



The Bible Doctrine Institute

Student Handbook

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ABOUT TBDI

The Bible Doctrine Institute (TBDI) is a theological seminary designed to assist and train those who have been called to the ministry. TBDI operates as a correspondence school, making it possible for ministerial students to earn a non-accredited, college level Theological Degree, and yet be active in their local church. It is not our desire to keep students from attending traditional schools. TBDI exists to train those for whom traditional school is not an option.

TBDI upholds the Bible as the inspired, infallible, inerrant word of God (Prov 30:5). It is the position of this institute that the Holy Scriptures (II Tim 3:15) has been preserved in the English Authorized King James Version, and are thereby "given by inspiration of God" (II Tim 3:16).

TBDI is overseen by the ministry of Bible Believer's Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, where the President Dr. David L. Peacock is the Pastor.

THE HISTORY OF BRBI AND TBDI

TBDI began as "The Blue Ridge Bible Institute," founded in 1986 by the late Dr. James A. Lince. He established it for the purpose of training men how to preach and teach the word of God. Dr. Lince and President Dr. Peacock have helped establish similar institutes in the Philippines and Romania.

After Dr. Lince's passing, the institute was relocated to Jacksonville, Florida under the ministry of Bible Believer's Baptist Church. The President of the institute is Dr. David L. Peacock, the Pastor of Bible Believer's Baptist Church. Since the relocation, the material has undergone thorough review for both substance and sound quality. Some new material has been added and the quality of the recordings has been enhanced. The name was changed to "The Bible Doctrine Institute" in order to underscore the school's emphasis on sound doctrine.

WHY TBDI?

The Bible says that a Christian, and specifically a preacher, is to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness" (II Tim 2:15-16). These verses point out that there is only one way to understand the Bible: you must rightly divide it. All heresies and unscriptural movements fail to rightly divide the scriptures, and are simply vain babbling. If you complete the course of study with TBDI, you will learn Bible doctrine, and the correct way to divide the word of God. Remember that the *first* application of scripture is *doctrine* (II Tim 3:16).

The Bible Doctrine Institute is unique in that it:

- Upholds the AV 1611 as the infallible word of God.
- Lays special emphasis and instruction on expository preaching.
- Implements involvement in a local independent Bible believing Baptist church.

WHAT IS OFFERED AT TBDI

We offer a **Diploma of Christian Studies**: This is a one year program for men and women who are not called into the ministry, but desire a better knowledge of God's word.

We offer a **Bachelor of Divinity**: This is a three year ministerial program designed for men who are called by God to be preachers of the gospel.

We offer a **Master of Theology**: This involves post-graduate studies requiring extension work and thorough research on a theological topic assigned by the Institute.

We offer a **Doctor of Theology**: This is a two year program involving extension work, exhaustive research, and Bible teaching.

For more information on our Courses of Study, see the detailed description under each degree offered here below.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God, providentially preserved in the English Authorized King James Version, and as such, is "the holy scriptures" and thereby "given by inspiration of God." (Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6,7; II Timothy 3:15-17)

JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His vicarious atonement, His bodily resurrection, and His second coming. (John 1:1; Isaiah 7:14; I John 2:1-2)

SALVATION

We believe salvation is "by grace through faith" in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and "not by works of righteousness which we have done." Furthermore, we adhere to the Bible position and Baptist adherence that the believer's soul is eternally secure after salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; John 5:24)

CHURCH

We believe in two scriptural uses of the word "church" (the spiritual body of Christ, consisting of all believers, and each local assembly of believers). We believe that all people who have been born again are a part of "the church, which is his body," and therefore should join an autonomous local church. Furthermore, we believe the Biblical church to be an Independent Bible believing (KJV) Baptist Church separate from religio-political bosses. We believe in two church ordinances: Water baptism and the Lord's Supper, and two offices: Pastor and Deacon. (I Corinthians 1:16, 11:23-27, 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23; I Timothy 3:1-13)

DOCTRINE

We are Baptist in doctrine, and traditional in views of music and worship. We subscribe to a moderate dispensationalism, and are anti-Calvinistic in theology. We hold the Biblical position along with the Reformers that the Roman Catholic Church is "the great whore" of Revelation 17, and are against the falsehoods taught in the major seminaries across the country: the lies of higher and lower criticism of the word of God. We also believe in a practical, Biblical Christianity: prayer, personal work, giving, ministering to the saints, and a daily walk with Jesus Christ.

