



MISSION STATEMENT

TLM exists solely for the purpose of training and equipping believers, using scripture as curriculum, to become world visionary, world impacting, reproducing, multiplying Disciples for Christ, who will, in turn, produce others of the same kind, to the ends of the earth until the end of time. The world begins where our feet end and extends to the last fragment of humanity.

THE TRINITY

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes, essence, and perfection's. Although their eternal relationship is inscrutable, there is no priority or superiority between the three persons. Each person of the Godhead is equally worthy of the same homage, confidence, and obedience. (Matthew 3:16-17, 28:18-20; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:4-6)

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe in the divine, plenary and verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. The whole Bible is inspired in the sense that holy men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the very words of Scripture. This divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of the writings as they appeared in the original manuscripts. Therefore, the whole Bible, in the originals, is without error. As the revelation of God, we believe the Bible to be the sole authority and sufficiency with regard to Christian faith and practice. The Scriptures center upon the Lord Jesus Christ in His person and work in His first and Second Coming, and hence no portion is properly read, or understood, until it leads to Him. The Christian's responsibility and duty is to handle accurately the Word of Truth. The reading and interpretation of the Scriptures is to be under the guidance and illumination of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:27,44; John 5:39; Acts 17:2-3; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)

AGo ye therefore and teach all nations...≡ Matthew 28:19

MAN, CREATED AND FALLEN

We believe that man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God. Adam fell through sin, and as a consequence of his sin, lost his spiritual life. Becoming dead in trespasses and sins, he became subject to the power of the devil. This spiritual death, or total depravity of human nature, has been transmitted to the entire human race of man, the Man Christ Jesus alone being excepted. Thus every child of Adam is born into the world with a nature which not only possesses no spark of divine life, but is essentially and unchangeable sinful apart from divine grace. (Genesis 1:26, 2:17, 6:5; Psalm 14:1-3, 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:6, 5:40, 6:35; Romans 3:10-19, 8:6-7; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 5:6; 1 John 3:8)

SALVATION ONLY THROUGH CHRIST

We believe that, due to universal death through sin, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless born again, or as it were, from above. No degree of reformation, no attainments in morality, no baptism or other ordinance or other good works can help the sinner to take even one step toward heaven. Our redemption has been accomplished solely by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was made to be sin and was made a curse for us by dying in our place. (Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 64:6; Matthew 26:28; John 3:7-18; Romans 5:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13, 6:15; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 3:4-9; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:18-19, 23). We believe that the new birth of the believer comes only through faith in Christ and that repentance is a vital part of believing. Repentance is not in itself a separate and independent condition of salvation. Nor are any other acts, such as confession, baptism, prayer, faithful service, or manifestation of certain spiritual gifts, to be added to believing as a condition of salvation. (John 1:12, 3:16, 18, 36, 5:24, 6:29, 14:6; Acts 13:39, 16:31; Romans 1:16-17, 3:22, 26, 4:5, 10:4; Galatians 3:22). We believe it is the privilege, not only of some, but of all who are born again by the Spirit through faith in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, to be assured of their salvation from the very day they take Him to be their Savior. This assurance is not founded upon any discovery of their own worthiness or fitness, but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written word. Such assurance will motivate in God's children love, gratitude, and obedience to His commands. (Luke 10:20, 22:32; 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 5:13).

THE CHURCH

We believe that all those who have been redeemed by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ form the Body of Christ, the church. We also believe in the local church as the body of believers in a geographic locale who meet together to worship and serve God, observe the ordinances of Christian Baptism and the Lord's Supper, train and equip each member for the work of the ministry, and work together to unitedly further the gospel of Christ. (1 Peter 3:15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:11-16; Colossians 2:7).

THE GREAT COMMISSION

We believe the explicit message and mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ is to make disciples of all

the nations. We believe this to be the mission statement for ALL that are born from above through faith in Jesus Christ. During His post-resurrection ministry Christ gave two particular commands. First in Matthew 28, Jesus commands us to “Go and Make Disciples of All the Nations”. Secondly, just before His Ascension, in Acts 1:8 Jesus commissioned us to be witnesses unto HIM “ both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth”. The greatest responsibility and privilege of the church is to serve as ambassadors and witnesses for Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; 1 Peter 1:17, 2:11).