfulness** - intentionally misleading or fraudulent
- **dementedness** - completely unreasonable or lacking any sense of the consequences of actions taken; affected by the loss of intellectual functions

- **depressive** - to make somebody feel very sad or hopeless
- **despairing** - somebody that makes somebody else feel hopeless or exasperated; to feel there is no hope
- **discourtesy** - behavior or an action that is bad-mannered or impolite
- **dishonesty** - the use of lies or deceit, or the tendency to be deceitful
- **disloyalty** - a lack of loyalty to a person, vow, organization, or state
- **disrespect** - total contempt; to treat another with disregard
- **doubt** - to feel unconvinced or uncertain about something, or think that something is unlikely
- **egoism** - the practice of making personal welfare and interests a primary or sole concern, sometimes at the expense of others
- **envy** - the resentful or unhappy feeling of wanting somebody else's success, good fortune, qualities, or possessions
- **erratic** - not predictable, regular, or consistent, especially in being likely to depart from expected standards at any time
- **extremism** - the holding of radical political or religious views or the taking of extreme actions on the basis of those views
- **faithlessness** - not believing in a religious faith; not to be trusted or relied on
- **falseness** - done with or having the intention of deceiving somebody; treacherous
- **fanaticism** - a holder of extreme or irrational enthusiasms or beliefs, especially in religion or politics
- **fearfulness** - nervous and easily frightened
- **foolishness** - showing, or resulting from, a lack of good sense or judgment
- **fussiness** - an irritable petulant feeling; unnecessary elaborateness in details
- **glumness** - quietly melancholic or miserable; gloomy ill-tempered
- **gluttony** - the act or practice of eating and drinking to excess; to do anything to the point of wastefulness
- **greed** - an overwhelming desire to have more of something such as money than is actually needed
- **grouchiness** - easily upset; angry; tending to complain; habitually bad-tempered and irritable person
- **grumpiness** - a fussy and eccentric disposition; bad-tempered or sullen
- **hastiness** - to do things or act in a hurry because of impetuosity or lack of time
- **hatred** - a feeling of intense hostility towards somebody or something
- **haughtiness** - behaving in a superior, condescending, or arrogant way
- **heartlessness** - having or showing no pity or kindness
- **hedonism** - a devotion, especially a self-indulgent one, to pleasure and happiness as a way of life
- **hubris** - excessive pride or arrogance
- **hypocrite** - somebody who pretends to have admirable principles, beliefs, or feelings but behaves otherwise
- **hysteria** - being impossible to hold back or control; to be afflicted with a state of extreme or exaggerated emotion such as excitement or panic, especially among large numbers of people

- **idiocy** - extreme lack of intelligence or foresight
- **idleness** - lazy and unwilling to work
- **inanity** - meaninglessness or senselessness that suggests a lack of understanding or intelligence
- **incompetence** - lacking the skills, qualities, or ability to do something properly
- **indolence** - lethargic and not showing any interest or making any effort
- **infidelity** - unfaithfulness or disloyalty, especially to a sexual partner
- **inflexibility** - firmly established and impossible to change; adhering firmly and stubbornly to a viewpoint or principle
- **injustice** - unfair or unjust treatment of somebody, or an instance of this
- **insanity** - extreme foolishness, or an act that demonstrates such foolishness
- **impatience** - tending to be annoyed at being kept waiting or by being delayed; unable to tolerate a particular thing and easily annoyed by it
- **impetuosity** - to act on the spur of the moment, without considering the consequences
- **insolence** - showing a malicious or aggressive lack of deference in speech or behavior
- **intemperance** - having or showing a lack of self-control, especially in expressing feelings or satisfying physical desires
- **irritability** - easily annoyed or exasperated; extremely sensitive, especially to aggravation
- **jealousy** - to feel bitter and unhappy because of another's advantages, possessions, or luck; to feel suspicious about a rival's or competitor's influence, especially in regard to a loved one
- **linguor** - a pleasant feeling of weariness or weakness; listlessness and indifference in speech or behavior
- **lavishness** - given or produced in abundance or to excess
- **laziness** - unwilling to do any work or make an effort
- **lethargy** - a state of physical slowness and mental dullness resulting from tiredness, disease, or drugs
- **liar** - someone who does not tell the truth
- **licentiousness** - pursuing desires aggressively and selfishly, unchecked by morality, especially in sexual matters
- **lunacy** - behavior that is regarded as unintelligent, inconsiderate, or misguided, or an example of it
- **lust** - the strong physical desire to have sex with somebody, usually without associated feelings of love or affection
- **madness** - rash or thoughtless behavior
- **malice** - the intention or desire to cause harm or pain to somebody; or to wish for someone to feel pain
- **manipulative** - using clever, devious ways to control or influence somebody or something
- **melancholic** - feeling or tending to feel a thoughtful or gentle sadness
- **mercilessness** - very harsh in the judgment and treatment of others; showing no compassion toward somebody or something; to continue at a high level of violence or unpleasantness without pause or relief

- **misogyny** - a hatred of women, as a sexually defined group
- **moroseness** - deep sadness; showing a brooding ill humor
- **moodiness** - having temperamental and changeable moods; tending to change mood unpredictably from cheerful to bad-tempered
- **murderous** - capable of, guilty of, or likely to commit murder
- **narcissism** - excessive self-admiration and self-centeredness; overestimation of one's own appearance and abilities and an excessive need for admiration
- **obduracy** - stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; not repentant
- **obsessive** - a particular action or thing occupies one's thoughts constantly and exclusively; worrying compulsively about something or things generally
- **obstinacy** - stubbornly adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course, usually with implied unreasonableness
- **offensiveness** - causing anger, resentment, or moral outrage, sometimes to the point of physical repugnance
- **perversion** - deviating greatly from what is accepted as right, normal, or proper, relating specifically to sexual activities considered unusual or unacceptable
- **petulance** - ill-tempered or sulky in a peevish manner
- **pitilessness** - showing no mercy or compassion for the suffering of others
- **pomposity** - an excessive sense of self-importance, usually displayed through exaggerated seriousness or stateliness in speech and manner
- **pride** - a haughty attitude shown by somebody who believes, often unjustifiably, that he or she is better than others
- **prejudice** - an unfounded hatred, fear, or mistrust of a person or group, especially one of a particular religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual preference, or social status
- **preposterousness** - going very much against what is thought to be sensible or reasonable
- **pretentiousness** - acting as though more important or special than is warranted, or appearing to have an unrealistically high self-image
- **profligacy** - extremely extravagant or wasteful
- **promiscuity** - behavior characterized by casual and indiscriminate sexual intercourse, often with many people
- **rage** - sudden and extreme anger
- **rashness** - acting with, resulting from, or characteristic of thoughtless, impetuous behavior
- **recklessness** - marked by a lack of thought about danger or other possible undesirable consequences
- **resentfulness** - annoyed or bitter about having been badly treated, or characterized by such a feeling of annoyance
- **rowdiness** - a rough and noisy person who often causes disturbances
- **rudeness** - disagreeable or discourteous in manner or action; offensive to accepted standards of decency
- **ruthlessness** - having or showing no pity or mercy
- **secrecy** - unwillingness to reveal information
- **self-importance** - an unrealistically high evaluation of your own importance or worth
- **self-indulgence** - lack of self-control in pursuing your own pleasure or satisfaction

- **self-pity** - the self-indulgent belief that your life is harder and sadder than everyone else's
- **selfishness** - concerned with your own interests, needs, and wishes while ignoring those of others
- **senselessness** - apparently or really without purpose or meaning; demonstrating a lack of reason and intelligence
- **short-sightedness** - doing or determining without taking the future into account
- **sloth** - a dislike of work or any kind of physical exertion
- **snobbishness** - displaying an offensively superior condescending manner
- **spite** - a malicious, usually small-minded desire to harm or humiliate somebody
- **stingy** - not generous in giving or spending money
- **stubbornness** - unreasonably and obstructively determined to persevere or prevail
- **sulkiness** - a sullen moody resentful disposition; in a bad mood and refusing to communicate because of resentment for a real or imagined grievance
- **sullenness** - dourly disposition; showing bad temper or hostility by a refusal to talk, behave sociably, or cooperate cheerfully
- **tetchiness** - oversensitive and easily upset or annoyed
- **thieving** - to steal something, or steal things
- **thoughtlessness** - showing a lack of planning or forethought; showing a lack of consideration for other people or for consequences
- **treasonous** - one willing to betray the allegiance owed by somebody to his or her own country
- **triteness** - one who overuses common phrases or conversation topics and consequently makes them lack in interest or originality
- **tricky** - likely to cheat or outwit somebody
- **twisted** - morally unacceptable; badly affected by unpleasant experiences or constant disappointment
- **unfaithfulness** - engaging in sexual relations with somebody other than a spouse or partner; untrue to commitments, duties, beliefs, or ideals
- **unloving** - not giving or reciprocating affection
- **untrustworthiness** - the trait of not deserving trust or confidence
- **vainglory** - excessive pride in or boastfulness about personal abilities or achievements
- **vanity** - excessive pride, especially in personal appearance
- **vengeful** - having or showing a strong desire for revenge
- **voracity** - unusually eager or enthusiastic about an activity
- **wastefulness** - using resources unwisely
- **weakness** - lack of strength, power, or determination
- **wildness** - overwhelmed by a strong emotion such as anger, grief, or desire; not tame; living or having lived in the wilderness
- **wrath** - strong anger, often with a desire for revenge
- **zealousness** - actively and unreservedly enthusiastic to the point of fervor

"Be always at war with your **vices**, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."

