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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kingdom Greetings,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks for making Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary your choice for your biblical training. We strive to make your journey a rewarding one throughout the time you will spend with us here at SDIBS. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.; The Lord make hake his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up countenance upon thee, give thee peace. Number 6: 24-26

Kingdom Blessings,

Dr. Earnest Parham

GENERAL STATEMENT

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is an educational ministry and our degree programs are religious in nature; they are not designed to meet any state or national license or denominational requirement. If you are seeking a degree for employment (government, organization, business or ministry); to be licensed by a state or national agency; or to transfer to a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher learning, please check with the employer, the appropriate licensing agency, or the institution to which you desire to transfer for the acceptance of our degree before you enroll in our program.

Our purpose is to train born-again Christian men and women for the work of the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CORE VALUES

Biblical Higher Education

The Institution strives to provide the highest quality education. Education must have balance in theory and practice, providing the intellectual, practical, and spiritual skills necessary for one to be successful. Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Proverbs 1:1-7; 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 15

Scriptural Authority

The Institution affirms that God has provided absolute truth in Scripture. The Scripture is sufficient for life change and is the framework for historic Baptist teaching. 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:3

Glorification of Christ

The Institution has as its standard that one's purpose is to glorify Christ in all things: in thought, conduct, and motives. Jesus Christ is the standard and value of all things. Philippians 3:7-14; Colossians 1:17; 3:1-17

Biblical Worldview

The Institution believes God's creation has purpose. That purpose is fulfilled in a person's total obedience to Jesus Christ, conforming to His image. Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 4:20-24

Qualified Teaching Faculty

The Institution maximizes its impact on students through faculty members who are professionals. They possess a body of knowledge and skills, have ministry experience, and engage students in learning both inside and outside the classroom. Since faculty serve students who are preparing for ministry, professionalism includes not only the standard expectations of one who teaches in an institution of biblical higher education, but also includes spiritual qualities characteristic of Christian leaders. 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:2

Christ-Centered Curriculum

The Institution makes its students' personal relationships with Christ the center of curricular and extra-curricular experiences. Students of the present generation need the assurance that there is a God to believe; One who is holy, good, and the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Jesus Christ Himself is the truth; He is

the standard and value of all things. Colossians 1:17; 3:1-17; Hebrews 13:8

Strategic Relevance

The Institution prepares those who desire to serve God to fulfill their life goals as they impact society for Jesus Christ. Acts 17:22-24; 1 Corinthians 9: 20-22

Life-long Learning

The Institution educates and challenges students to adopt the value of continued learning that enhances their Christ-centered ministries and marketplace professions. Proverbs 1:5; Philippians 3:13-14; 2 Timothy 2:15

Global Evangelism

The Institution acknowledges that all of mankind is in need of a personal relationship with Christ by faith and commits itself to prepare students to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to evangelize and disciple divergent people groups of the world through the local church. Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:16-21; Romans 1:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 15; 1 Peter 1:13-25

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary

SEMINARY CONCEPT

He is the potter; you are the clay. Think of us as the wheel.

The programs at SDIBS are built on a foundation in principles of academic and educational integrity and faith and include challenging yet practical field-based research, which inspires a balanced integration of faith, living and learning that can enhance your success both personally and professionally in an enriching and self-rewarding way that is pleasing to the Creator.

Throughout your program, you will enjoy engaging and interesting discussions and thought-provoking videos designed to transform online learning in ways you never imagined possible. You will also enjoy ample opportunities to build lifelong, supportive bonds with classmates and professors.

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is a community of learners distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.

Take the first step in your journey by filling out the contact form to learn more. We will then connect you with a representative with whom you can discuss your professional goals, options for payment and any other questions you may have about

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary.

MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission:

Our Mission is to help Advance the Kingdom of God by Training and Raising Up Kingdom Minded People and Leaders who are Equipped by the Word of God, Empowered and Led by the Spirit of God to Accomplish the Mission Mandated by Christ to do Greater Works.

Vision:

Our desire is for You (our students) to receive Greater Revelation of the Kingdom of God, the Word, Will and Ways of God, gain Godly Knowledge, be able to Understand it and draw Wisdom from it in order to Apply it in Every Area of Your Life, so that You can operate in the Gifts of the Spirit and be All that God Has Created You to be.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Of The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible was written by men supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any admixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

By "The Holy Bible" we mean the collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which as originally written does not only contain and convey the Word of God, but is the very Word of God.

By "inspiration" we mean the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

Psalms 19:7-11; 119:89, 105, 130, 160

Proverbs 30:5-6

Isaiah 8:20

Luke 16:31; 24:25-27, 44-45

John 5:39, 45-47; 12:48; 17:17

Acts 1:16; 28:25

Romans 3:4; 15:4

Ephesians 6:17

2 Timothy 3:16-17

1 Peter 1:23

2 Peter 1:19-21

Revelation 22:19

Of the True God

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, as infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Genesis 17:1;
Exodus 20:2-3; 15:11;
Psalm 83:18; 90:2; 147:5;
Jeremiah 10:10;
Matthew 28:19;
Mark 12:30;
John 4:24; 10:30; 15:26; 17: 5;
Acts 5:3-4;
Romans 11:23;
1 Corinthians 12:10-11; 8:6; 12:4-6;
2 Corinthians 13:14;
Ephesians 2:18; 4:6;
Philippians 2:5-6;
1 Timothy 1:17;
1 John 5:7;
Revelation 4:11

Of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer.

Genesis 1:13;
Matthew 3:11; 28:19;
Mark 1:8;
Luke 1:35; 3:16; 24:49;
John 1:33; 3:5-6; 14:16-17, 26; 15:26-27; 16:8-11, 13;
Acts 5:30-32; 11:16;
Romans 8:14, 16, 26-27;
Ephesians 1:13-14;
2 Thessalonians 2:7, 13;
Hebrews 9:14;
1 Peter 1:2

Of the Devil, or Satan

We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through

pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy; the lord of the antichrist, and the author of all the powers of darkness - destined however to final defeat at the hands of God's own Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.