COURSES OF STUDY

All courses are taken by way of correspondence. This allows ministerial students to stay active in their local church while they prepare for the ministry.

Students are placed on the honor system while taking the courses, and are expected to follow the rules of testing as outlined by each instructor.

One semester will be sent at a time and the student will have five months per semester to complete the work.

The student is to email each Reading Assignment, Test and Sermon Outline to the Institute individually, as they are completed, for immediate grading.

*NOTE: No material will be mailed out until the amount is paid in full.

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The Diploma of Christian studies is designed for the student who desires to learn the Bible, but has not been called to preach. Should the student be called to preach or desire to continue his studies, he may apply the courses completed for the Diploma of Christian studies to the requirements for a Bachelor of Divinity.

Requirements:

- Payment of all tuition and fees
- Membership, and faithful attendance in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under the Code of Conduct
- Satisfactory completion of the following courses: Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, Rightly Dividing, and Bible Cults

Time Limit: This is a one year program.

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

The Bachelor of Divinity degree is designed for men who are called by God to be preachers of the gospel.

Requirements:

- Payment of all tuition and fees
- Membership, faithful attendance, and involvement in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct

- Satisfactory completion of all six semesters of study

Time Limit: Five month limit for each semester, and completion within a three year time period. There will be a reinstatement fee if work is not completed within the time allotted. However, there may be legitimate hindrances that keep a student from completing his work on time. Such cases may be submitted by writing or email, and an extension will be granted as needed.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

The Master of Theology program is designed for those who want to further their education by way of research, writing and systematic teaching.

Requirements:

- An earned Bachelor of Divinity from either The Bible Doctrine Institute (or BRBI), the Pensacola Bible Institute, or the Charity Baptist Bible Institute
- Payment of all tuition and fees
- Membership, faithful attendance, and involvement in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct
- At least two years of local church service including one or more of the following: Jail ministries, nursing home, street ministry, etc.
- The student must commit to memory Galatians chapter five and Romans chapter ten
- Satisfactory completion of TWO theses written in accordance with the standard MLA style of writing. They must not contain pointless harsh and crude comments or unnecessarily word filler. The subject matter will be chosen by the Institute:
 - (a) Thesis One: 25,000 words or more with at least fifteen source references.
 - (b) Thesis Two: 50,000 words or more with at least thirty source references.
 - (c) Each thesis must be publisher worthy, and the student should be able to defend them to the board of directors.

Time Limit: This is a two year program. Tuition must be paid again if not completed within the time allotted.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

The Doctor of Theology program is designed for those who wish to continue their studies by way of extensive research, writing, teaching, and involvement in foreign missions.

Requirements:

- An earned Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology from either The Bible Doctrine Institute (or BRBI), the Pensacola Bible Institute, or the Charity Baptist Bible Institute
- Payment of all tuition and fees

- Membership, faithful attendance, and involvement in an independent Bible believing Baptist Church as detailed under Code of Conduct
- Two years of local church service including one or more of the following: Jail ministries, nursing home, street ministry, etc.
- The student must commit to memory 1 Timothy chapter six and 1 John chapter four
- Satisfactory completion of TWO theses (both 50,000 words with at least thirty source references) written in accordance with the standard MLA style of writing. They must not contain pointless harsh and crude comments or unnecessarily word filler. The subject matter will be chosen by the Institute. These two theses must be publisher worthy, and the student should be able to defend them to the board of directors.
- A minimum of 200 hours of Bible teaching. Topics taught must be approved by the Institute
- A visit to the foreign mission field

Time Limit: This is a two year program. Tuition must be paid again if not completed within the time allotted.

