

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Identity and House to House Assembly

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Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.

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The need for salvation

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death, while eternal life is God's gift through Jesus Christ our Lord. Personal improvement or religious performance cannot supply God's righteousness. Read Romans 3:10 KJB; Romans 3:23 KJB; Romans 5:12 KJB; Romans 6:23 KJB.

The Gospel of Christ

God commended His love toward us in that Christ died for us while we were sinners. Paul declares the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures. The saving work is His. Read Romans 5:8-9 KJB; Romans 1:16 KJB; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB.

Faith apart from works

The sinner is justified freely by grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus. Believe on Him who justifies the ungodly; do not offer works as payment for salvation. Church membership, water baptism, giving, ordination, a ceremony, or repeating a prescribed prayer cannot replace trust in Christ and His finished work. Read Romans 3:24-28 KJB; Romans 4:5 KJB; Galatians 2:16 KJB; Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB.

Assurance and a new life

Believers are sealed with the holy Spirit of promise and unto the day of redemption. In Christ they are new creatures. Good works are the result of God's work in the saved believer, not the price of obtaining the gift. Growth follows through Scripture rightly divided, sound teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 KJB; Ephesians 4:30 KJB; 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB; Ephesians 2:10 KJB; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

Invitation to study

Simply believe the Gospel of Christ. This teaching outline uses Paul's epistles, Romans through Philemon, for salvation in the present Dispensation of the Grace of God. Its administrative use does not permit TGBC to declare salvation granted or revoked by a membership decision.

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