Isaiah 14:12-15;

Ezekiel 28:14-17;

Matthew 4:1-3; 13:25; 25:41; 27:39;

Mark 13:21-22;

Luke 22:3-4;

John 14:30;

Ephesians 2:2;

2 Corinthians 11:13-15;

1 Thessalonians 3:5;

2 Thessalonians 2: 8-11;

1 Peter 5:8;

2 Peter 2:4;

1 John 2:22; 3:8; 4:3;

2 John 7;

Jude 6;

Revelation 12:7-10; 13:13-14; 19:11, 16, 20; 20:1-3, 10

Of the Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly and God's established law was they should bring forth only "after their kind".

Since God created the mankind into genders distinctly male and female, we believe that the only legitimate marriage is that between a man and a woman. He has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of

God's gift of sex. We believe that God rejects any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.

Genesis 1:1, 11, 24, 26-27; 2:21-23;
Exodus 20:11;
Nehemiah 9:6;
Jeremiah 10:12;
John 1:3;
Acts 4:24; 17:23-26;
Romans 1:20;
Colossians 1:16-17;
Hebrew 11:3;
Revelation 10:6

Of the Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Genesis 3:1-6, 24;
Ezekiel 18:19-20;
Romans 1:18, 20, 28, 32; 3:10-19; 5:12,19;
Galatians 3:22;
Ephesians 2:1, 3

Of the Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of a woman, and He is both the Son of God, and God, the Son.

Genesis 3:15;
Psalm 2:7;
Isaiah 7:14;
Matthew 1:18-25;
Mark 1:1
Luke 1:35;
John 1:14;
Galatians 4:4;
1 Corinthians 15:47;

1 John 5:20

Of the Atonement for Sin

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, Who by appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was the voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust, Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

Isaiah 53:4-7, 11-12;
Matthew 18:11;
John 3:16; 10:18;
Acts 15:11;
Romans 3:24-25;
Galatians 1:4;
Ephesians 2:8;
Philippians 2:7-8;
Hebrews 2:14; 7:25; 9:12-15; 12:2

Of Grace In the New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, not by culture, not by character, nor by the will of man, but wholly and solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

Luke 5:27;
John 1:12-13; 3:3,6-7;
Acts 2:41;
Romans 6:23;

2 Corinthians 5:17,19;
Galatians 5:22;
Ephesians 2:1; 5:9;
Colossians 2:13;
1 John 5:1

Of the Freeness of Salvation

We believe in God's electing grace; that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

Isaiah 55:1;
Matthew 11:28;
John 3:15-18,36; 5:40; 6:37
Acts 2:38;
Romans 8:29-30; 10:13;
1 Corinthians 15:10;
Ephesians 2:4-5;
Colossians 3:12;
1 Thessalonians 1:4;
1 Timothy 1:15;
Titus 1:1;
1 Peter 1:2;
Revelation 22:17

Of Justification

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us.

Isaiah 53:11;
Habakkuk 2:4;
Zechariah 13:1;
Acts 13:39;
Romans 1:17; 4:1; 5:1-9; 8:1;
Galatians 3:11;

Titus 3:5-7;
Hebrews 10:38

Of Repentance and Faith

We believe that Repentance and Faith are solemn obligations, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the quickening Spirit of God; thereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and openly confessing Him as our only and all-sufficient Savior.

Psalm 51:1-4,7;
Isaiah 55:6-7;
Mark 1:15;
Luke 12:8; 18:13;
Acts 2:37-38; 20:21;
Romans 10:9-11,13 Of the Church

We believe that the church is a congregation of baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel, said church being understood to be the citadel and propagator of the divine and eternal grace; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its officers of ordination are pastors or elders whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the scriptures.

We believe the true mission of the church is found in the Great Commission: first, to make individual disciples; second, to build up the church; third, to teach and instruct as He has commanded. We do not believe in the reversal of this order; we hold that the local church has the absolute right of self- government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ through the Holy Spirit; that it is scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that every church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation; on all matters of membership, of policy, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

Leviticus 27:31;
Malachi 3:10;
Matthew 28:19-20;

Acts 2:41-42; 6:5-6; 14:23; 15:22-23; 20:17-28;
1 Corinthians 5:11-13; 6:1-3; 11:2; 12:4,8-11; 16:1-2;
Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11; 5:23-24;
Colossians 1:18;
1 Timothy 3:1-13

Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, with the authority of the local church, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Matthew 3:6; 3:16; 28:19-20;
John 3:23;
Acts 2:41-42; 8:36-39;
Romans 6:3-5;
1 Corinthians 11:23-28;
Colossians 2:12

Of the Perseverance of the Saints

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.

Psalm 121:3;
Matthew 6:20; 13:19-21;
John 8:31-32; 10:28-29; 16:8;
Romans 8:28,35-39;
Philippians 1:6;
Colossians 1:21-23;
Hebrews 1:14;
1 Peter 1:5;
1 John 2:19

Of the Righteous and the Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

Genesis 18:23;
Proverbs 11:31; 14:32;
Malachi 3:18;
Matthew 7:13-14; 25:34;
Luke 9:26; 16:25;
John 8:21; 12:25;
Acts 10:34-35;
Romans 1:17; 6:16-18,23; 7:6;
1 Corinthians 15:22;
Galatians 3:10;
1 Peter 4:18;
1 John 2:7,29; 5:19

Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ; who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the kings of the earth.

Exodus 18:21-22;
2 Samuel 23:3;
Psalm 72:11;
Daniel 3:17-18;
Matthew 10:28; 22:21; 23:10;
Acts 4:19-20; 23:5;
Romans 13:7;
Philippians 2:10-11;
Titus 3:1;
1 Peter 2:13-14,17

Of the Resurrection and Return of Christ and Related Events

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value. Of the Resurrection, we believe that Christ rose bodily "The third day according to the Scriptures"; that He ascended "to the right hand of the throne of God"; that He alone is our "merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God"; "that this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven," bodily, personally, and visibly; that the "dead in Christ shall rise first"; that the living saints "shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump"; "that the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David"; and that "Christ shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

Psalm 72:8;
Isaiah 11:4-5;
Matthew 24:27,42;
Matthew 28:6-7;
Mark 16:6,19;
Luke 1:32; 24:2,4-6,39,51;
John 14:3;
John 20:27;
Acts 1:9,11;
1 Corinthians 15:4;
Philippians 4:20;
1 Thessalonians 4:16;
1 Timothy 2:5;
Hebrews 2:17; 5:9; 8:1; 9:28; 12:2

Of Missions

The command to give the gospel to the world is clear and unmistakable and this Commission was given to the churches.