LIST OF COURSES

First Year - First Semester

- 1 - Preparation and Delivery 1-1
- 2 - Rightly Dividing
- 3 - Romans 1
- 4 - I Corinthians 1
- 5 - Philippians
- 6 - Colossians
- 7 - Local Church
- 8 - Old Testament Survey

Second Year - First Semester

- 17 - Preparation and Delivery 2-1
- 18 - II Corinthians
- 19 - I & II Thessalonians
- 20 - I Timothy
- 21 - II Timothy
- 22 - Titus
- 23 - John 1
- 24 - Church History 2

Third Year - First Semester

- 32 - Preparation and Delivery 3-1
- 33 - John 3
- 34 - Hebrews
- 35 - James
- 36 - I Peter
- 37 - II Peter
- 38 - I, II, III John

First Year - Second Semester

- 9 - Preparation and Delivery 1-2
- 10 - Bible Cults
- 11 - Romans 2
- 12 - I Corinthians 2
- 13 - Galatians
- 14 - Ephesians
- 15 - Church History 1
- 16 - New Testament Survey

Second Year - Second Semester

- 25 - Preparation and Delivery 2-2
- 26 - John 2
- 27 - Daniel 1
- 28 - Daniel 2
- 29 - Revelation
- 30 - Church History 3
- 31 - Problem Texts

Third Year - Second Semester

- 39 - Genesis
- 40 - Acts
- 41 - Matthew
- 42 - Manuscript Evidence
- 43 - Baptist Missions

Required Textbooks

Preparation & Delivery

Gibbs, Alfred P. *The Preacher and His Preaching*
Bounds, E.M. *The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer*
Lince, James A. *Old Paths Preaching Methods*

Rightly Dividing the Word

Scofield, C.I. *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*

Church History

Ruckman, Peter S. *The History of the New Testament Church, Volume I & II*
Carroll, J.M. *The Trail of Blood*

Manuscript Evidence

Ruckman, Peter S. *Manuscript Evidence*

TUITION and FEES

REGISTRATION FEE

There will be a one-time registration fee of \$50.00 for new students. This fee will be added to your First Year, First Semester tuition and is non-refundable. There are no registration fees for the Masters and Doctorate programs.

*Note: Tuition does NOT cover the cost of the books that must be purchased for some of the courses. All textbooks can be purchased from TBDI. See below for pricing.

**All checks should be made out to: The Bible Doctrine Institute.*

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Course Semesters - 2

The cost of each semester will be \$200.00 and must be paid in full BEFORE the student will receive any course material.

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

Course Semesters – 6

The cost of each semester will be \$200.00 and must be paid in full BEFORE the student will receive any course material.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Two Year Maximum Time Limit

The cost of a Master of Theology Degree will be \$500.00. This must be paid in full BEFORE the student can begin.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Two Year Maximum Time Limit

The cost of a Doctor of Theology Degree will be \$750.00. This must be paid in full BEFORE the student can begin.

REINSTATEMENT FEES

A reinstatement fee of \$100.00 is required to enroll back in the Diploma of Christian Studies or Bachelor of Divinity programs. There are no reinstatement fees for the Masters and Doctorate programs, FULL TUITION will be required again if the student fails to complete within the time allotted.

BOOK PRICING AND SHIPPING FEES

Gibbs, Alfred P. *The Preacher and His Preaching* \$16.95 + Shipping

Bounds, E.M. *The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer* \$16.99 + Shipping

Lince, James A. *Old Paths Preaching Methods* \$16.95 + Shipping

Scofield, C.I. *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth* (This book will be made available online)

Ruckman, Peter S. *The History of the New Testament Church, Volume I* \$17.95 + Shipping

Ruckman, Peter S. *The History of the New Testament Church, Volume II* \$16.95 + Shipping