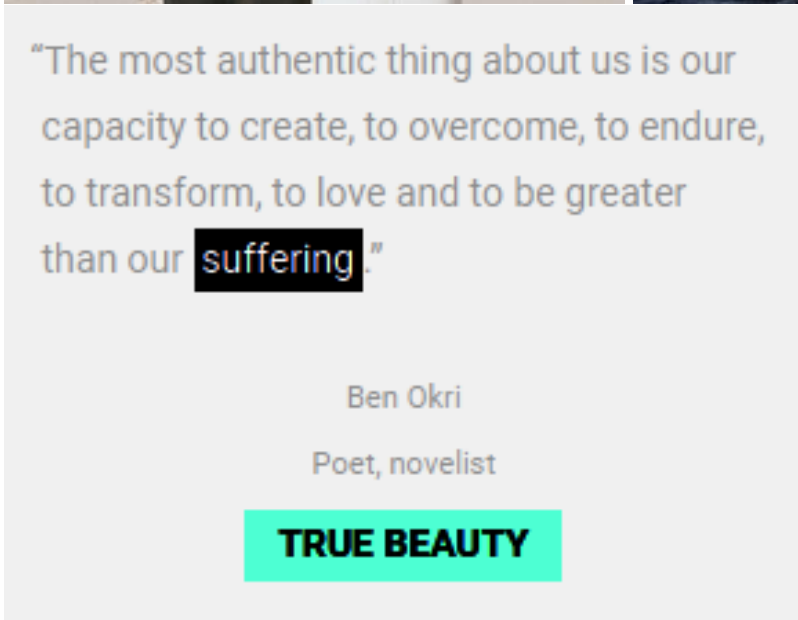
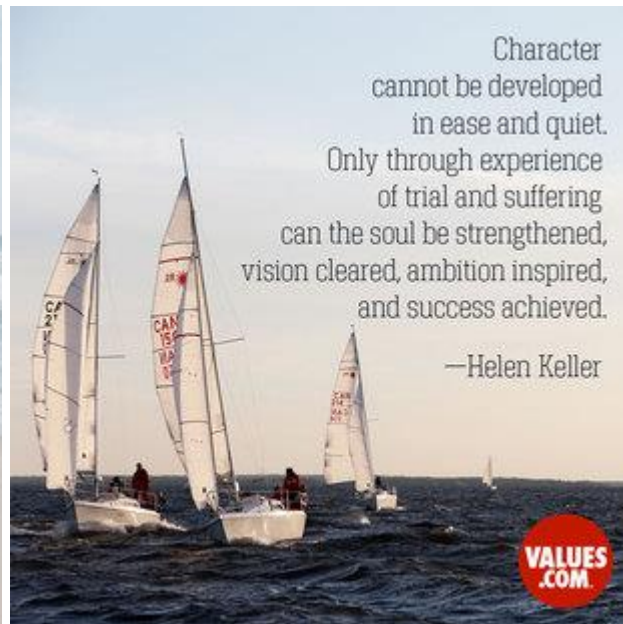
Benjamin Franklin

politician, writer, scientist

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- **B-UCG- [Why-am-I-suffering?](#)**
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- **V-LCG- [Who-rules-this-world-God-or-satan? This-is-the-main-reason-for-so-much-pain](#)**
- **V-LCG- [Billions-werent-expecting-this-after-death](#)**
- **V-PragerU- [God-and-suffering](#)**
- **V-PragerU- [God-is-not-your-butler-in-heaven](#)**
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- B-[CGI-MansAwesomeDestiny.pdf](#)
- B-UCG- [Why-were-you-born?](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study-Making God Real-The-Essential Questions of Life](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study-Seeing-God-through-creation-What-and-why-is-man?](#)
- B-LCG- [What-is-the-meaning-of-life?](#)
- **V**-LCG- [What-is-the-meaning-of-life? You've-not-heard-this-before](#)

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- B-UCG- [Suicide-understanding-and-preventing-it](#)
- B-UCG- [Overcoming-alcoholism-there-is-hope](#)
- B-UCG- [Overcoming-pornography-addiction](#)

- B-LCG- [marijuana-what-they-arent-telling-you](#)
- B-LCG- [Various Magazine articles on Addiction topics](#)
- **V**-LCG- [Addiction](#)

T-7 - Angelic Realm

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God has created powerful spirit beings as His agents and messengers. Since man's creation, these spirit beings have functioned as ministering spirits to help mankind attain salvation. Like man, angels have free moral agency. Although created to help God, some of them—led by Satan the devil—rebelled against God's government, transforming into the evil spirits known as demons.

Psalms 91:11–12; Ephesians 6:12; Hebrews 1:7

P- **Psa 91:11-12** For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section1](#)** - Angelic Realm
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/angelic-realm-2/>** - more than **7 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- **B-UCG- [Family-study-guides/making-God-real-lesson-5-Who-and-what-are-Angels?](#)**

sT-7a - Good Angels

- **B-CGI-[AngelsAndTheSpiritWorld.img.pdf](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Angels-God's-messengers-and-spirit-army](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Family-study-Making-God-real-lesson-5-who-and-what-are-angels?](#)**

sT-7b - Satan

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- **B-CGI-[ShockingTruthAboutSatanism.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[TracksOfTheDevil.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[UFOsExistButWhatAreThey.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[SeedOfSatan.img.pdf](#)**
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- **B-UCG- [Is-there-really-devil?](#)**
- ****V**-LCG- [Who-rules-this-world-God-or-satan? This-is-the-main-reason-for-so-much-pain](#)**

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T-8 – Salvation

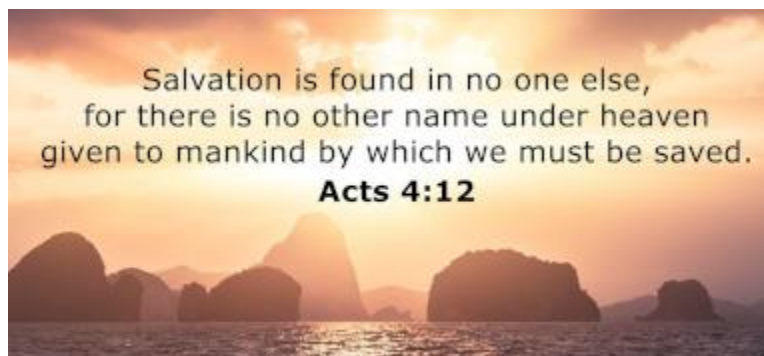
DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Salvation is the means by which God, through Christ, saves man from the penalty of sin and gives him eternal life. This process includes one's calling, repentance, baptism, justification, receiving of the Holy Spirit, life of faith and obedience, and final birth into God's Kingdom as a spirit being. Salvation is a freely given gift from God through grace, with our ultimate reward given according to our works.

Matthew 16:27; John 3:16–17; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9; Hebrews 6:1–2

P- Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been **saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section2](#)** - Salvation
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/salvation/>** - more than **11 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
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- **B-CGI-[DoesGodLoveTheWorldEnoughToSaveIt.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[OnceSavedAlwaysSaved.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[WhatDoesTheBibleSayAboutPredestinationAndElection.pdf](#)**
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- **B-CGI-[DoYouNeedAPersonalSavior.pdf](#)**
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- **B-UCG- [What-does-the-Bible-teach-about-grace?](#)**
- **B-UCG-Q&A- [Can-you-earn-salvation?](#)**
- **B-LCG- [Is-this-the-only-day-of-salvation?](#)**
- **B-LCG- [John-3:16](#)**
- **V-LCG- [The-Bible-says-there-were-3-things-nailed-to-the-cross](#)**



T-9 – Faith

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Faith is the absolute sure knowledge that God exists and that He will accomplish those things He has promised. Faith in God—trust in His promises and belief that He is in overall control—is a major characteristic in the Christian life and is absolutely necessary for salvation.

