



Educational Philosophy

TLF School of Biblical Studies adheres to the established tenet of the Christian faith, which rests upon the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary for our salvation. Accordingly, as the educational arm of the True Light Fellowship Church, whose purpose is *"to worship God; edify Christians; propagate the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and to adopt measures for the promotion of the cause of Christ..."*, the school subscribes to the following doctrines:

We believe the Holy Bible to be the fully inspired, inerrant Word of God in the original manuscripts and that the scriptures of both Old and New Testament are our infallible guide for practical instruction in faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:21); We believe the Godhead eternally exists in three persons — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — and these three are one God. (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:19);

We believe that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was born of a virgin and is the only sufficient mediator between God and man, whose sinless blood was shed to take away the sins of the world. We further believe that He arose in a glorified body like unto that which will be received by all believers upon His return for His own — those alive and those who have died in Christ — at the Rapture of the church. In His present ministry He is ever interceding and advocating for the saved. (Matt. 1:20; 1 Tim. 2:5; John 2:1-2; Philip. 3:20-21; Heb. 4:15);

We believe the Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Godhead, indwells every believer upon conversion by faith in Christ, provides the unction for him to live the Christian life and imparts a spiritual gift(s), enabling him to function as a member of the body of Christ. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift for believers who ask for it, subsequent to salvation. (Rom. 5:5; 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:7; Acts 19:1-6); We believe Satan, adversary of God and man, has been limited in power through Jesus' death on the cross, which guaranteed the ultimate triumph of God. (Eph. 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8; Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 20:10);

We believe salvation is available to all by the blood of Jesus Christ and that through faith in Him alone is one born again, passing from spiritual death into spiritual life and into fellowship with God. We and all true believers are kept saved forever by God's keeping power. (John 3:7-18; Gal. 3:13; Eph. 2:5, 8-9; Rom. 8:35-39); We believe Jesus Christ will visibly return to earth at the climax of a future period of great tribulation to establish His millennial kingdom. However, prior to this Second Coming, He will catch away His own in the Rapture. (Zech. 14:4-11; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 3:10);

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost; they that are saved unto eternal life and the unsaved unto eternal punishment. (Rev. 20:11-15, 21:1-27); We believe that all believers should seek to walk by the Spirit, separating themselves from worldly practices and witnessing by life and by word to the truths of the Holy Scripture. All believers will be judged at the judgment seat of Christ and rewarded based on their faithful obedience to Him in this life. (Rom. 12; Gal. 5:16, 25; 2 Cor. 5:9-17; 1 Cor. 3:10-17);

We believe baptism in water by immersion is an ordinance instituted by the Lord Himself and is for believers, typifying His death and resurrection and the essential resurrection to newness of life. We also believe the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) was instituted by Jesus Christ and is a privilege afforded to all believers in commemoration of His death until He comes. (Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:26-39; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; Luke 22:19-20).