Carroll, J.M. *The Trail of Blood* \$3.00 + Shipping

Ruckman, Peter S. *Manuscript Evidence* \$11.95 + Shipping

USPS Domestic Mail Shipping Rates

Amount Spent	Shipping Cost
\$00.01 to \$19.99	\$9.00
\$20.00 to \$59.99	\$12.00
\$60.00 to \$99.99	\$15.00
Over \$100.00	Add 20%

USPS Foreign Airmail Shipping Rates

Amount Spent	Shipping Cost
\$00.01 to \$19.99	\$15.00
\$20.00 to \$59.99	\$30.00
\$60.00 to \$99.99	\$60.00
Over \$100.00	Call for Rate

INSTRUCTORS

DR. JAMES A. LINCE - founder of Blue Ridge Bible Institute

Teaches: Acts, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, James, Revelation, Baptist Missions, Church History, Manuscript Evidence, Preparation and Delivery, Problem Texts

Dr. Lince received Christ on Aug. 14, 1975 at the age of 25. Before receiving Christ, Dr. Lince served in Viet-Nam with the United States Marine Corps during 1968-69. He also attended the University of Michigan for two years, studying American History, and Physical Education. His life's goal before receiving Christ was to be a Physical Education teacher and coach at High School. After receiving Christ, Dr. Lince left the University of Michigan and enrolled at Midwestern Baptist College. After two years at Midwestern, he was shocked to discover they rejected the King James Bible, and soon left. After that, Dr. Lince sat under Pastor Dr. Herbert Noe and attended the Galilean Baptist Institute for one year. Dr. Noe later told him of Pensacola Bible Institute (PBI). In 1980, Dr. Lince enrolled at PBI. In 1983, Dr. Lince received his Bachelor of Divinity from PBI, and two years later, he earned his Master of Theology from PBI. In 1991, Dr. Lince earned his Ph.D from Temple Baptist Seminary. Dr. Lince had various experiences in the ministry, including three years at the Detroit Rescue Mission, two years at the Atmore Alabama State Prison and one year at Grace Baptist Church in Dyersburg, Tennessee. He also started Victory Baptist Church in Dyersburg Tennessee and ran an ACE day school. Dr. Lince was the Pastor of Bridgeport Baptist Church from 1986-2005. There is no doubt in the mind of the board of directors or the instructors here at TBDI that Dr. Lince was one of the greatest expository Bible Preachers this country has ever known. His unending service and dedication to the church and this Bible Institute will never be forgotten. Many of us associated with this school would not be the Christians we are today if it had not been for his leadership, encouragement and prayers. Dr. Lince passed away July 27, 2005.

DR. DAVID L. PEACOCK - President

Teaches: I Corinthians, I, II, III John, I & II Thessalonians

The President of The Bible Doctrine Institute is Dr. David L. Peacock. Dr. David Peacock trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of 7, when he was led to the Lord by his father, a Baptist Pastor and Evangelist. In March of 1992 Dr. Peacock founded and began pastoring Bible Believer's Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida. In April of 1996, the Lord led him to leave the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office as a Captain, after 17 years of service, to continue his full-time pastoring of the church. Dr. Peacock earned his Bachelor of Divinity Degrees from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute and the Charity Baptist Bible Institute and Seminary. He earned his Master of Theology Degree in May of 1998, and his Doctor of Theology Degree in January of 2000, both from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute. Dr. Peacock served as the Vice President of BRBI while Dr. Lince was living and helped establish Bible institutes with Dr. Lince in the Philippines and Romania. It is Dr. Peacock's desire to carry on with what Dr. Lince started.

PASTOR MIKE WHEELER - Vice President

Teaches: Philippians, Colossians, I & II Peter, Local Church, Old & New Testament Survey

Pastor Mike Wheeler serves as the Vice President of The Bible Doctrine Institute. Pastor Wheeler was saved around the age of 15, and was called to preach in November of 1989. He graduated from the Pensacola Bible Institute with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1993, and pastored the First Baptist Church of Erie, Kansas from 1993 to 1998. He was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by Bible Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida in 1995, and earned his Master of Theology Degree from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute in 1999. He hosted the International Sunday School Hour, a local radio broadcast in North Carolina for 5 years, taught classes at the annual Preachers school hosted by BRBI, and is currently the pastor of Bridgeport Baptist Church in Valdese, North Carolina.