Matthew 28:18-20

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every

creature."

John 20:21

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Romans 10:13-15

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Of the Grace of Giving

Scriptural giving is one of the fundamentals of the Faith.

2 Corinthians 8:7

"Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

We are commanded to bring our gifts into the storehouse (common treasury of the church) upon the first day of the week.

1 Corinthians 16:2

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Under Grace we give, and do not pay, the tithe - "Abraham GAVE the tenth of the spoils," - Hebrews 7:2,4 - and this was four hundred years before the law, and is confirmed in the new Testament; Jesus said concerning the tithe, "these ought ye to have done", Matthew 23:23.

We are commanded to bring the tithe into the common treasury of the church.

Leviticus 27:30

"The tithe ... is the Lord's."

Malachi 3:10

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

In the New Testament it was the common treasury of the church.

Acts 4:34, 35, 37

"And brought the prices of the things that were sold and laid them down at the apostles' feet ... Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the Apostles' feet"

INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

Biblical Wisdom is the perspective that observes and evaluates life as according to God's Word, and consequently, defines how one should live.

The curriculum will equip students to:

Develop a reverential submission to the Lord that is the essence of learning.

Develop a disposition for life-long spiritual growth.

Demonstrate biblical self-discipline and decision-making to life. Utilize the Bible to distinguish between truth and error.

Formulate biblical solutions to problems, dilemmas, and enigmas.

Academic Excellence

Academic Excellence is the life-long pursuit and acquisition of knowledge and skills to produce personal, professional, and cross-cultural competencies.

The curriculum will equip students to:

Develop a disposition for life-long learning.

Investigate the diversities and complexities of the past and present culture and social world to effectively serve God.

Utilize systematic principles and abilities to make informed decisions and solve problems.

Develop logical arguments and draw reasoned conclusions.

Analyze information and life situations within a biblical worldview. Communicate accurately in a Christ-like manner with clarity, coherence and persuasiveness.

The curriculum will equip students to:

Apply the knowledge and skills of servant-leadership in a local church. Engage others in a biblical model of discipleship.

Design and adapt appropriate strategies to evangelize and disciple the lost in varied contexts

LIFE EXPERIENCE

All degrees at the Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary are earned degrees. This is achieved by mandatory coursework that must be completed.

Our courses are available to everyone who meets our entrance requirements. Our courses require comprehensive study and self-discipline as our Bible College is an online and offsite institution.

Bible College transcripts do not always reflect real life experience.

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary recognizes life experience which may have been gained through years of work which is ministry related, which could include such things as books authored, mission's trips, classes taught, outreach ministries, ministries within a church, etc., must be documented along with the years they occurred and submitted for evaluation.

Many people have served in ministry positions and have gained a lot of knowledge and experience in their fields, but do not have any formal certificate, Bible College, or degree. Life experience credits can give some of the recognition needed for this service in the work of the Lord. Applicants must have had more than five years in a recognized position in ministry. No Bible Colleges or degrees can be awarded based purely upon life-experience.

This acceptance of life credits helps a potential student to accelerate their learning college experience and enabling them to earn a fully accredited degree. Students may be eligible to receive legitimate college credit for their life experience and hands-on ministerial service through Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary assessment degree program. Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary does not want this experience to go unrecognized or unrewarded.

Applicants will be required to submit a detailed portfolio, resume, training certificate, proof of participation at seminars, major literary works, Sunday school training certificates and or any other documents of completion to be evaluated for assessment.

ADMISSIONS

Admission to Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is based on the student's ability to satisfactorily complete the academic requirements. Other factors such as the individual's Christian experience, call to ministry, and moral character are also taken into account. A nonrefundable application fee of \$50 is required.

[Click here to apply online](#)

Enrollment Procedures

All applicants must use the online application form to enroll; [Click here to apply online](#) All applications require:

1. A filled out online Application Form
2. Validation of High School diploma or higher degree
3. Official transcripts for all previous College credits
4. Two recent photos (passport size)
5. \$50.00 enrollment fee

A signed "Automatic Payments Withdraw Agreement form" form when necessary. (The form is necessary for all students taking advantage of the monthly payments program.)

*All applications are subject to approval.

MISCELLANEOUS

Credit Transfers

Accepting credits earned at another institution is the prerogative of the receiving institution. No college, school or accrediting agency can require another institution to accept in transfer credit earned somewhere else. Even when the sending institution is accredited by the same agency as the receiving school, there is no guarantee credits will transfer.

Students wishing to transfer credits to other schools are responsible for finding out about the acceptance of credit by the receiving institution.

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary accepts credits from approved accredited institutions such as colleges, seminaries, Christian universities, etc. The credits must be reported on an official transcript. A minimum grade of "C" will be accepted. Please contact SDIBS via email to find out whether your previous College or Seminary is approved.

Textbooks

Students can purchase their textbooks from our bookstore [click here](#).

Graduation Fee

A graduation fee is required for each degree issued by Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary. The graduation fee is \$175.00. The graduation fee is due no later than 60 days before the student is scheduled to graduate.

Delinquent payments

Payments which are delinquent by more than ten (10) days will be charged a late fee of \$20.00. Payments delinquent by more than sixty (60) days will require the student to reenroll unless previous arrangements have been made with Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary.

Transcripts

A transcript of credits received at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary will be issued by the Registrar's Office upon a receipt of a written request from the student.

Transcripts are not issued until all academic and financial requirements have been met. Transcript fee is \$15.00.

Dismissal Policy

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary reserves the right to suspend, dismiss or place on probation any student whose academic standing, financial obligation, progress or conduct is less than satisfactory.

Re-admission

Any student desiring re-admission to Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is subject to approval from the Admissions office. The application fee is required for all re-enrollments.

Notice of Non-discrimination Policy

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary admits male or female students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to students by our administrative or educational policies.