Romans 1:17; 10:17; Ephesians 3:17; Hebrews 11:1–2; James 2:22–24

P- **Heb 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- **STP-**[SystematicTheologyProject-Section2](#) - Faith
- **L-** <https://cgicanada.org/topics/faith/> - more than **6 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- **B-CGI-**[How to Increase your Faith](#)
- **B-CGI-**[Home Study#2-Faith](#)
- **B-UCG-** [You-can-have-living-Faith](#)
- **B-UCG-** [Family-study-Faithfulness](#)
- **B-HWA-**[What is Faith?](#)

“How many of us have enough trust, strength, and **faith** to believe that we could do the impossible?”

Rachel Joy Scott
student, first victim of the Columbine High School
massacre

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Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase. ”

Martin Luther King, Jr.
minister, civil rights activist

OPTIMISM

T-10 – Repentance

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Repentance is the act of acknowledging one's sins and resolving to fully obey God. To repent means to change one's overall attitude from wanting to go one's own way and instead wanting to go God's way. It begins when God opens one's mind to see oneself in comparison with God and His law. True repentance is the first step toward reconciliation with God, and thereby ultimately toward salvation.

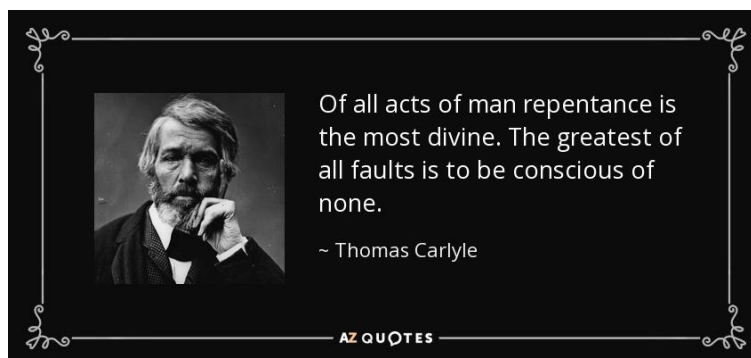
Acts 2:38; 3:19–21; 8:22; 1 John 3:4

P- Act 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, & let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; & you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P- Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

D- Repent - to feel or express sincere **regret** or **remorse** about one's wrongdoing or sin, which is accompanied by commitment to & actual **actions** that show & prove a **change** for the better.

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- B-CGI- [HowYouCanBeAnOvercomer.pdf](#)
- BibleCourseV2 - Lesson #1. [Understanding Repentance](#)
- B-LCG- [The-missing-r-word-Repent!](#)



T-11 – Baptism

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The ceremony of water baptism is performed by immersion for the forgiveness of sins upon true repentance and acceptance of Christ's sacrifice. After this ceremony, and as a result of the laying on of hands, one receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Baptism symbolizes the renunciation of the past sinful way of life, the burial of the old man in a watery grave, and the emergence of a new Spirit led man living with Christ's mind and following in His footsteps.

Matthew 3:13–16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1–8; Colossians 2:12

P- Col 2:12 buried with Him in **baptism**, in which you also were **raised** with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section2](#) - Baptism
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/baptism/> - more than 2 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
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- B-CGI-[IsWaterBaptismNecessary.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[DoYouNeedAPersonalSavior.pdf](#)
- B-CGI- [Is Rebaptism Necessary?](#)
- BibleCourseV2 - Lesson #3. [Understanding Baptism](#)
- B-UCG-[What-you-need-to-know-about-baptism](#)
- B-LCG-[Christian-baptism-its-real-meaning](#)



T-12 - Laying on of Hands

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The laying on of hands is a ceremony performed by God's servants on special occasions such as for receiving God's Holy Spirit after baptism, at ordination, anointing of the sick, and for other special purposes. It symbolizes one's submission to God and unity with the Church, which is God's instrument on earth.

Matthew 19:13–15; Acts 6:5–6; 8:17–18; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; Hebrews 6:2

P- **Act 8:17** Then they laid hands on them, & they received the Holy Spirit.

- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section2](#) - Laying On Of Hands
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/laying-on-of-hands/> - a page of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- BibleCourseV2 - Lesson #4. [Understanding The Laying-On Of Hands](#)
- B-UCG-Q&A- [Is-the-laying-on-of-hands-necessary?](#)
- **V**-UCG- What-is-the-laying-on-of-hands?



T-13 - Kingdom of God

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Kingdom of God is the family of God ruling as the government of God. It is a future world-ruling government to be set up on earth by Christ at His return, with Jesus as King and the resurrected spirit-composed saints in positions of co-rulership with Him. The Kingdom of God—referred to as a “mystery” in the New Testament—was preached and explained by Christ, then by His church; it shall be established on earth for a thousand years following Christ’s return, and shall be completely fulfilled when New Jerusalem and God the Father come down out of heaven to dwell on the new earth.

Mark 4:11; Revelation 5:10; 20:4; 21:1–3, 7, 10

P- Mat 6:33 But seek **first** the **kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

P- Rev 5:10 And have made us kings & priests to our God; & we shall reign on the earth.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section3](#) - Kingdom of God**
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- **B-CGI-[SecondComingAndBeyond.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[WhatIsTheKingdomOfGod.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[GospelOfTheKingdomOfGod.pdf](#)**
- **B-CGI-[HowYouCanEnterTheKingdomOfGod.pdf](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Christ’s-reign-on-earth-What-it-will-be-like?](#)**
- **B-LCG- [The-world-ahead-what-will-it-be-like?](#)**
- **V-LCG- [The-mystery-of-the-Kingdom-of-God](#)**

See also **[T-16-Gospel](#)** (of the Kingdom of God)



T-14 - Resurrections

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Mankind's hope and the promise to the Christian is the resurrection from the dead. The Bible refers to

- (1) the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead and the pioneer of our salvation;
- (2) the resurrection of the saints—called the “first resurrection”—at the return of Christ when the true believers shall become spirit-composed members of God's family;
- (3) the resurrection back to physical life of all who have ever died without having understood God's way, for their first opportunity for salvation;
- (4) the resurrection of the incorrigibly wicked—those who have refused to repent and have rejected God's way—to be consumed in the lake of fire (called the “second death”).

John 5:28–29; Acts 2:32; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17; Revelation 20:4–6, 13–14.

P- John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice & come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, & those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

- **STP-[Systematic Theology Project-Section3](#) - Resurrections**
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- **Home Bible Course Lesson 5. [Understanding Resurrection](#)**
- **B-UCG- [The-truth-about-the-rich-man-and-lazarus](#)**
- **V-LCG- [Revelation-20-the-great-white-throne-judgment-2nd-resurrection-explained](#)**

T-15 - Prophecy

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Biblical prophecy is a historical and contemporary vehicle by which God demonstrates His power over the events of human history. The primary function of predictive prophecy is to show the sequence of events culminating in the return of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. The process by which this comes about is outlined in many passages of the Old and New Testaments.

