

Canyonview Ministries/Bible Teaching, Inc.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Bible Teaching Incorporated is founded on the key Biblical doctrines identified below:

The Bible

The Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God in its original writings, and for all intents and purposes these original writings are available to us today. *It is our absolute and inerrant authority* (1 Cor. 2:7-12; Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:2-9; 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:21).

The Godhead

There is one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19; 1 Pet. 1:2; Jude 20-21).

The Person of Jesus Christ

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He is *true God* and *true man*, perfect, sinless, and *the only Redeemer* (Matt. 1:20; Luke 1:35; John 14:9; Col. 1:14-15).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

He is the third person of the Godhead. He convicts and calls sinners to Christ. He *regenerates, indwells, fills, baptizes, and seals believers* in the Body of Christ (John 16:8; Rom. 8:30; 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13-14; 5:18; Tit. 3:5).

Total Depravity of Man

As a result of the Adamic Fall, *all men by nature are sinners*, dead in trespasses and sins, hence, unable to do anything to save themselves or to please God (Rom. 3:9; 5:6 & 8; 8:8; Eph. 2:1-2).

Redemption

God justifies sinners *by grace through faith* on the basis of the blood of Christ. The apostle Paul emphatically declares that in Jesus Christ we have redemption through His blood—His sacrificial death (Rom. 3:24-25; Eph. 1:7; 2:8-9; Col. 1:14).

Sanctification

All believers have, by the work of the Holy Spirit, been sanctified and are, by God's doing, children of light. As such, we are called to a life of purity and love. Therefore, by the power of the Spirit and the direction of the Word, we are to actively put off the attributes of the old man and put on the character of Christ. By doing this we increasingly shine like Christ in the midst of a dark world. (Eph. 4:17-5:20; Phil. 2:12-15; Col. 2:6-3:17; Gal. 6:16-24; Rom. 12:1-2; Rom. 8:28)

The Church

The Greek noun translated *Church* refers to a called-out group or assembly. The apostle Paul designates those whom God is calling out as **the Church** or **the Body of Christ**. According to the New Testament, Jesus Christ is the **sole Head** of the Church, the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). Those who believe in Jesus Christ are made members of the Church, the Body, by the

Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). The Holy Spirit has revealed the core truth regarding the Church through the apostle Paul, and it is found in the Church epistles (Eph. 3:1-9; Col. 1:24-28).

Christ's Coming for His Church

It will be personal and pre-millennial (1 Thes. 1:10; 4:13-17; Rom. 5:9; 1 Cor. 15:50-57).