DR. VINCE MASSA

Teaches: John, II Corinthians

Dr. Vince Massa was saved in February 1973. In 1977 he surrendered to Preach and began attending Midwestern Baptist College of Pontiac, Michigan. He graduated in 1981 with a B.R.E. Degree. From 1981 to 1983 Dr. Massa served as an assistant Pastor and began the Calvary Baptist Church in Gobbles, Michigan. In 1983 he began the Landmark Baptist Church, of which he is currently the Pastor. Dr. Massa also pastored the Bible Baptist Church in Queens, New York from 1996-1999. He is the President and Founder of Frontline Bible Institute in Stamford, Connecticut, and for 10 years has conducted a prison ministry in the state of Connecticut, which is reaching men with the Gospel and training men to preach. In November of 1999 he received a Master of Theology degree, and in January of 2000 he received a Doctor of Theology degree both from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute.

DR. GREG ESTEP

Teaches: Daniel, Matthew, Rightly Dividing

Dr. Greg Estep was the pastor of the Charity Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, for over 25 years. He is the Founder and President emeritus of the Charity Baptist Bible Institute and Seminary. Dr. Estep holds earned degrees from Ohio State University in English and a Master and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Galilean Baptist Seminary in Westlake, Louisiana.

Rev. BRAD GROSS

Teaches: Bible Cults

Rev. Brad Gross trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour in 1984. He is a Chemist Administrator for the State of Florida and the Treasurer of Bible Believer's Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Natural Science from the University of North Florida in 1977. He attended two years of Bible School at the Charity Baptist Bible Institute and Seminary, during which time he was called to preach. He completed his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Blue Ridge Bible Institute in January of 1999, and also earned a Master of Theology Degree in January of 2000. In January of 1999 he was ordained to the Ministry by Bible Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. He is responsible for the computer layout and design of several Christian books and the reformatting of The Bible Doctrine Institute.

DR. DAVID E. WALKER

Teaches: Genesis

Dr. David Walker trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour when he was a child, and was called to preach in his teen years. He graduated from the Pensacola Bible Institute in 1995 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree, and has served as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and now pastors Calvary Baptist Church in Monticello, Florida. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 2001, earned his Master of Theology degree in 2003 and his Doctorate of Theology in 2004 both from BRBI.

***NOTE: TBDI is *not* an accredited institute by the State of Florida**

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Faithful Church Membership:

Each student is required to be a faithful member of an independent Bible believing Baptist Church. The name, address and Pastor's name must be included along with the student's application for enrollment.

"Faithful church membership" is being defined as follows:

- Regular in attendance to all services (unless providentially hindered).
- Submissive obedience to authority of the local church and the Pastor.
- Consistent tithing.
- Active in church visitation or other programs of like interest (*Ministerial Students*).

Students are required to notify the Institute of any change in church membership, along with a valid reason for the move.

Loyal United States Citizen:

Involvement with any subversive activities against the United States Government is strictly forbidden. TBDI does not support any individual, group, or church that is involved in any anti-government activities.

The Bible says in Romans 13:1-2, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

Furthermore, in Romans 13:6 the Bible says, "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's minister's, attending continually upon this very thing."

Although we may not always agree with the policies of the United States Government, we are commanded in the Bible to be "subject" to them, and to pay our taxes. Peter says in I Peter 2:13-15 that it is the "will of God" for us to "submit" ourselves to "every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well."

Personal Testimony and Accountability:

Students are required to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic drinks and illegal drugs. Students are also expected to refrain from secular entertainment (i.e. Rock, Pop, Country Western concerts, theaters and dances).

Students are expected to exercise general Christian conduct at all times. The courses are taken on the honor system. Even though there is no classroom or instructors present, the Lord sees all that you do (Prov. 15:3) and you will meet your actions either here (Num. 32:23) or at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:12).