

# Free Grace Doctrinal Distinctives

## **Salvation**

The sole condition for receiving eternal salvation from hell is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who died a substitutionary death on the cross for man's sin and rose from the dead (John 3:16-18; John 6:47; Acts 16:31).

No act of obedience, preceding or following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, such as commitment to obey, sorrow for sin, turning from one's sin, baptism, or submission to the Lordship of Christ, may be added to, or considered as a part of, faith as a condition for receiving eternal salvation (Rom 4:5; Gal 2:16; Titus 3:5). This saving transaction between God and the sinner is simply the giving and receiving of a free gift (Eph 2:8, 9; John 4:10; Rev 22:17).

## **Assurance**

The assurance of eternal salvation is based only on the promise God makes in His Word that everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ alone possesses eternal life (John 5:24; I John 5:9-13). Good works, which can and should follow regeneration, are not necessary for a person to have assurance of eternal life even though they may have a secondary, confirmatory value (Eph 2:10; Titus 3:8).

## **Discipleship (Growing in Christ)**

The ultimate goal of the Holy Spirit's work in the believer's life is to produce spiritual maturity reflected in consistent Christ-like behavior and attitudes (Gal 4:22-25; Luke 14:25-33; Col 1:23-29). Therefore, obedience to the Word of God, while not necessary for obtaining eternal salvation from Hell, is the essential responsibility of each Christian (Rom 6:12-23; Heb 5:13, 14; I Cor 2:14-3:4). However, the Bible does not teach that this obedience will be manifested in all believers. If a believer does not yield to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in his experience, failure will result, evidenced by sinful acts or even prolonged disobedience. (I Cor 10:1-13; Gal. 5:16-21).

## **Motivation**

The believer is assured of salvation from hell and is eternally secure, since that salvation is based solely upon the finished work of Jesus Christ (John 10:28, 29; Rom 8:38, 39). Therefore, it is inconsistent with the Gospel and with Scripture to seek to gain or keep eternal salvation by godly living. The Scripture, however, does present several motivations for obedience in the Christian life.


1. A powerful motivation for living the Christian life is gratitude to God for saving us by His grace (Rom 12:1, 2; 2 Cor 5:14, 15; Gal 2:20).
2. Believers should also be motivated by the knowledge that their heavenly Father both blesses obedience and disciplines disobedience in His children (Heb 12:3-11; Lev 26:1-45).
3. Finally, every Christian must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, not to determine his destiny in heaven or hell, but to assess the quality of his Christian life on earth (2 Cor 5:10; Rev. 22:12). Anticipating either reward or loss of reward at the Judgment Seat should also motivate believers to perseverance and to faithfulness to God's revealed will (I Cor 3:10-17; 9:24-27; Jas 5:8, 9; I John 2:28).

## GBC Varsity Schedule 2016-2017

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Snack</b>	<b>Reading Schedule &amp; Topics</b>
August 26-27	JV/Varsity Weekend		Glorification & Rewards
28-Aug	Registration & Overview of Year		Books, Schedule, Guidelines
4-Sep	First Regular Meeting		Faith Foundations
11-Sep	Regular Meeting		1.1
18-Sep	<b>Fall Break</b>		
25-Sep	Regular Meeting		1.2 & 1.3
2-Oct	Regular Meeting		1.4
9-Oct	Regular Meeting		2.1
October 14 - 15	<b>Apologetics Conference*</b>		<b>Cost is \$55 per student, \$85 per adult</b>
16-Oct	Regular Meeting		2.2
October 21-22	<b>Free Grace Conference*</b>		
23-Oct	Condensed Meeting + Corn Maze	Bring your own dinner	2.3
30-Oct	Regular Meeting		2.4
Oct ??	<b>Summit Fundraiser #1: Student Organized</b>		
6-Nov	Regular Meeting		3.1
13-Nov	Regular Meeting		3.2
19-Nov	Service Project: Yard Day	Bring your own lunch	JV & Varsity
20-Nov	Regular Meeting		3.3
27-Nov	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>		
4-Dec	Regular Meeting		3.4 & 4.1
11-Dec	Regular Meeting		4.2
18-Dec	Condensed Meeting + Christmas Party	JV & Varsity	4.3
25-Dec	<b>Christmas Break</b>		