Isaiah 46:9–11; Matthew 12:36–37; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 19:10; Isaiah 58:1

P- Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

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- **V**-LCG- [How-to-recognize-the-two-witnesses-of-revelation-11](#)
- **V**-LCG- [Revelations-end-of-the-world-timeline-explained](#)
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- B-CGI -[CanYouUnderstandBibleProphecy.pdf](#)
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- B-CGI - [RaptureIsItReallyGodsPromise.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [RestorationOfSodom.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [WarningTheUnitedStatesIsInDecline.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [WayOfEscape-img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [WhatDoesTheBibleReallySayAboutTheMillennium.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [WhoAreThe144000.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [WhoRidesTheWhiteHorse.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI - [WithoutAWitness-img.pdf](#)

- B-UCG- [Are-we-living-in-the-time-of-the-end?](#)
- B-UCG- [Russia-and-bible-prophecy](#)
- B-UCG- [Book-revelation-unveiled](#)
- B-UCG- [The-final-superpower](#)
- B-UCG- [Horsemen-revelation](#)
- B-UCG- [Middle-east-bible-prophecy](#)
- B-UCG- [United-states-and-britain-in-bible-prophecy](#)
- B-UCG- [Who-is-the-antichrist?](#)
- B-UCG- [You-can-understand-bible-prophecy](#)

- B-LCG- [Armageddon-and-beyond](#)
- B-LCG- [Germany-in-prophecy](#)
- B-LCG- [Prophecy-fulfilled-God's-hand-in-world-affairs](#)
- B-LCG- [Revelation-the-mystery-unveiled](#)
- B-LCG- [The-beast-of-revelation-myth-metaphor-or-soon-coming-reality](#)
- B-LCG- [The-middle-east-in-prophecy](#)
- B-LCG- [The-united-states-and-great-britain-in-prophecy](#)
- B-LCG- [Who-or-what-is-the-antichrist](#)

sT-15a - Great Tribulation

- **V**-LCG- [The-great-tribulation-explained](#)

sT-15b- Heavenly signs

sT-15c-Day of the Lord

- B-CGI - [GreatDayOfTheLord.pdf](#)

sT-15d-Return of Jesus

- **B-CGI** - [WhyChristMustReturn.pdf](#)
- **B-CGI** - [SecondComingAndBeyond.pdf](#)
- **B-CGI** - [ThingsToDoWhileWaitingForJesusToReturn.img.pdf](#)
- **B-UCG**- [Seven-prophetic-signs-before-Jesus-returns](#)
- **B-LCG**- [Fourteen-signs-announcing-Christ's-return](#)
- **V**-LCG- [How-to-know-when-Christ-will-return-first-2-major-events](#)

sT-15e-Other

- **V**-LCG- [Daniel-2-nebuchadnezzars-dream-explained](#)
- **V**-LCG- [Russia-in-prophecy-in-10-minutes-is-this-the-end-of-the-age?](#)
- **V**-LCG- [three-teachings-of-the-antichrist](#)
- **V**-LCG- [Who-is-the-antichrist?](#)

T-16 - Gospel

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The gospel is the message preached by Christ and by His Church about God's coming Kingdom, the restoration of His government on earth, and how mankind can enter that Kingdom and government. It includes the message of what Jesus has done, is doing, and shall do—and ultimately is the message of the entire Old and New Testaments. The primary purpose and commission of the Church is to proclaim this gospel to the entire world as a witness to all nations, and to baptize and teach those who respond.

Matthew 3:2; 24:14; 28:19–20; Mark 1:15; Luke 24:47

P- Mat 24:14 And this **gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

P- Mark 1:15 & saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the **gospel**."

- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section3](#) - Gospel
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/gospel/> - more than **11 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-CGI-[WhatIsTheRealGospelTruth.pdf](#)
- B-CGI -[WhyChristMustReturn.pdf](#)
- B-CGI -[CgiToronto-PersonalEvangelismManual.pdf](#)
- B-CGI -[GospelOfTheKingdomOfGod.pdf](#)
- B-CGI -[RealGospel.pdf](#)

- B-UCG- [Gospel-of-the-kingdom](#)
- B-UCG- [Shoes-of-the-gospel-of-peace](#)

- B-LCG- [Do-you-believe-the-true-gospel](#)

- **V-**LCG- [This-is-the-message-Jesus-preached-before-his-crucifixion-the-True-Gospel](#)

See also [T-13- Kingdom of God](#)

T-17 - Judgment

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The time of one's judgment is the time of his opportunity for salvation, extending from one's calling by God until his death (or the resurrection). During this judgment period a person's mind is opened to understand God's way, and his actions and attitudes are being evaluated by God in the light of His way of life and His law. All human beings since Adam and Eve shall have a fair opportunity for salvation either now (for the Church), or at the time of the second resurrection, in the Great White Throne Judgment. Those who shall qualify for God's Kingdom—perhaps the overwhelming majority—shall inherit eternal life, and those who deliberately reject God's way shall be consumed in the lake of fire.

Matthew 13:49–50; 25:34; 1 Peter 4:17; Revelation 20:15; 21:8

D- the ability to make considered decisions or come to sensible conclusions.

P- **Psa 32:1** Blessed is he whose transgression is **forgiven**, Whose sin is **covered**.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section3](#) - Judgment**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/judgment/> - more than **10 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- B-[CapitalPunishmentAChristianDilemma.pdf](#)
- B-[TRS-RestorationOfSodom.pdf](#)
- B-[OTL-WhichOldTestamentLawsApplyToday.img.pdf](#)
- **Home Bible Course Lesson 6. [Understanding Eternal Judgment](#)**
- **V-LCG- [Revelation-20-the-great-white-throne-judgment-2nd-resurrection-explained](#)**
- **V-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/for-an-eye-one-of-the-greatest-ideas-in-history>**
- **See [sT-22 - Last Great Day](#)**
- **See [T-26-Sin](#)**
- **See [sT-35d - x-Hell](#)**

T-18 - Law of God

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The law of God as revealed in the Bible is a good, right, and perfect system of eternal directives and principles that reflects God's character and serves as a means of expressing His love toward man. God's law teaches man how to properly worship God, how to love his fellowman, how to live life abundantly, and, at the same time, how to prepare for an eternal spiritual life in the family of God. The law of God is represented in both the Old and the New Testaments and is expressed by both physical actions and spiritual motivations.

John 14:15, 21; Romans 7:12; 1 John 5:2–3; Matthew 5:17–19

P-Rom 7:12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

P-John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Law of God
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/law-of-god/> - more than **9 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-CGI-[WhichOldTestamentLawsApplyToday.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[AreChristiansUnderTheLaw.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[NewCovenantDoesItDoAwayWithGodsLaw.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[BookOfGalatiansACommentary.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[PaulAndTheLawUnderstandingTheHardSayings.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[WhyWeKeepTheLaw.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[WasMosesTheLawgiver.img.pdf](#)
- B-CGI-[UnderstandingTheCommandments.img.pdf](#)
- Original Bible Course Lesson 5. [The Law and the Christian: The Ten Commandments](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)
- Original Bible Course Lesson 6. [The Law and the Christian: Are All OT Laws Relevant?](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)
- Original Bible Course Lesson 7. [The Law and the Christian: Jesus and the Law](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)
- Original Bible Course Lesson 8. [The Law and the Christian: The Apostle Paul](#)
- Original Bible Course Lesson 9. [The Law and the Christian: "Under the Law"?](#)
- B-UCG-[New-covenant-does-it-abolish-God's-law?](#)

- *See also [T-20-Ten Commandments](#)*
- *See also T-26-Sin*

T-19 - Biblical Covenants

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Both testaments record that God made certain promises to man in the form of specific contracts or agreements with him. These are called “covenants” and define the terms of God’s relationship with individuals or groups in various circumstances and eras. Of these covenants the best known are the covenants made with the nation Israel and the New Covenant established on “better promises,” which will be fully confirmed with spiritual Israel (the Church of God) after the return of Jesus Christ. The New Covenant, which also applies to the New Testament Church from the time of the original apostles, makes God’s law even more relevant by magnifying it to include one’s mental attitude and spiritual intent.

Matthew 5:21–22; 2 Timothy 3:15–16; Hebrews 8:6–13, Jeremiah 31:31-34

P- Heb 8:13 In that He says, "A NEW COVENANT," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Biblical Covenants**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/biblical-covenants-2/> - more than 4 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- **B-[COV-NewCovenantDoesItDoAwayWithGodsLaw.img.pdf](#)**
- **B-UCG- [New-covenant-does-it-abolish-God’s-law?](#)**
- **V-LCG- [Where-are-the-lost-10-tribes-of-israel?](#)**
- **V-BibleProject - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/covenants/>**
- **V-BibleProject - <https://bibleproject.com/articles/covenants-the-backbone-bible/>**

T-20 - Ten Commandments

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Ten Commandments, as revealed by God, codified by Moses, and ratified and magnified by Christ, represent the most fundamental categories of moral law. They are the foundation of all biblical teaching, showing man how to express love toward God and fellowman, and are consequently the focal point of Christian life.

Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5; Matthew 5:17–19; Romans 13:10; 1 Corinthians 7:19; Revelation 12:17; 22:14

P- Mat 5:17-18 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

P- Rom 13:10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore **love** is the fulfillment of the **law**.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Ten Commandments**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/ten-commandments/> - more than **6 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- **B-[TNC-TenCommandments.pdf](#)**
- **B-[SIN-WhatIsSin.pdf](#)**
- **B-[UNL-AreChristiansUnderTheLaw.pdf](#)**
- **B-[WKL-WhyWeKeepTheLaw.png.pdf](#)**
- **B-[MTL-WasMosesTheLawgiver.png.pdf](#)**
- **B-[UTN-UnderstandingTheCommandments.png.pdf](#)**
- **Original Bible Course Lesson 5. [The Law and the Christian: The Ten Commandments](#) — [Review MP3 Audio](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Ten-commandments](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Family Study- The Ten Commandments -overview](#)**
- **B-LCG- [The-ten-commandments](#)**
- **V-LCG- [This-is-what-Jesus-actually-taught-about-the-10-commandments](#)**
- **V-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/the-ten-commandments-what-you-should-know>**

- ***sT20a - 1-No Other Gods***

- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/i-am-the-lord-your-god>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/no-other-gods>

- ***sT20b- 2-No images***

- ***sT20c - 3-No Name in Vain***

- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/do-not-misuse-gods-name>

- ***sT20d - 4-See [T-21-Sabbath](#)***

- ***sT20e - 5-Honor Parents***

- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/honor-your-father-and-mother>

- ***sT20f - 6-No Murder***

- B-UCG- [Suicide-understanding-and-preventing-it](#)
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/do-not-murder>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/if-there-is-no-god-murder-isnt-wrong>
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/is-the-death-penalty-ever-moral>

- ***sT20g - 7-No Adultery***

- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/do-not-commit-adultery>

- ***sT20h - 8-No Stealing***
 - **V-**PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/do-not-steal>

- ***sT20i - 9-No False Witness***
 - **V-**PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/do-not-bear-false-witness>

- ***sT20j - 10-No Coveting***
 - **V-**PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/do-not-covet>

- ***See also [T-18-God's Law](#)***

- ***See also [T-26-Sin](#)***

T-21 - Sabbath

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The seventh-day Sabbath is taught and kept holy in accordance with biblical instruction. Instituted at Creation, reaffirmed to Israel as a part of the covenant at Sinai, and taught by Jesus Christ, who is the Messenger of the New Covenant, the observance of the Sabbath is considered basic to a Christian's relationship with God.

Genesis 2:2–3; Exodus 16; 20:8–11; 31:12–17; Mark 2:27–28; Luke 4:16; Hebrews 4:9

P- Gen 2:2-3 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the **seventh day** from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the **seventh day** and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Sabbath**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/sabbath-2/> - more than 6 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- **B-CGI-[UnderstandingTheSabbathDay](#)**
- **B-CGI -[DidTheApostolicChurchObserveTheSabbathAndHolyDays](#)**
- **B-CGI -[SundaySaturdayWhatDifferenceDoesItMake](#)**
- **B-CGI - [WhichOldTestamentLawsApplyToday](#)**
- **B-CGI -[WhoChangedTheSabbathToSunday](#)**
- **B-CGI -[AnswersToQuestionsAboutTheSabbathDay](#)**
- **Bible Home Study Course [Lesson 8 - The Sabbath](#)**
- **Ignite Teen Lesson [01-SabbathSeries-Student-09-2016.pdf](#)**
- **Ignite Teen Lesson (Teacher Guide) [01-SabbathSeries-Teacher-09-2016.pdf](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Sunset-to-sunset-gods-sabbath-rest](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Family Study- Seeing-God-through-creation-day-7-The-Sabbath](#)**
- **B-LCG- [Which-day-is-the-christian-sabbath?](#)**
- **V-LCG- [4-lessons-Jesus-taught-about-the-Sabbath](#)**
- **V-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/remember-the-sabbath>**

T-22 - Annual Holy Days

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The annual holy days were ordained by God, kept by the ancient Israelites, and continued by the early New Testament Christians. These seven annual “appointed feasts” picture God’s plan of salvation for mankind.

*Leviticus 23; Zechariah 14:16; John 7:8–10; Acts 2:1; 12:3; 20:6, 16; 27:9;
1 Corinthians 5:8; 16:8*

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Holy Days
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/holy-days/> - more than 39 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-[GSP-GodsSeasonalPlan](#)
- B-[CTF-ComeToTheFeast](#)
- B-[ACH-DidTheApostolicChurchObserveTheSabbathAndHolyDays](#)
- B-[TFF-FallFestivals](#)
- B-[BiblicalFestivals-TheirMeaning&Significance](#)
- B-[TRT-TrickOrTreat](#)
- BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:17. [Sanctified and Unsanctified Feasts](#)
- Original Bible course Lesson 10. [God’s Holy Days](#)

sT-22 - Passover

- B-[TDN-ThreeDaysAndThreeNights](#)
- B-[LSF-WhyWeKeepTheLordsSupperInTheEarlyHoursOfThe14th](#)
- B-[CPO-ChristOurPassover](#)
- B-[WCP-HowWasPassoverReplacedByEaster](#)
- BibleCourseV2 - Lessons: 9. [Understanding Passover](#)
- B-UCG- [family-study-the-holy-days-the-new-testament-passover-and-days-of-unleavened-bread](#)
- B-UCG- [Family-study-study-of-gods-holy-days-2020-passover-youth-lessons](#)

- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/why-you-should-care-about-passover>
- See also [sT-35k – x-Easter](#)

sT-22 - Unleavened Bread

- **B-[ULB-UnleavenedBreadRecipeBook](#)**
- **BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:10. [Understanding The Feast of Unleavened Bread](#)**
- **B-UCG- [family-study-guides/the-holy-days-the-new-testament-passover-and-days-of-unleavened-bread](#)**

sT-22 - Pentecost

- **B- [MPT-MiracleOfPentecost](#)**
- **B-[PNT-ShouldWeObservePentecostOnSivan6](#)**
- **B-[QAP-AnswersToQuestionsAboutPentecost](#)**
- **BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:11. [Understanding The Day Of Pentecost](#)**
- B-UCG- [Family Study-Seeing God-through-creation- The-Day-of-Pentecost](#)
- B-UCG- [family-study-guides/making-god-real-The-day-of-Pentecost](#)

sT-22 - Trumpets

- **BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:12. [Understanding The Feast of Trumpets](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Family-study-Gods-plan-shown-by-the-holy-days-A-study-of-Trumpets-Atonement-Feast-of-Tabernacles-and-the-Eighth-day](#)**

sT-22 - Atonement

- **B-[FOA-FastingOnAtonement](#)**
- **BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:13. [Understanding Atonement](#)**

- **B-UCG- [Family-study-Gods-plan-shown-by-the-holy-days-A-study-of-Trumpets-Atonement-Feast-of-Tabernacles-and-the-Eighth-day](#)**

sT-22 - Tabernacles

- **BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:14. [Understanding the Feast of Tabernacles](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Family-study-Gods-plan-shown-by-the-holy-days-A-study-of-Trumpets-Atonement-Feast-of-Tabernacles-and-the-Eighth-day](#)**

sT-22 - Last Great Day

- **BibleCourseV2 - Lessons:15. [Understanding The Last Great Day](#)**
- **B-UCG- [Family-study-Gods-plan-shown-by-the-holy-days-A-study-of-Trumpets-Atonement-Feast-of-Tabernacles-and-the-Eighth-day](#)**

T-23 - Tithing and Giving

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Tithing is an act of worship; it is a private matter between the individual and God. The Church does not “enforce” or “police” tithing, but simply teaches the responsibility to tithe. Each individual has the responsibility to “honor the LORD with his substance and with the firstfruits of all his increase.” Tithing is a method by which the message of Jesus Christ is proclaimed to the world.

Malachi 3:8–10; Matthew 6:21; 23:23; 2 Corinthians 9:7

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- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Tithing**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/tithing/> - more than 2 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**
- **B-[TIC-Tithing Is It For Christians?](#)**
- B-[OTL-WhichOldTestamentLawsApplyToday](#)
- B-[BGC-HowToBuildGodlyCharacter](#)
- B-[UOG-HowToBeUsedOfGod](#)
- **B-[Your Financial Security A Bag With Holes](#)**
- **CgiCanada Website: [Donation policy](#)**

T-24 - Biblical Dietary Laws

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Biblical dietary laws, including the prohibitions of Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, are among the many health laws God gave to Israel. Jesus, the apostles, and the early New Testament church observed them too, and they remain in effect today. Scripture indicates that laws pertaining to “clean” and “unclean” animals were recognized and observed from earliest times.