Disclaimer Statement

Our courses meet the requirements established by many private, independent, and professional associations. Various regionally or nationally accredited Christian Universities, colleges and seminaries throughout the United States may accept transfer students, credits and degrees from Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary. Transferability of credits earned at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary and transferred to another institution is at the discretion of the receiving institution.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Spiritual Objectives

Studies at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary should enable the student:

1. To show a profound gratitude for the sacrificial work of Christ on his/her behalf which will motivate him/her to lead a life of sincere and comprehensive obedience to the Word of God.
2. To exhibit Christian maturity and virtues identified in Scripture as the "Fruit of the Spirit" so that he/she will be able to convey Christian truth both by precept and by personal example.
3. To maintain a well ordered devotional life and a personal program of spiritual enrichment and growth.
4. To demonstrate a concern for outreach and missions by actively seeking opportunities for Christian service.
5. To manifest a consistent Christian world and life view which shows submission to the present Lordship of Christ in every area of life.

Academic Objectives

Studies at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary should enable the student:

1. To demonstrate a general knowledge of the content and meaning of the Bible
2. To demonstrate knowledge of the theological system contained in the Bible, with an awareness and appreciation for the history of doctrine and the issues raised by Systematic Theology.
3. To locate and use effective tools for ministry, including the tools of

independent Bible Study.

4. To demonstrate knowledge of world history, including the history of the Church.
5. To clearly communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others in writing, private conversation, and in public address.
6. To teach others the Bible and Christian Doctrine.
7. To express the Christian view of life.
8. To demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary for effective Christian ministry and service.
9. To have an awareness of and appreciation for the great classics of Christian literature.
10. To pursue a self-directed program of continuing education for ministry

Social Objectives

Studies at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary should enable the student:

1. To develop moral and ethical standards so that his/her activities and interactions with other people will be to the glory of God.
2. To develop habits consistent with mature Christian character.
3. To live the Christian life as presented in Scripture and to apply Biblical principles in solving personal and social problems.
4. To promote justice and mercy in social ethics, government, social change, and contemporary public affairs.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is committed to providing higher education. Our concern for academic excellence emanates from the belief that Christian higher education should be superior, not inferior, to that provided by other colleges and universities. The College feels that anything less than this is not to the glory of God.

Therefore, every effort is made to provide the academic excellence worthy of a college dedicated to the Lord and necessary for the education of those preparing for service to the Lord in the days to come.

Graduation Requirements:

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary reserves the right to alter graduation requirements when it is decided that such changes are necessary. Normally a student is graduated according to the stated requirements at the time of admission unless attendance has not been continuous. In case of readmission, requirements at the time of readmission must be met.

The student is required to fulfill graduation requirements within eight (8) years of his initial enrollment.

Students are limited to four (4) college credits before filing a complete application with the College.

Students who have filed an application must submit a high school or GED transcript along with college transcripts. Credits at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary will not be filed officially until this is done.

Grading:

Letter Grade	Rank	Percentage	Grade Point Average (GPA)
A	Excellent	94-100	4.0
B	Above Average	84 – 93	3.0
C	Average	74 – 83	2.0
D	Passing	64 – 73	1.0
F	Failure	Below 64	0
I	Incomplete	The “I” becomes an “F” one week after the close of the quarter	0
W	Withdrawal	Withdrawal within two weeks of the	0

Graduation:

For graduation, a student must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.00. Graduation with honor will be determined according to the following standards:

Honor	Cumulative Grade Point Average
"Cum Laude"	3.50 - 3.69
"Magna cum laude"	3.70 - 3.89
"Summa cum laude"	3.90 - 4.00

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary definition of a credit hour is approximately 15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time".

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary offers academic programs designed for disciples of Christ for Christian ministry. Each program is designed to help develop Spirit-anointed leaders for Christian ministry through rigorous learning experiences that allow them to study and practice under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the mentorship of a highly qualified and talented faculty. Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is designed for Christians who want to learn the Bible and live out the teachings of Christ. The academic programs are built on the fundamentals of the Christian faith but recognize the diversity that exists among God-loving believers who accept the Bible as the inerrant, infallible, and inspired Word of God, and Christ Jesus as the only Savior.

TUITION AND FEES

Application fee: \$50

Graduation fee: \$175

Transcript Fee (second-replacements) \$15.00

Diploma Replacement Fee \$25.00

Textbooks NOT included

No refund will be made for registration or examination fees

No refund will be made after the fourth week

REFUNDS ON TUITION WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS

Prior to first class 100%

Withdrawal during the first week 80%

Withdrawal during the second week 50%

No refunds from 3 weeks

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BIBLICAL STUDIES DEGREE

120 Hours @ \$50.00 Per Credit Hour = \$6,000.00

\$ 150.00 per Course

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN THEOLOGY DEGREE

60 Hours @ \$50.00 per Credit Hour = \$3,000.00 (With an Associate's Degree)

\$ 150.00 per Course

BACHELOR ARTS DEGREE IN MINISTRY DEGREE

60 Hours @ \$80.00 per Credit Hour = \$3,000.00

\$ 150.00 per Course

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES DEGREE

36 Hours @ \$100.00 per Credit Hour = \$3,600.00

\$ 300.00 per Course

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY DEGREE

36 Hours @ \$100.00 per Credit Hour = \$3,600.00

\$ 300.00 per Course

MASTER'S IN DIVINITY DEGREE

36 Hours @ \$100.00 per Credit Hour = \$3,600.00
\$ 375.00 per Course

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE (PHD)

36 Hours @ \$125.00 per Credit Hour = \$4,500.00

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE (THD)

36 Hours @ \$125.00 per Credit Hour = \$4,500.00

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Certification program is designed for those applicants who have limited or no undergraduate college credit but have a burning desire to serve in ministry. The Certification program grants an Associate of Biblical Studies suitable for Deacons, Elders, Sunday school teachers, ministry leaders, and others serving in lay leadership positions in the church. The students will receive their certificates as they finish each module and an Associate of Biblical Studies degree upon the completion of 8 Modules (60 Credit hours). The cost for each Module is FREE, but there's a \$ 249.00 Administrative Fee per Module.

Entrance Requirements

High School diploma or equivalent

Tuition and Fees

Application fee: \$50

Graduation fee: \$175

Transcript Fee (second replacements) \$15.00

Diploma Replacement Fee \$25.00

Textbooks NOT included

Refund Policy

No refund will be made for registration or examination fees.