**\*Both the Apologetics & Free Grace conferences are optional activities. More details to come.**

1-Jan	<b>New Years Break</b>		
8-Jan	Regular Meeting		4.4 & 5.1
15-Jan	Regular Meeting		5.2
22-Jan	<b>Summit Fundraiser #2: GBC Servant Auction</b>		
	Regular Meeting		5.3
29-Jan	Regular Meeting		5.4
5-Feb	Regular Meeting		6.1
12-Feb	Regular Meeting		6.2
19-Feb	Regular Meeting		6.3
25-Feb	<b>Awana NC Pinnacle: Quizzing &amp; Games</b>		
26-Feb	<b>Pinnacle Break</b>		
5-Mar	Regular Meeting		6.4 & 7.1
11-Mar	<b>Summit Fundraiser #3: GBC Tea Party</b>		
12-Mar	Regular Meeting		7.2
19-Mar	Regular Meeting		7.3
26-Mar	Regular Meeting		7.4
Mar 30 - Apr 1	<b>Awana Summit: Colorado Springs, CO</b>		
2-Apr	<b>Summit Break</b>		
9-Apr	Regular Meeting		8.1 & 8.2
16-Apr	<b>Easter Break</b>		
23-Apr	Regular Meeting		8.3
30-Apr	Regular Meeting		8.4
7-May	Final Day/Senior Celebration		Catch Up



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**WHEN:**

October 14-15

**WHERE:**

Calvary Church - 5801 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

Times: Rides given if needed from GBC

8:30am- 9:45pm: Friday, October 14

8:30am- 4:50pm: Saturday, October 15

Cost: \$55- Student; \$85 Adult

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## **Screening, Behavior and Discipline Guidelines for Participation in Youth Group and/or Volunteering for ministry of any capacity**

### **Screening and Supervision for all Volunteer and Youth Ministry workers**

- **Application and Screening for leaders**
  - All volunteers must fill out an application and all adult volunteers submit to background checks
  - All volunteers must sign off on the guidelines and behavior policy.
  - All volunteers must have attended Grace Bible Church for at least 6 months before being considered to work in a volunteer position with the youth.
  - Youths who are part of JV and/or Varsity but have another home church must wait at least 6 months before being considered as a volunteer leader at Awana on Wednesday night.

### **Behavior Guidelines for serving at Grace Bible Church and attending ministry functions**

- **No smoking or drinking alcohol on church grounds**
- **No cursing or sexual innuendos**
- **Appropriate attire must be wear at all times for the context in which you are serving including**
  - **Girls: no low cut shirts, blouses, or swimsuits that expose excessive cleavage.**
  - **No shorts allowed that do not at least extend to arm length**
  - **No shirts that expose midriff while in normal posture**
  - **No Goth or other excessive or distracting makeup can be worn while serving.**
  - **Guys must wear shirts at all times unless otherwise permitted and must not wear tank tops while serving unless permission is otherwise given**
- **Cell Phone Use**
  - **No Cell phone use is allowed during regular meeting times on Sundays (3:30-5:30)**
    - **Must get prior notification from parents that they are picking up kid early. We do not want to kids to constantly check their phones to see if parent are ready to get them.**
    - **Must get prior notification from parent for kid to use cell phone during regular hours if special case arises**
    - **No texting or calling except for an emergency during hours of ministry.**

- At times or events when cell phone use is permitted you must NOT share any content of any kind with someone else unless directly permitted by a leader.
  
- **Behavior towards members of opposite sex**
  - Do not go off alone with a member of opposite sex, offer massages, or lay your head on the shoulders of members of the opposite sex.
  - Inappropriate touching would include kissing, demanding kissing or hugs, touching of the chest, waist, stomach, bottom, or private areas, or any physical contact that feels uncomfortable or violating. No youth/child may sit in your lap.
  - No overt flirting is permitted.
  - We reserve the right during ministry activities to make the judgment on when it is necessary to speak to students about their behavior toward the opposite sex.
    - Parents will need to let us know if they have a particular request or situation regarding their kid's expectation during youth activities regarding opposite sex interactions.
  
- **Behavior towards Leaders and Participation Expectations**
  - **Must show respect towards leaders in speech and attitude**
  - **Students who object to participating in an activity of the group may respectfully speak to a leader. However, if the leader does not grant permission the student must participate with no further discussion.**
  - **If a student refuses to participate and/or continues to object and argue they will be sent home and a leader will speak with the parent(s).**
  - **All students are required to participate in all regular activities during meeting times.**
    - **Parents must contact leader prior to meeting if an exception is to be made to the participation requirements.**

### **Activities outside of the church premises**

- On Wednesday night Awana no one is allowed to take the children off church property

#### **Transportation and Consent**

- The pastor or designated church leader must approve all church outings and transportation of official youth group functions.
  - This does not include informal meetings with a student(s).
    - Leader must contact parent and be given permission from parent for any informal hangout/meeting with student(s).
  - Must Not take youth off church grounds during ministry times unless prior permission is granted with parents and ministry director/pastor approves.
- Drivers for church activities must be 18 years and older with a valid driver's license and permission given by the pastor or designation church leader.
- Leaders may not be alone together in a car with a member of opposite sex
  - If driving home a mixed group then last person dropped off may not be member of opposite sex.
- 2 or more adult members must be present for all overnight activities.
- Parents must give permission directly to the leader if a leader is to give a kid a ride that has not already been arranged as a group activity.
  - Example being if a kid needs a ride home unexpectedly from Awana/youth group. The leader would need to contact the parent to get permission if prior permission for such scenarios have not already been given.