Genesis 7:2–3; 8:20; Leviticus 3:17; 11; Deuteronomy 14:3–21; Matthew 5:17–19; Acts 10:9–15, 28; Isaiah 66:17

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - **Biblical Dietary Laws**
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/dietary-law/> - more than **2 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- **V**-LCG- [Four-ways-to-know-which-animals-are-food-and-which-arent](#)

sT24a - Health

- B-LCG- [Biblical-principles-of-health](#)

T-25 - The Hebrew Calendar

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Church of God International uses the Hebrew calendar to establish God's holy days. The book, *The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar*, by Arthur Spier, lists all the holy days of the Jewish calendar from 1899 to 2100 CE, and thoroughly explains all the rules the Church has consistently used for many years. Scripture does not provide detailed instructions about the calendar, but history shows Jewish religious authorities devised methods and calculations to keep it attached with the seasons. Since Jesus did not raise any calendar objections during His ministry, it is understood He accepted the current Hebrew calendar for identifying God's holy days.

Genesis 1:14; Exodus 12:2; Romans 3:1–2; Numbers 11:16-24; Deuteronomy 17:8–13; Matthew 23:1–3; Psalm 81:3; Numbers 9:2–3

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - The Hebrew Calendar
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/hebrew-calendar/> - contains a page of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-[OriginsOfOurCalendar](#)

T-26 - Sin

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Sin is the transgression of God's law—the falling short or missing the mark of the perfect faithfulness exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ. Although the penalty for sin is death in the lake of fire, all sin can be completely forgiven by God who desires that all men be saved. (The unpardonable sin is a sin for which the sinner asks no pardon.) God forgives sin upon the repentance of the individual who accepts the shed blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ as payment in full for the penalty of his sins.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 1:14; 1 John 3:4; 1 Peter 2:20–22; 1 John 2:6

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section4](#) - Sin
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/sin/> - more than **16 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!

- V-LCG- [What-is-sin-as-defined-by-the-Bible-and-Jesus-Christ](#)
- V-LCG- [Does-God-forgive-Repeated-sins?](#)
- V-LCG- [How-to-be-forgiven-of-sin](#)

sT-26a - Unpardonable Sin

- V-LCG- [This-one-sin-cannot-be-forgiven](#)

T-27 - The Christian

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

A Christian is a person who believes Jesus Christ is God Incarnate, has accepted Him as Lord and Savior, and is committed to following His teachings. He or she has been reconciled with God through the sacrifice of Christ and experienced regeneration through reception of the Holy Spirit. The individual, knowing that God has declared him or her righteous through the removal of past sins, fully embraces the responsibility to bring every aspect of his or her life into conformity with God's law of righteousness.

Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section5](#) - The-Christian
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/the-christian/> - more than **75 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-UCG- [Making-life-work](#)

sT-27a - Virtues

- B-UCG- [Family Study-The Armor of God Overview](#)
- B-UCG- [Family Study-Thanksgiving](#)
- **V**-LCG- [the-four-ways-to-love-other-people](#)
- **V**-PragerU- <https://www.prageru.com/video/what-are-judeo-christian-values>
- **V**-TruthCheck - [Values videos & content](#)

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 Creativity | Detachment | Determination | Dignity | Encouragement | Enthusiasm |
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sT-27a1 - Character

- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-be-a-good-winner](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-be-a-victor-and-not-a-victim](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-ask-for-help](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-embrace-your-femininity](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-embrace-your-masculinity](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-be-a-rational-patriot](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-take-pride-in-your-work](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-forgive](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-apologize](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-engage-in-a-conversation-with-someone-you-disagree-with](#)
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- **V**-PragerU- [How-to-build-good-habits-and-break-bad-ones](#)
- **V**-PragerU- [Several Videos on Money & personal finances](#)

sT-27b - [See sT6b-Vices](#)

T-28 - The Christian's Relationship with God

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Christian's relationship with God begins with repentance and faith and is nourished and continually deepened through prayer, Bible study, meditation, fasting, and serving fellow human beings. As we use the tool of communication, a warm personal relationship is established that gives us peace of mind, spiritual confidence, and faith that comes from knowing the Designer, Sustainer, and Ruler of the entire universe.

Matthew 6:5–13; Acts 2:38; Romans 8:15–16; Hebrews 1:1–2; 2:10–18; 1 John 1:3; Daniel 6:10

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section5](#) - The Christian's Relationship with God
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/mans-relationship-with-god/> - more than **26 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- **V**-LCG- [How-to-practice-biblical-meditation-3-keys-for-life-changing-results](#)
- **V**-LCG- [The-model-prayer-explained](#)

T-29 - The Christian's Relationship with Fellow Man

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Just as man has an obligation toward his Creator, he also has responsibilities toward his fellowman. A Christian must love his neighbor as himself, regardless of his neighbor's racial, ethnic, religious or social background; he must be a light to the world by setting a proper example, and must do good toward all men as opportunities arise.

Exodus 20:12–17; Deuteronomy 22:1–4; Matthew 18:15–17; 22:39; 25:34–40; Philippians 2:2–4; Luke 10:29–37; Hebrews 12:14; James 2:8

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- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section5](#) - The Christian's Relationship with Fellow Man**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/mans-relationship-with-man/> - more than 5 pages of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**

T-30 - The Christian Family

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The marriage relationship is the basis of the family, which in turn is core to a stable society. As the primary physical analogy of God's plan for mankind, marriage, child rearing, and the family are given preeminence in the teachings of the Bible and Church. Although the roles of a man and woman are distinctly defined within the marital institution, both have equal spiritual potential before God.

Exodus 20:12; Malachi 4:5–6; Ephesians 5:22–29; 6:1–3; 1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Peter 3:7

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section5](#) - Christian Family
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/christian-family/> - more than **13 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!
- B-UCG- [Family-study-guides-revised-handbook](#)
- **V**-LCG- [God's-advice-on-parenting-here-are-5-biblical-keys-for-raising-children](#)

T-31 - Healing

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Divine healing is a miracle that God in His mercy and love may extend to those who call upon Him in time of need, according to faith and/or other factors. Christians are encouraged to appreciate this special benefit from God as well as to do everything they can for themselves in times of illness or injury by seeking the most competent professional help. Faith in God for healing does not conflict with the use of modern medical science. The healings of Jesus Christ demonstrate and represent His power to express compassion, to forgive sin, and ultimately, to resurrect the dead and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

Matthew 9:1–7; James 5:14–15

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- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section5](#) - Healing**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/healing/> - more than **3 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**

T-32 - The Church of God

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Church is the spiritual body of Christ, a group of persons called out by God and impregnated with His Holy Spirit. As a spiritual body, the Church is made up of baptized, Spirit-led individuals who are scattered around the world. As a physical, external organization, the Church has meeting places in many areas worldwide where members and non-members alike, as well as children and guests, meet in harmony to worship God and learn His Way under the guidance of an ordained minister, when and where possible. The main commission of the Church is to preach the gospel as a witness to the world and to baptize and spiritually nurture those whom God has called.

Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Colossians 3:15

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section6](#) - Church of God
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/church-of-god/> - more than **23 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!

T-33 - Ministry of the Church

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The ministry of the New Testament Church is a ministry of service to God and His people. Elders (presbuteros) and deacons (diakonoi) make up the two ministerial offices defined in Scripture. Elders have the responsibility of teaching, edifying, and overseeing the congregations, and deacons assist elders by taking care of physical and logistical needs of the congregations. The Bible dictates high moral and ethical conduct for all members of the ministry.

*1 Corinthians 12:28; Titus 1:5–9; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; 5:17–21; 2 Timothy 2:24–26;
1 Peter 5*

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- **STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section6](#) - Ministry**
- **L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/ministry/> - more than **4 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!**

T-34 - Fellowship of the Brethren

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Fellowship is the religious interaction of church members among themselves and with God, a spiritual association through the Holy Spirit, which transcends normal social or business relationships. Since this fellowship comes through being part of the body of Christ, it requires that one has repented, been baptized, and consequently received God's Holy Spirit. The fellowship of the brethren builds spiritual strength into both the individual and the Church as a whole. Conversely, the Church may exercise its right to disfellowship one who, by obvious attitude or action, opposes the gospel or causes disruption among the membership.

1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 4:1–6; Philippians 2:1; Hebrews 10:24–25; 1 John 1:3, 6–7

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- STP-[SystematicTheologyProject-Section6](#) - Fellowship
- L- <https://cgicanada.org/topics/fellowship/> - more than **2 pages** of resources (written, audio, video, for youth & adults). Check out the titles and find something interesting!