REFUNDS ON TUITION WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS

Prior to first class	100%
Withdrawal during the first week	80%
Withdrawal during the second week	50%
No refunds from 3 weeks	

THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

MODULE 1 - CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE TEACHING (7.5 Credits)

1. CF107 - Creative Bible Study Methods

This course equips students for personal study of the Word of God. Students learn how to study the Bible by book, chapter, paragraph, verse, and word. Other methods taught include biographical, devotional, theological, typological, and topical. Special guidelines for studying Bible poetry and prophecy are presented, and methods of charting and outlining are taught. 1.5 Credit

2. CF203 - Bible Teaching Methods

This course examines the methods Jesus used to teach and preach the Gospel. Students are taught how to prepare and present lessons and how to teach and preach the Gospel. 1.5 Credit

3. CF309 - Knowing Gods Voice

This course explains how God speaks to man and how to find God's will for your life. Guidelines are given on knowing the voice of God and determining His will. The pattern of God's will and Scriptural examples of how God reveals His will are discussed. 1.5 Credit

4. CF302 - Power Principles

Power principles taught in this course will enable you to experience the spiritual power taught in the Bible. This course answers the heart cry of those who have hungered for reality instead of religion. It will move you from being a spectator to a demonstrator of the power of God. 1.5 Credit

5 CF504 - How We Got Our Bible

Most Christians understand that the Bible they hold in their hands is the inspired Word of God. Yet very few have a general understanding of the origin of the Bible. The purpose of this class, therefore, is to show the student how the Bible came to be and why it can be accepted as the unerring, authoritative Word of God. 1.5 Credit

MODULE 2 - CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (7.5 Credits)

1. CF104 - Old Testament Survey

This survey provides an overview of the Old Testament. Study outlines of each book of the Bible are provided for further development by the student. 1.5 Credits

2. CF105 - New Testament Survey

This survey provides an overview of the New Testament. Study outlines of each book are provided for further development by the student. 1.5 Credits

3. CF106 - Strategies for Spiritual Harvest

This course explains how to expand the vision you have received by sharing with others what you have learned. You will learn how to train laborers for spiritual harvest who will be able to train others also. 1.5 Credits

4. CF505 - Bible Introduction 101

The aim of this course is to start with the proposition that belief, or indeed unbelief, cannot be exercised unless there is comprehension of the truth of the Bible. This course will teach the student the truth about the Bible in a summary manner and learn its anatomy and the truth contained in Scripture. 1.5 Credits

5. CF516 - The Names of Jesus

To really know God, you must get to know Him by name. The names of God in Scripture are really a self-revelation of God in His nature and attributes. The sheer number of such names and titles in Scripture suggest something of the immensity of God. The Bible identifies more than 700 descriptive names and titles of Jesus Christ. This study will help the student to get to know Jesus Christ more fully by studying several of His key names and titles. 1.5 Credits

MODULE 3 - CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (7.5 Credits)

1. CF204 Biblical Leadership Principles

A review of Biblical management principles with emphasis on servant leadership, Biblical leaders, and Scriptural strategies for success. 1.5 Credits

2. CF210 - Healing Ministry

In this course we are making a careful evaluation of the strategies available to win the war against Satan in the battle for your body. You will learn to do battle for your physical body and to minister these truths to other wounded warriors in God's army. 1.5 Credits

3. CF200 - Ministry of the Holy Spirit

This study focuses on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, spiritual fruit, and spiritual gifts. Students are guided in discovery of their own spiritual gifts and position of

ministry in the Body of Christ. 1.5 Credits

4. CF520 - Jail and Prison Ministry

This class provides instruction for every level of involvement: The minimal level of corresponding with an inmate, visiting one-on-one with inmates, ministering in group worship services, special programs, or Bible studies inside an institution, assisting inmate's families, providing post-prison ministry upon an inmate's release from a penal institution. 1.5 Credits

5. CF312 - Women - A Biblical Profile

This course summarizes all the Bible teaches regarding women. It is not only a study guide, but a reference tool as it lists all the passages about women and references to all the individual women mentioned in the Word of God. 1.5 Credits

MODULE 4 - CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (7.5 Credits)

1. CF100 - Guide to Intercessory Prayer

This course is an introduction to the ministry of intercessory prayer as given in James 5:16, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." 1.5 Credits

2. CF201 - Spiritual Warfare

The entire record of God's Word, the Bible, describes men and women who faced difficult battles of life. In fact, the Apostle Paul describes life as a combat, conflict, and continual wrestling. This is the spiritual arena of life known as "spiritual warfare". 1.5 Credits

3. CF101 - Foundations of Faith

This course stresses the importance of proper spiritual foundations for life and ministry by focusing on foundations of the Christian faith identified in Hebrews 6:1: repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection, and eternal judgment. 1.5 Credits

4. CF305 - Kingdom Living

This course concerns the Kingdom of God. It introduces the two spiritual kingdoms, their rulers, and residents. It provides spiritual keys for gaining access to the Kingdom of God and warns of things which result in being cast out of the Kingdom. The past, present, and future of this Kingdom are examined, Kingdom parables are explained, and its patterns and principles of living are stressed. 1.5 Credits

5. CF306 - Developing a Biblical World View

Three courses explain how to expand the vision you have received by sharing with others what you have learned. You will learn how to train laborers for spiritual harvest who will be able to train others also.

MODULE 5 - CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (7.5 Credits)

1. CF516 - Biblical Theology

The word "theology" comes from two Greek words, theos meaning "God" and logos meaning "the word about" or "the study of" God as He is revealed in the Scriptures. Simply defined, theology is an in-depth study of the Holy Bible. The student will discover what God has said about Himself, His purposes, His plans, and His promises

2. CF506 - The Names of the Holy Spirit

To really know God, you must get to know Him by name. The names of God in Scripture are really a self-revelation of God in His nature and attributes. The sheer number of such names and titles in Scripture suggest something of the immensity of God. The Bible identifies more than 700 descriptive names and titles of Jesus Christ. This study will help the student to get to know Jesus Christ more fully by studying several of His key names and titles.

