

“What Are the Distinctives of Word of Grace Bible Church?” (Part 2)

I. INTRODUCTION

II. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

III. CHURCH CONSTITUTION

A. Our Distinctives

1. Our MESSAGE centers in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Our DOCTRINE is grace-oriented
3. Our doctrine is based solely upon the Bible
4. Our OBJECTIVES involve evangelism of the lost, edification and equipping for the saved, and exaltation of the Savior.
5. Our PREACHING is, expository (verse by verse), doctrinal, and relevant.
6. Our WORSHIP is in Spirit and in truth, but not "charismatic."
7. Our MUSIC consists of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs which are Scripturally-sound, God-honoring, and done in a reverent, non-worldly manner.

8. Our FELLOWSHIP is centered around the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)
 - a. Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ, and as a result our _____ may be _____.

 - b. Let us _____ with Jesus Christ as our focus in the morning, walk with Him throughout the day in _____, and lie down to sleep in the quiet sense of His presence.

9. Our ENABLEMENT comes from Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18).
 - a. We are to walk by faith in _____, we do not walk by faith in the Holy Spirit.

 - b. In contrast to the Charismatics and the Pentecostals, the Holy Spirit is not our primary _____, He is our great Comforter, and He empowers us, but He is not our _____ (John 16:7-15).

 - c. We must first be _____ in order to be obedient (Gal. 5:16-18).

10. Our MINISTRY recognizes the importance and contribution of every believer properly exercising his/her spiritual gift/s for the benefit of the entire body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:14, 25-27; Ephesians 4:11-16)

- a. Each one of you brings your talents, _____, and (most importantly) your _____ to the table, in making this happen in a God honoring way.
 - b. The Greek word that is used frequently for “*minister*” in the New Testament is *ergazomai*, and it means to work, to _____, to commit, to exert _____, to do business with.
11. Our MODE of giving is grace-giving out of gratitude and love for the Lord, not tithing. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- a. Only a born again believer is truly _____ of fulfilling 2 Corinthians 9:7.
 - b. You should be _____ to be able to give money to support your local church, which in turn, feeds you _____, and provides a place for you to _____ and fellowship with one another.
12. Our DESIRE is to complement and support the family, as ordained by God, not compete with it. (Deuteronomy 6:1-10; Ephesians 6:1-4)
13. Our local church GOVERNMENT is autonomous and self-governing, unaffiliated with or governed by any denomination, being directly under the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22, 5:23)
14. Our church LEADERSHIP shall include only spiritually-qualified men serving as the pastor-teacher, elders, and deacons. (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9)
- a. There was a real genuine physical and spiritual need for _____ within the early church (Acts 6:1-6).
 - b. In English (and in Greek) you immediately see the _____ gender in regards to the qualifications for an elder or deacon within the text of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.
15. Our Blessed HOPE shall ever be the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes. 4:13-18; Titus 2:13)

IV. CONCLUSION