T-35 – Traditional Christian Doctrines

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Many of the teachings and practices of traditional Christian churches are incompatible with biblically based doctrine. While the sincerity or motives of those who hold these beliefs is not questioned, it is essential this systematic theology plainly states the teachings on these traditional Christian subjects contrasted with what the Church of God International teaches as original biblical truth.

John 4:24; Ephesians 4:14; 1 Timothy 4:1; Jude 3; Revelation 12:9

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- **STP-[Systematic Theology Project-Section 7](#) - Traditional Christian Doctrines**

sT-35a – x-The Fall of Man

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Augustinian view—that man fell from the height of glory/perfection to the lowest depths of depravity (with total inability to choose God’s way) is clearly unbiblical. Adam and Eve did not fall from any state of moral or spiritual perfection. Neither has the sin they committed been inherited by all mankind from birth (the so-called “original sin”). Rather, Adam and Eve were created morally and spiritually neutral, not yet having developed character or having done any evil.

Human beings are not born with an evil nature; they become sinful, to one degree or another, through allowing the evil forces that permeate the world to influence their thoughts and their choices in life.

It was actually Satan who had fallen from his position of glory and committed the “original sin.” It was Satan who then influenced Eve, Adam, and thereafter all mankind to follow the same path.

Genesis 1:31; Romans 6:16; Jeremiah 10:23; Ezekiel 18:20; John 15:4–5

sT-35b – x-The Immortal Soul

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Man neither is nor has an immortal soul. The traditional concept of an immortal soul, a spiritual entity or substance with fully independent existence and consciousness, which is so fundamental to various religious systems, is a myth. Man is a totally mortal, finite, living-

breathing creature who has no consciousness, no awareness, and no existence after death. In this regard humans and animals are alike—the same death befalls them both. The one element that sets man apart from animals is not an “immortal soul” but a spiritual essence—a “spirit-in-man”—which transforms the human brain into the human mind. Man indeed has the potential for immortality, but this will occur only in the future at the resurrection from the dead when immortal life will be freely gifted from God through the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 18:4, 20; Ecclesiastes 3:19; Psalms 146:4; Job 14:14; Revelation 20:5

- [B-CGI-DoYouHaveAnImmortalSoul.img.pdf](#)

sT-35c - x-Heaven

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The reward of the saved is not “going to heaven” at death. No conscious human beings have ever ascended into the heavens after death (except Jesus Christ). Man’s destiny is to enter God’s Family as His sons and daughters and to rule in His Kingdom, which will be set up on earth. The dead in Christ “rest” in their graves until the resurrection when God will bring them into His Family. Eventually, when the new heaven and new earth of Revelation 21 comes, which also brings New Jerusalem to earth from God out of heaven, God the Father’s dwelling and throne will be forever with man. In this light, the question of “going to heaven” becomes meaningless, for heaven will then be on earth, which will be the final home of both God the Father and Christ the Son.

John 3:13, Revelation 5:10; 21:1–2, Matthew 5:5

- [V-LCG- What-is-heaven?](#)

sT-35d - x-Hell

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The belief in an ever-burning hell, where sinners are tormented for eternity is not substantiated by the Bible. Such relentless anguish and eternal suffering is diametrically contrary to the character of a merciful, loving God. The punishment for rebellion against God will be a final destruction in the lake of fire, but this will produce death and nonexistence, not eternal torment. There is a clear difference between eternal punishment and eternal punishing. Except when used in a figurative sense, the Greek and Hebrew words translated “hell” in English versions of the Bible mean either the “grave” in which corpses are buried, a place of restraint for fallen angels, or a temporary fire that burned rubbish near Jerusalem. Christ used the last as an analogy of the lake of fire, which will ultimately consume the wicked.

Matthew 10:28; Malachi 4:3; Revelation 20:15; Romans 6:23

- **V**-LCG- [The-truth-about-hell-what-it-is-and-who-is-going-there](#)

sT-35e - x-Trinity

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The concept of a closed or restricted Godhead composed of three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is non-biblical. The Godhead is a Family, presently revealed as composed of only the Father and the Son, which will eventually include all those who have been given salvation through Christ. The Holy Spirit is not a distinct person or individual entity but the power, mind, and essence of God.

John 4:24; 10:30; Galatians 1:3; Revelation 11:15; 1 Corinthians 8:6

- BibleCourseV2 - Lesson #18. [Pagan Trinity](#)
- B-UCG-[Is God A Trinity?](#)

sT-35f - x-Gospel*16

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The gospel is more than just a message about Jesus Christ. The true gospel involves an understanding of the person of Christ, but its main thrust is the “good news” that Jesus Christ brought. This includes the witness and warning announcement that mankind is about to self-destruct, but God will save humanity from this certain self-destruction by setting up His Kingdom on earth through Jesus Christ’s return as King of kings. Also fundamental to the gospel that Jesus brought is the revelation of the way by which human beings may be part of that Kingdom and rule with Him—the revelation of how to obtain salvation. This process of salvation through Christ’s death and resurrection begins with obedience to Jesus’ command, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:1; Galatians 1:6–8

sT-35g - x-Kingdom of God*13

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Kingdom of God is not simply heaven, nor is it the Church on earth today, nor is it a spiritual kingdom within men’s hearts. The Kingdom of God is a world-ruling government (with laws, a king and rulers, territory, and subjects) to be set up on earth at Christ’s return and will continue thereafter, on out into eternity. The Kingdom of God is also the Family of God into which man can be born again. The Family of God constitutes that Kingdom.

Isaiah 2:3–4; Daniel 2:44; Zechariah 14:9; Revelation 5:10

sT-35h - x-Born Again

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The term “born again” (as used in John 3) is not synonymous with the immediate spiritual, mental, or emotional change (sometimes called “regeneration”) one undergoes by accepting Christ or being baptized. What Jesus explained to Nicodemus using the term “born again” refers to the actual change from a physical body (and existence) to a spiritual body (and existence) that occurs at the resurrection to eternal life and not before. To avoid confusion of the point Jesus was making to Nicodemus, the Church of God uses terms (other than “born again”) to describe a Christian being begotten with the Holy Spirit at baptism and the symbolic “new life” they lead.

John 3:1–21; 1 Corinthians 15:35–58, 1 Peter 1:22–25

sT-35i - x-Sunday

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

No biblical justification exists for observing the first day of the week; Sunday is nowhere sanctified in the Bible, nor is any special honor or significance ascribed to it. The seventh-day Sabbath was God’s holy day from Creation and was kept by the early apostolic Church, and is kept by God’s Church today. After all, to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy is to obey the Fourth of the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 20:8–11; Ezekiel 22:26; Mark 2:27–28; Luke 4:16; Acts 13:14–15, 42–44; Hebrews 4:9

sT-35j - x-Christmas

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Christmas is neither Christ’s birthday nor a celebration Christians should observe. It is not mentioned in the Bible and in no way is an original Christian practice. As any encyclopedia will confirm, Christmas is an ancient pagan celebration, which predated Christianity, but was renamed and given new meaning when it was adopted into the professing Roman Universal (Catholic) Christian Churches. The Church of God movement recognizes references such as Jeremiah 10 are specifically about “idol worship” (rather than a Christmas tree tradition), but the curious practices today of yule logs, wreaths, and decorating Christmas trees is foreign to Scripture and more akin to characteristics of ancient sun worship and tree worship via evergreens.

Deuteronomy 12:30–32; Jeremiah 10:2–5

- B-[XMS-FactsYouShouldKnowAboutChristmas](#)
- B-[ICC-IsChristmasChristian](#)
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- **V**-LCG- [An-old-tradition-reveals-when-Jesus-was-born-it-wasn't-Christmas](#)

sT-35k - x-Easter

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

As any encyclopedia will note, Easter is an adaptation of an ancient, pagan, pre-Christian festival for celebration, which was adopted by traditional Christianity in place of the biblical Passover. Easter is nowhere mentioned in the Bible as a Christian holiday. Instead, the Passover

should be properly observed on the correct date in accordance with Christ's example and Paul's instructions. The Church of God recognizes that references such as Ezekiel 8 are specifically about "sun worship" (rather than an Easter sunrise service tradition), but the curious practices today of eggs, bunnies, candles, and sunrise services are foreign to Scripture and more akin to characteristics of ancient sun worship and spring fertility festivals.