3. CF510 - Pneumatology

The word Pneumatology comes from two Greek words which mean "wind, air, spirit" and "word" - combining to mean "the study of the Holy Spirit."

Pneumatology is the study of God the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. The student will learn and answer important questions about the Holy Spirit and His work in the life of the believer.

4. CF515 - Soteriology

Soteriology is the study of the doctrine of salvation. Soteriology discusses how Christ's death secures the salvation of those who believe. The student will learn the meaning of the doctrines of redemption, justification, sanctification, propitiation, and the substitutionary atonement.

5. CF518 - Manners and Customs

Many passages of Scripture that are hard to understand, are readily explained by a knowledge of the customs and manners of Bible lands. The student will learn the Manners and Customs of Bible Lands

MODULE 6 - CERTIFICATE IN PRAYER & SPIRITUAL MINISTRY **(7.5 Credits)**

1. CF300 - Divine Provision

This book, "Divine Provision," will prepare you personally and your ministry corporately to face what is happening now and what will occur in the future in the financial realm. Your position in the face of the current and impending crises will not be one of weakness, but it will be a stance of strength, faith, and power, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

2. CF308 - Battle for the Body

In this course we are making a careful evaluation of the strategies available to win the war against Satan in the battle for your body. You will learn to do battle for your physical body and to minister these truths to other wounded warriors in God's army.

3. CF408 - Prisoner of The Lord

This is a book for those doing time in jail or prison, whether short or lengthy sentences, life without parole, or on death row. It is for inmates, with portions written by and about inmates. It also teaches Christians how to minister to those incarcerated.

4. CF509 - Confronting Crisis

There are always "some" with a bad report. In fact, there are usually "more" than "some" because we live in a negatively oriented world. The student will learn what to do when you don't know what to do, using Biblical guidelines drawn from the story of King Jehoshaphat's battle with enemy forces recorded in 2 Chronicles 20.

5. CF514 - Strategic Spiritual Warfare

This course will dispel one lie of the enemy right up front. You are not alone in your struggles. The entire record of God's Word, the Bible, describes men and women who faced difficult battles of life. You will be given the tools to live a victorious life.

MODULE 7 - CERTIFICATE IN EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING **(7.5 Credits)**

1. CF301 - Management by Objectives

"Management By Objectives" is a method for conducting Christian ministry in an orderly, effective manner. It is not enough to just know God's will for your life and ministry. You must make definite plans to fulfill your spiritual calling. You must learn to work with God to fulfill His purpose and plans.

2. CF303 - Methodology of Multiplication

This course shares Biblical methods of spiritual reproduction which will enable you to multiply in obedience to God's command. You will learn how to multiply spiritually as an individual and corporately within the context of the local church.

3. CF304 - Principals of Environmental Analysis

This course introduces principles of environmental analysis necessary for organizing and mobilizing spiritual resources for evangelizing. This study stresses the importance of environmental analysis in planning strategies to reach the world with the Gospel.

4. CF310 - Mobilization Methodologies

This course presents methods (a clearly defined way) of mobilizing believers to achieve spiritual harvest.

5. CF405 - Leaven Like Evangelism

In this course the student will learn about the mandate given by Jesus to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and receive instruction on the message to be shared, the messengers of the Gospel, how to communicate the Gospel, and to whom it is to be communicated. The student will also learn many methods of evangelism, with emphasis on those used in New Testament times. Both personal and mass evangelism methods are discussed, with specific instruction on how to deal with difficulties in evangelizing and the follow-up care of new converts.

MODULE 8 - CERTIFICATE IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION (7.5 Credits)

1. CF401 - Book Biblical Numbers

This study explains the importance of biblical numerology and provides guidelines for properly interpreting numbers. You will learn the meaning of selected numbers, their prophetic significance, and how to apply what you learn. These foundational studies will equip you to interpret the spiritual meaning of numbers used in scripture and provide the skills necessary for you to continue this fascinating study independently.

2. CF403 - Covenant of Abraham

A great story-but much more than a story. The student will learn a historical record of the birth of the nation of Israel. More than the story of one man. It is the story of a divine covenant the supernatural promises of God intended to pass from generation to generation, down through the centuries.

3. CF588 - Christian Leadership

Christian leadership is not a mysterious domain for a chosen few with a special gift of wisdom. Even if a you have no calling to a biblical office, the principles are available to all. This gives influence in the area of your gifts, with or without titles.

4. CF589 - Equipping For Leadership

This course deals with leadership which will incorporates both theory and practice in an equal balance and to look at the differences between worldly and Christian philosophies of leadership.

5. CF590 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP 101

This class will help the leader understand what you do and help you be a better, more effective, more understanding and stronger leader.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES DEGREE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite to enroll: A High School Diploma

Degree is granted upon successful completion of 120 credit hours.

1. BITH100 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

This course traces the history of the Bible and includes discussions of inspiration, the biblical canon, major manuscripts, textual criticism, early translations, and modern versions. 3 Credits

2. BITH101 - UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

A survey of the Old Testament. Emphasis is placed on the major themes, key scriptures, and major personalities of each book. Historical and literary backgrounds of the books are covered. 3 Credits

3. BITH102 - UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

An introduction to the New Testament that examines major themes, broad divisions, key scriptures, major personalities, and the structure and context of each book. Literary and historical backgrounds are also examined. 3 Credits

4. BITH104 - PRAYING WITH POWER

This course aims at inspiring students; giving them the courage to pray for the impossible and helping them find the persistence to see their prayers to completion. 3 Credits

5. BITH105 - PERSONAL EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLEMAKING

This course will challenge students to commit themselves to the fulfillment of the Great Commission to "go make disciples of all the nations". A step-by-step guide to disciple making is proposed. 3 Credits

6. BTH106 - CHRISTIAN LIVING

This course introduces the student to patterns and principles of Kingdom living applicable to life and ministry. 3 Credits

7. BICM109 - PREPARING FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

This course will help students discover their calling and inspire them to place their God given gifts at the Lord's disposal. Principles of biblical vision and spiritual leadership are covered so as to help students become powerful servants

of the Almighty. 3 Credits

8. BITH107 - FOUNDATIONS OF LEADERSHIP

From Moses to the Lord Jesus, to the Apostles, the Bible is a great text on leadership. Basic principles of leadership and practical insights will be covered from a biblical perspective. 3 Credits

