

“CORE CONVICTIONS”
(Christian Principles Class 3 of 9)

Our Convictions and _____

1. The **one God** exists eternally in the three persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14).
2. **Scripture** is inspired, wholly without error in the original manuscripts, and the sole authority for the Christian’s faith and practice (2Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21; Jn 10:35, 17:17; 1 Cor 2:12-13). (see Leadership Class 401 question # 6)
3. All that exists was **created** by God; He made humanity in His own image (Gen 1:1-27; Matt19:4)
4. Adam and Eve’s disobedience **introduced sin and death** to all mankind, who fall short of God’s glory because of their own sin (Gen 3:1-19; Rom 3:23; 5:12-14). (see Good News, Bad news & Bible Truths for more information)
5. **Jesus Christ**, God incarnate, was born of a virgin, tempted but without sin, fully human and fully divine (Phil 2:5-11; Jn 1:1-15; Isa 7:14; Lk 1:26-35; Heb 4:15).
6. The **atoning death of Christ** on the cross and His bodily resurrection from the grave demonstrate God’s love and provide forgiveness and eternal life (Rom 5:6-11, 1 Cor.15:3-11).
7. **Salvation** is available to all people by God’s grace, through personal faith in Christ, at the immersion of a penitent believer (Rom 3:21-25, 6:1-14; Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:8-10; Acts 2:38). (see Leadership Class 401 questions # 2A,B&3)
8. The **Holy Spirit** inspired the authors of Scripture and miraculously empowered apostles and prophets to be the foundation of the church. Today, the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, regenerates and comforts believers, and indwells them for service in Christ’s kingdom (2 Pet 1:19-21; John 3:5-8; 16:8-11; Titus 3:5-7; Gal 5:16-25; 1 Cor 12:4-7; Eph 2:20).



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Access our church’s calendar, a sermon study/CARE sheet, Core Beliefs and list of key ministries of TLCC at this website: You can also donate to our church’s ministry online.

Download the daily Chronological Bible reading here:

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New Things I have learned this week about...

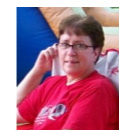
- ⇒ God’s plan of redemption for me,
- ⇒ my relationship with God and his desire to work in me,
- ⇒ my place in God’s intentions to work through me

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More T.L.C.C. Workers



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Let’s Discuss This... #1

Fun Fact to consider:

Are you a SAINT?

“one separated from the world and consecrated to God; one holy by profession and by covenant; a believer in Christ.”

Ps. 16:3; Rom. 1:7; 8:27; Eph. 2:19, Phil. 1:1; Heb. 6:10.

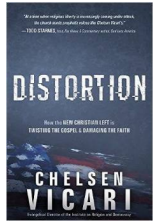


9. The bodily **return of Christ** will bring the resurrection of the dead and the final judgment of the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to everlasting destruction (Mt 24:29-51; 1 Cor 15:50-58; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 20:7-15).
10. Christ has called **the church** to be holy, to carry out His Great Commission, and to build up all Christians. Each local congregation should be autonomous and unified, following the model of the New Testament church in government and practice (Mt 16:18, 19, 28:18-20; Eph 4:16ff.).

The following are four key doctrinal discussions that may be described as being held by some Christians through church history, but **we do not believe** are taught as biblical truths necessary for salvation nor accepted at Timber Lake Christian Church as true.

1. Teachings regarding **baptism** that we **do not** embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:
 - a. **Modes of baptism** - “Sprinkling” or “pouring” regarded as acceptable modes for baptism.
 - b. **Infant baptism** – Infants are saved from eternal punishment by baptism after birth.
 - c. **Symbolic meaning** – The main purpose of baptism is to show “an outward sign of an inward work.”
 - d. **Baptismal regeneration** – The act of baptism saves anyone who experiences it.
2. Teachings regarding the **security of the believer** that we **do not** embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:
 - a. **“Once saved, always saved”** – that obedience and faithfulness to Christ have no bearing on one’s salvation.
 - b. **A works-based salvation** – that perfect obedi-

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She defends truth, while being completely honest and forthright about her own experiences with distorted theology.