Deuteronomy 12:30–32; Jeremiah 10:2–5; 1 Corinthians 11:2, 23–26

- [B-WCP-HowWasPassoverReplacedByEaster](#)
- [B-EST-ShouldChristiansObserveEaster](#)
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- **V**-LCG- [video-timeline-explaining-3-days-nights-easter-passover](#)

sT-35l - x-The Rapture

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The doctrine of a secret rapture during which Christ will clandestinely return to catch away the saints from the earth, protecting them from the great tribulation, is not biblical. It is neither taught nor mentioned in the New Testament. Christ will indeed come back to this earth, but it will be only once, with power and full glory, and will be totally visible to all human beings. This will occur at the final trumpet blast, concomitant with the first resurrection, which is after the great tribulation, and just after the seventh and last plague.

Luke 21:25–28; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17; Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 14:4

sT-35m - x-The Lord's Prayer

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Repetitious recitations of the Lord's Prayer are not practiced as a Christian custom. Jesus admonished His disciples not to repeat ritualistic prayers over and over again to God, but rather pray from a fully active mind and heart. His sample prayer in Matthew 6:9–15 was given as an outline for prayer, showing His disciples how to pray and what to pray for and about. It's a template and is not intended to be repeated repetitiously like some superstitious mantra.

Matthew 6:9–15; John 11:41–43; John 17

sT-35n – x-Predestination

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God has not predetermined, nor can He even know in advance, whether or not a person will yield himself to God, strive for perfection, and succeed in entering into His Kingdom. God has predestined that He will give human beings the opportunity to conform to the image of His Son if they decide to do so. God has also predestined that He would choose a certain group in this end time to fulfill His commission and qualify for His Kingdom now. Thus predestination refers solely to the time of one's calling, when God decides to open a person's mind to His truth, thereby giving him an opportunity for salvation.

Romans 8:28–30; 10:1; Ephesians 1:3–11; Hebrews 6:4–6

sT-35o – x-Speaking in Tongues

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The biblical occurrences of “speaking in tongues” are neither the phenomenon often seen in charismatic circles nor a sign by which one judges whether God has begotten a person by His Holy Spirit. In complete contrast to the unintelligible verbal utterances of certain groups, for one to biblically “speak in tongues” means God has supernaturally given the gift of speaking in an actual foreign language to that person as a sign.

Mark 16:17; Acts 2:7–11; 1 Corinthians 12:28, 30

sT-35p – x-Law & Grace

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

To be “under grace” does not mean a person may disregard or disobey God's law by assuming Christ has “fulfilled” the law for him or that Christ must always forgive him. Grace is “favor” from God, unmerited pardon for sins that are past, granted because of His mercy and forgiveness. Grace in no way gives one license to disobey God. Man must keep God's commandments to be a true Christian. Salvation cannot be earned. It is a free gift that requires law (which defines sin), grace (which is the forgiveness of sin), and faith in God. Good works are a consequence of that living faith.

Ephesians 2:8; Romans 6:1–2; Matthew 5:8

sT-35q – x-Infant Baptism

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The practice of infant baptism is not supported by biblical principle. Since persons are not born with “original sin” there is no need for them to be baptized in childhood. For one to be truly ready for the baptism described in the New Testament, one must be sufficiently mature to understand the Bible, believe in Jesus Christ, and be capable of real repentance.

Luke 14:26–33; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35–39; Acts 16:30–34

sT-35r – x-Baptism*11

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The traditional Christian practices of baptism by any method other than immersion—such as sprinkling, pouring, etc.—is not in accord with the teachings of the New Testament, indeed the symbolism likening baptism to the death of the “old” man, being buried with Christ, can be fully expressed only by total immersion in water.

Romans 6:3–4; John 3:23; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:38–39

sT-35s – x-Penance

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God does not require penance, an imposed system of physical works, undertaken as punishment in token of penitence for sin. God totally forgives the sinner upon true repentance and acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice as full payment for the penalty of sin. True repentance is toward God alone, and He demands no external manifestation before men. To repent is to reform both disposition (qualities of one’s mind and character) and behavior. Scripture is also clear that repentance to God is not complete until a sinner does all he or she can to make things right with those impacted.

Psalms 51:16–17; 103:11–13; 1 John 1:9

sT-35t – x-Eternal Security

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The belief that a person, once converted, can never lose out on salvation is biblically unfounded. God wants us to grow in grace, knowledge, and character, and He gives us the free moral agency necessary. Christians are thereby not saved in the ultimate sense until they have been finally born into God’s Kingdom at the resurrection. While still living, Christians can have confidence and assurance of their salvation, with the understanding they can choose to lose their salvation by willfully rejecting God’s way. Only at the resurrection or at death (whichever comes first), is the true Christian eternally secure.

1 Corinthians 9:24–27; Hebrews 6:4–6; 10:26–27

sT-35u – x-Universalism

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

It is possible for human beings to reject God’s truth, salvation, and thus be denied entry into God’s Kingdom. The ultimate reconciliation of all humans and creatures to God is not taught in the Bible. If it were impossible to cast aside and renounce God, this would destroy the free moral agency crucially essential for building the character of God. God’s will is that all men come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. However, all will not choose to follow God and be granted salvation, though biblical indications are that the vast majority will joyously do so. Those who remain unrepentant will be consumed in the lake of fire.

Ezekiel 33:11; Matthew 13:49–50; Revelation 20:15; 21:8

sT-35v – x-The Church*

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

A church is not, except in extended usage, a building or an edifice. It is rather the people who comprise the congregation, the collective “body of Christ,” the group of called out believing Christians in whom God’s Holy Spirit dwells. It can be applied to Christians as a whole or to an individual congregation.

2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:15

sT-35w – x-The Cross

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The use of crosses, crucifixes, or the “sign of the cross” in prayer or worship is non-biblical and non-efficacious in a Christian’s relationship with God and Christ. The image of a cross has no intrinsic spiritual value and apparently originated in non-Christian religions; for these reasons it is avoided. God instructs His people to worship Him without such external devices.

Furthermore, a case can be made that He was crucified on a stake, tree, or pole (Greek: *stauros*), not a *crux*, meaning cross, which was used in the Latin Vulgate to describe the instrument used to crucify Christ. The cross was an ancient Chaldean pagan symbol.

Exodus 20:4–6; Leviticus 26:1; John 4:24; Acts 5:30

sT-35x- x-Pictures of Jesus

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We do not know what Jesus looked like, and we should not make worshipful use of His pictures if we did. The pictures most often purporting to represent His face are mythical, inaccurate, and unbiblical, and are the product of mere human imagination. The use of any picture as a religious crutch breaks the spirit of the second commandment.

Exodus 20:4–6; Isaiah 53:2; John 8:59

sT-35y - x-Religious Medals/Statues

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

For man to make, venerate or use as reminders in worship such things as medals, statues, or images of “God” is forbidden by the second commandment. Man has direct access to God through Christ and needs no other intercessor or aid—no “holy” object or “holy” person—in personal worship.

Exodus 20:4–6; 2 Kings 17:15; Exodus 32:5–6, 20

sT-35z - x-Ministerial/Religious Titles

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The use of religious titles that rightfully belong only to God, such as “Reverend” or “Father,” are avoided for ministers. Respect for a person’s office does not depend upon what title he uses. The Bible says, “Holy and Reverend is His [God’s] name,” not the name of any man.

Matthew 23:6–10; Psalms 111:9; Proverbs 22:1

sT-35aa - x-Faith Healing

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The attempt to promote faith healing as a public spectacle in a carnival-like atmosphere is contrary to both the example and intent of Scripture. Christ and the apostles healed as a witness to their preaching of the gospel, but today miraculous healings usually take place in a private and personal way.

James 4:15; 5:14–15; Luke 8:52–56; 2 Kings 5:10–14

sT-35ab - x-Abstinence/Asceticism

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The ascetic way of life is not taught as the biblical ideal. The total avoidance of certain physical pleasures such as drinking alcoholic beverages or having sexual relations within marriage is not biblically commanded. (Drinking alcohol in excess or participating in sexual behavior outside of marriage is strictly and forcibly condemned.) The Bible does allow, and even encourages, the proper moderate use of the many physical pleasures of life, which God created for man’s enjoyment. Scripture also shows that a tool such as fasting can be used, not because God likes to see “suffering,” but because it can help promote a humble attitude in us, to see how great God is, and how comparatively weak and dependent mankind is, on simple things like food. This should also help us to recognize and appreciate the plan of salvation God is offering that affords us eternal life as embodied spirit beings in His Kingdom.

Colossians 2:20–23; 1 Timothy 4:1–3; Isaiah 58:1–11