9. BITH103 - SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

This course stresses the importance of a proper spiritual foundation for life and ministry by providing an overview of Bible doctrines identified in Hebrews 6:1: Repentance, faith, baptism, laying of hands, resurrection, and eternal judgment. 3 Credits

10. BITH200 - BIBLICAL HISTORY OF ISRAEL

The Bible tells the story of God's redemptive work in the life and death of Jesus Christ through the human history of the nation of Israel and the early church. This course helps the student pinpoint the place and time of major events in salvation history. 3 Credits

11. BITH202 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH

This course provides the student with biblical, historical, and theological foundations of Christian education. The student will be led to explore principles for an effective implementation of education programs in the local church. 3 Credits

12. BITH203 - THE GOSPELS

This course will review the historical Background of the Gospels, the message of the four Gospels, and the Life and ministry of Christ. 3 Credits

13. BITH204 - THE PENTATEUCH

The Pentateuch-Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy are the vital first books in the Bible. Understanding the scope, meaning, and events of these five books is integral to understanding the whole of Scripture that follows. 3 Credits

14. BITH205 - HISTORICAL BOOK

The background information and the major themes of the 12 historical books of the Old Testament are reviewed in greater detail. 3 Credits

15. BITH206 - BIBLICAL PREACHING 101

This course provides an overview of aspects of biblical preaching, including the development and delivery of biblical sermons. 3 Credits

16. BICM207 - NEW TESTAMENT ECCLESIOLOGY

Basic models of church government which have developed over the course of church history are presents. The student will be exposed to the biblical, historical, and theological underpinning of each church governance tradition. 3 Credits

17. BITH208 - FUNDAMENTALS OF BIBLICAL EXEGESIS

This course teaches students how to carefully read Scripture in the biblical context, and to dig deeper into the Word of God so they will be able to understand the Bible correctly and apply its meaning to their lives and ministries. 3 Credits

18. BITH209 - INTRODUCTION TO MISSIOLOGY

"Missio Dei" is the idea that God is actively working to reconcile his creation to Himself through Jesus Christ. This course presents an overview of the theology of missions, as well as current trends in missions. 3 Credits

19. BINT300 - ACTS

The book of Acts, also referred to as the "Acts of the Apostles" or the "Acts of the Holy Spirit", presents the exciting story of the beginning of the church. Through a rigorous exposition of the book of Acts, students gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the early disciples' commitment to the fulfillment of the Great Commission. 3 Credits

20. BIOT301 - OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS OF POETRY

The poetic books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon are covered in detail. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined. 3 Credits

21. BINT302 - EPISTLES OF PAUL I

This course is a study of the ministry and teachings of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Pauline Epistles. The life setting of each letter is related to Paul's journeys described in the book of Acts. Special attention is given to the major theological themes of the epistles. Part I covers the Book of Galatians through II Thessalonians. 3 Credits

22. BINT304 - ROMANS

This course will provide an in-depth and exegetical study of the Epistle to the

Romans emphasizing its contribution to Christian theology and life. 3 Credits

23. BITH305 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

This course is an overview of the theological areas of prolegomena, revelation, theology proper, anthropology, and Christology. 3 Credits

24. BITH306 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

This is an overview of the theological areas of anthropology, Christology, and pneumatology. 3 Credits

25. BITH307 - CHURCH HISTORY I

This course is an overview of how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation. 3 Credits

26. BITH309 - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

This course moves participants beyond the natural world into the realm of the Spirit. Tactics of the enemy are analyzed and strategies of spiritual warfare assuring victory over the principalities and powers of the spirit world are explained. Guidelines for receiving and ministering healing will also be covered. 3 Credits

27. BICM310 DIVINE HEALING

This course is designed to help students gain greater confidence and competence in the actual practice of those ministry skills that will be needed in the student's anticipated ministry role. Mentoring is provided through both individual meetings with an experienced practitioner and peer ministry reflection groups. 3 Credits

28. BICM400 - CHURCH PLANTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

This course will provide the student with an overview of the theology, theory, and practice of a church-planting ministry. Special attention will be given to a model of evangelism for church planting, to the Pauline cycle, and to contemporary models of church planting. 3 Credits

29. BITH401 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III

This course is an overview of the theological areas of soteriology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. 3 Credits

30. BINT402 - GENERAL EPISTLES

The course provides a close reading of James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John,

III, and Jude with special attention given to literary, socio-historical and theological understandings of the epistles. 3 Credits

31. BICM404 - PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of this course is to help each student identify, understand and develop the fundamental skills of church administration and leadership in a Christian setting. 3 Credits

32. BIOT406 - OLD TESTAMENT - MAJOR PROPHETS

This course is a study of the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined. 3 Credits

33. BIOT407 - OLD TESTAMENT - MINOR PROPHETS

This course is a study of the books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined. 3 Credits

34. BINT408 - HEBREWS

This course is a detailed study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. 3 Credits

35. BITH409 - BIBLICAL PREACHING (HOMELETICS)

The principles and practice of crafting and delivering a biblical sermon will be outlined and demonstrated. 3 Credits

36. BITH410A - SURVEY OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Biblical mandates and principles governing the task of the church in edifying and equipping the saints for service; home and hospital visitation; worship; and church ceremonies. 3 Credits

37. CF506 - The Names of the Holy Spirit

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39. CF590 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP 101

This class will help the leader understand what you do and help you be a better, more effective, more understanding and stronger leader. 3 Credits

40. CF504 - HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE

Most Christians understand that the Bible they hold in their hands is the inspired Word of God. Yet very few have a general understanding of the origin of the Bible. The purpose of this class, therefore, is to show the student how the Bible came to be and why it can be accepted as the unerring, authoritative Word of God. 3 Credits

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES DEGREE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite to enroll: A recognized Associates degree,
Degree is granted upon successful completion of 60 credit hours.