This book is a must for any Christian who desires to champion the God of the Bible in the midst of a mistaken understanding that to bring Jesus to the world, we have to adopt its opinions.

Let's Discuss This... #2

Membership Privileges?!?

Discuss among your group Benefits (Pros) and Hesitations (Cons) that you or other people may have about becoming a member of a local congregation.

Pros

Cons



TLCC YOUTH Ministry

"We want to help parents and grandparents assist their family to progressively take ownership of their spiritual growth by:

-providing parents with opportunities to reinforce what we teach at church by giving them scriptures and discussion questions to deal with difficult teen issues.
- ...posting helpful articles online or via email that deal with parent/teen issues.
-providing parents with a youth event schedule at least 9 months in advance so they can plan ahead to involve their child in ministry opportunities that will help their child grow spiritually.
-offering events that specifically promote positive family interaction. (Father/son camp out, Family Seminar, Family Game night, Sports tournament benefit,)

ence and righteous living is the standard of and reason for one's salvation.

3. Teachings regarding the present-day **work of the Holy Spirit** that we do not embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:
 - a. **Seeking miraculous sign gifts** - The miraculous sign gifts are prevalent today for the purpose of supporting Christians in their daily walk and should be sought after by Christians.
 - b. **Holy Spirit works only through the Word** - The personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit was only for Christians in the first century, while present Christians only benefit from the Holy Spirit directly through the Word of God.

4. Teachings regarding **eschatology** (end-times theology) that we do not embrace nor allow taught to be biblical:
 - a. **Dispensational Pre-millennialism** – The 1,000 year reign of Christ as mentioned in Revelation 20 is to be interpreted literally and that individual will have an opportunity to accept Christ after the secret rapture of the church.
 - b. **Preterism** — The prophecies of the New Testament concerning the kingdom, judgment, and return of Christ were fulfilled by events in the immediate future of the writers with no end-times fulfillment to be expected.
 - c. **Dominion or Liberation Theology** – The kingdom is ushered in on earth due to the efforts of the church in undermining human systems of government through either legislation of Mosaic law expectations or revolutionary behavior against oppressive rulers

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A FAMILY MEMBER...

At Timber Lake we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant.

FINDING "U" IN THE T.L.C. FAMILY

"Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and having been immersed into Christ, and being in agreement with Timber Lake's statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Timber Lake Christian Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

_____ **Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior** (if not previously done)

Be _____ (Immersed) into Christ (if not previously done)

Protect the _____ of the Church family

- ... By acting in love toward other members
- ... By refusing to gossip
- ... By following the leaders

1 Peter 1:22; James 1:26; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17

I will share the _____ of my Church Family

- ⇒ ... By praying for its _____
- ⇒ ... By inviting the _____ to attend
- ⇒ ... By warmly _____ those who visit

2 Thessalonians 3:1; John 4:35; Philippians 4:21

I will serve in a _____ of my Church Family

- ⇒ ... By discovering my _____ and abilities
- ⇒ ... By being _____ to serve others
- ⇒ ... By developing a _____ heart

1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:3-8

Support the _____ of T.L.C. Church

- ⇒ ... By _____ faithfully
- ⇒ ... By living a _____ life
- ⇒ ... By _____ regularly

Hebrews 10:25; Philippians 1:27; 1 Corinthians 16:2

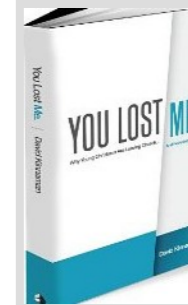
Our Mission

(How we perform our purpose)



Let's Discuss This... #3

Younger generations, those in their 20s and lower 30s, are seeing the need for membership from a different viewpoint than previous generations. What are your thoughts?



By David Kinnaman

What Bible do we use at TLCC?

We regard no version as a "sanctioned" Bible, but Doug uses the English Standard Version (ESV) because of its accuracy to the original language and yet its dynamic equivalence (understandability) to today's culture. For more explanation as to what Bibles we recommend and why check out the following website:

<http://dougdelp.wordpress.com/good-reads/>