

“What Are the Distinctives of Word of Grace Bible Church?”

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A. Our Distinctives

1. Our MESSAGE and emphasis centers in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16-17; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 15:1-4).
 - a. We intend to continue to preach in a clear manner not only how one is saved by grace, but also how one is _____ saved by Christian “clichés.”
 - b. The _____ message that _____ a person from a child of wrath (on their way to the Lake of Fire), into a child of God, with all spiritual blessings is the Gospel.

2. Our DOCTRINE is grace-oriented (Acts 20:32; 2 Peter 3:18).

3. Our doctrine is based solely upon the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - a. It is the Bible that expounds on _____ and the gospel of salvation.
 - b. We believe in emphatically, categorically, definitively, that the Bible in its _____ is the _____, inherent Word of God in faith and practice, and in history and _____.

4. Our OBJECTIVES involve evangelism of the lost (2 Corinthians 5:18-21), edification and equipping for the saved (Ephesians 4:12), and exaltation of the Savior (Ephesians 3:21).
 - a. God in His good pleasure is using us _____ sinners to inform unreconciled _____ that salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ.

- b. The Church is not an inanimate _____, but rather a living, breathing organism made up of _____ believers serving Jesus Christ.
- c. Jesus Christ is to be our _____, we are to _____ in Him, walk by _____ in Him, and He is to receive the glory for all of it.
5. Our PREACHING is, expository (verse by verse), doctrinal, and relevant (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2).
- a. Even though we typically teach verse by verse, that does _____ mean there isn't a place to address _____ issues within the local church when necessary, or to expand on a passage with a topical message.
- b. Human _____ has not changed, what was true of people back in Abraham and Lot's day is true of us today.
6. Our WORSHIP is in Spirit and in truth, but not "*charismatic*." (John 4:24; Philippians 3:3).
7. Our MUSIC consists of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs which are Scripturally-sound, God-honoring, and done in a reverent, non-worldly manner. (Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 3:16-17).

IV CONCLUSION