

*Thirteen Core Values for Equipping Saints
Selected Scriptures*

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Grace Bible Church

WHAT DOES GBC BELIEVE ABOUT GOD AND MINISTRY AND WHAT DOES GBC WANT IN MINISTRY?

*"TO GLORIFY GOD IS TO MANIFEST GOD'S
GLORY: NOT ONLY PASSIVELY, AS ALL
CREATURES DO...BUT ALSO ACTIVELY, MEN
GLORIFY GOD, WHEN THE DESIGN OF THEIR
LIFE AND ACTIONS IS THE GLORY AND
HONOUR OF GOD...WHEN INWARDLY THEY
HAVE THE HIGHEST ESTIMATION OF HIM,
THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE IN HIM, AND
THE STRONGEST AFFECTIONS TO HIM, THIS IS
GLORIFYING GOD IN SPIRIT..."*

— *THOMAS VINCENT,
THE SHORTER CATECHISM
EXPLAINED [MY EMPHASIS]*

1. We Believe in the Supremacy of God Above All Things

2. We Believe in the Preeminence of Christ

3. We Believe in the Transforming Work of the Holy Spirit

4. We Believe in the Sufficiency of Scripture

*SO WHEN THEY HAD FINISHED BREAKFAST,
JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER, "SIMON, SON OF
JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?"
HE SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD; YOU KNOW
THAT I LOVE YOU." HE SAID TO HIM, "TEND
MY LAMBS." HE SAID TO HIM AGAIN A
SECOND TIME, "SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU
LOVE ME?" HE SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD;
YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU." HE SAID TO
HIM, "SHEPHERD MY SHEEP." HE SAID TO
HIM THE THIRD TIME, "SIMON, SON OF JOHN,
DO YOU LOVE ME?" PETER WAS GRIEVED
BECAUSE HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME,
"DO YOU LOVE ME?" AND HE SAID TO HIM,
"LORD, YOU KNOW ALL THINGS; YOU KNOW
THAT I LOVE YOU." JESUS SAID TO HIM, "TEND
MY SHEEP."*

— *JOHN 21:15-17*

5. We Believe in Grace

6. We Believe in the Church

"SOME CHRISTIANS ARE GOING TO HEAVEN MISERABLY; OTHERS ARE GOING WITH THE JOY OF HEAVEN IN THEIR HEARTS AND ON THEIR FACES. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE LATTER HAVE LEARNED TO COME AND DINE WITH JESUS...[THE CHRISTIAN LIFE] IS A SHARED LIFE IN WHICH OUR JOY IS IN JESUS."

— JAMES M. BOICE,
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, VOL. 5.

7. We Believe in the Priority of a Personal Walk (Life) with God

8. We Believe in Discipleship

9. We Believe in Evangelism

10. We Believe in the Power and Priority of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

11. We Believe in Marriage and Family

12. We Believe in the Value of Problems (and Trials)

"WHAT A BLESSED THING IS THE MARRIAGE OF TWO BELIEVERS, OF ONE HOPE, ONE DISCIPLINE, SERVANTS OF THE SAME MASTER!... TOGETHER THEY OFFER UP THEIR PRAYERS — TOGETHER THEY LIE IN THE DUST, AND KEEP THEIR FASTS, TEACHING EACH OTHER, EXHORTING EACH OTHER, BEARING UP EACH OTHER. THEY ARE TOGETHER IN GOD'S CHURCH, TOGETHER AT GOD'S FEAST, TOGETHER IN STRAITS, PERSECUTIONS, CONSOLATIONS; FREELY THE SICK ARE VISITED AND THE INDIGENT SUPPORTED; THERE ARE ALMS WITHOUT TROUBLE, SACRIFICES WITHOUT SCRUPLE; DAILY UNIMPEDED DILIGENCE. CHRIST SEES IT AND REJOICES."

— TERTULLIAN (CA. 160-230 A.D.)

13. We Believe in "Every Member Ministry"

By the grace of God, one thing I will do this week in response to this sermon is :