1. BITH102 - UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

An introduction to the New Testament that examines major themes, broad divisions, key scriptures, major personalities, and the structure and context of each book. Literary and historical backgrounds are also examined. 3 Credits

2. BITH103 - SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

This course stresses the importance of a proper spiritual foundation for life and ministry by providing an overview of Bible doctrines identified in Hebrews 6:1: Repentance, faith, baptism, laying of hands, resurrection, and eternal judgment. 3 Credits

3. BITH107 - FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

From Moses to the Lord Jesus, to the Apostles, the Bible is a great text on leadership. Basic principles of leadership and practical insights will be covered from a biblical perspective. 3 Credits

4. BTH200 - BIBLICAL HISTORY OF ISRAEL

The Bible tells the story of God's redemptive work in the life and death of Jesus Christ through the human history of the nation of Israel and the early church. This course helps the student pinpoint the place and time of major events in salvation history. 3 Credits

5. BINT300 - ACTS

The book of Acts, also referred to as the "Acts of the Apostles" or the "Acts of the Holy Spirit", presents the exciting story of the beginning of the church. Through a rigorous exposition of the book of Acts, students gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the early disciples' commitment to the fulfillment of the Great Commission. 3 Credits

6. BIOT301 - OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS OF POETRY

The poetic books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon are covered in detail. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined. 3 Credits

7. BINT302 - EPISTLES OF PAUL I

This course is a study of the ministry and teachings of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Pauline Epistles. The life setting of each letter is related to Paul's journeys described in the book of Acts. Special attention is given to the major theological themes of the epistles. Part I covers the Book of Galatians through II Thessalonians. 3 Credits

8. BICM310 - DIVINE HEALING

This course is designed to help students gain greater confidence and competence in the actual practice of those ministry skills that will be needed in the student's anticipated ministry role. Mentoring is provided through both individual meetings with an experienced practitioner and peer ministry reflection groups. 3 Credits

9. BINT304 - ROMANS

This course will provide an in-depth and exegetical study of the Epistle to the Romans emphasizing its contribution to Christian theology and life. 3 Credits

10. BITH305 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

This course is an overview of the theological areas of prolegomena, revelation, theology proper, anthropology, and Christology. 3 Credits

11. BITH306 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

This is an overview of the theological areas of anthropology, Christology, and pneumatology. 3 Credits

12. BITH307 - CHURCH HISTORY

This course is an overview of how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation. 3 Credits

13. BITH410 - A SURVEY OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Biblical mandates and principles governing the task of the church in edifying and equipping the saints for service; home and hospital visitation; worship; and church ceremonies. 3 Credits

14. BITH309 - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

This course moves participants beyond the natural world into the realm of the Spirit. Tactics of the enemy are analyzed and strategies of spiritual warfare assuring victory over the principalities and powers of the spirit world are

explained. Guidelines for receiving and ministering healing will also be covered.
3 Credits

15. BIOT406 - OLD TESTAMENT - MAJOR PROPHETS

This course is a study of the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined. 3 Credits

16. BIOT407 - OLD TESTAMENT - MINOR PROPHETS

This course is a study of the books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined.
3 Credits

17. BINT402 - GENERAL EPISTLES

The course provides a close reading of James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III, and Jude with special attention given to literary, socio-historical and theological understandings of the epistles. 3 Credits

18. BICM404 - PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of this course is to help each student identify, understand and develop the fundamental skills of church administration and leadership in a Christian setting. 3 Credits

19. BINT408 - HEBREWS

This course is a detailed study of the Epistle to the Hebrews. 3 Credits

20. BITH409 - BIBLICAL PREACHING (HOMELETICS)

The principles and practice of crafting and delivering a biblical sermon will be outlined and demonstrated. 3 Credits

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MINISTRY DEGREE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite to enroll: A recognized Associates degree,
Degree is granted upon successful completion of 60 credit hours.

1. BITH100 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

This course traces the history of the Bible and includes discussions of inspiration, the biblical canon, major manuscripts, textual criticism, early translations, and modern versions. 3 Credits

2. BITH101 - UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

A survey of the Old Testament. Emphasis is placed on the major themes, key scriptures, and major personalities of each book. Historical and literary backgrounds of the books are covered. 3 Credits

3. BITH104 - PRAYING WITH POWER

This course aims at inspiring students; giving them the courage to pray for the impossible and helping them find the persistence to see their prayers to completion. 3 Credits

4. BICM109 - PREPARING FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

This course will help students discover their calling and inspire them to place their God given gifts at the Lord's disposal. Principles of biblical vision and spiritual leadership are covered so as to help students become powerful servants of the Almighty. 3 Credits

5. BITH200 - BIBLICAL HISTORY OF ISRAEL

The Bible tells the story of God's redemptive work in the life and death of Jesus Christ through the human history of the nation of Israel and the early church. This course helps the student pinpoint the place and time of major events in salvation history. 3 Credits

6. BITH202 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH

This course provides the student with biblical, historical, and theological foundations of Christian education. The student will be led to explore principles for an effective implementation of education programs in the local church. 3 Credits

7. BITH203 - THE GOSPELS

This course will review the historical Background of the Gospels, the message of the four Gospels, and the Life and ministry of Christ. 3 Credits

8. BITH204 - THE PENTATEUCH

The Pentateuch-Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy-are the vital first books in the Bible. Understanding the scope, meaning, and events of these five books is integral to understanding the whole of Scripture that follows. 3 Credits

9. BITH205 - HISTORICAL BOOKS

The background information and the major themes of the 12 historical books of the Old Testament are reviewed in greater detail. 3 Credits

10. BITH206 - BIBLICAL PREACHING 101

This course provides an overview of aspects of biblical preaching, including the development and delivery of biblical sermons. 3 Credits

11. BITH208 - FUNDAMENTALS OF BIBLICAL EXEGESIS

This course teaches students how to carefully read Scripture in the biblical context, and to dig deeper into the Word of God so they will be able to understand the Bible correctly and apply its meaning to their lives and ministries. 3 Credits

12. BITH304 - ROMANS

This course will provide an in-depth and exegetical study of the Epistle to the Romans emphasizing its contribution to Christian theology and life. 3 Credits

13. BITH305 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

This course is an overview of the theological areas of prolegomena, revelation, theology proper, anthropology, and Christology. 3 Credits

14. BITH306 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

This is an overview of the theological areas of anthropology, Christology, and pneumatology. 3 Credits

15. BITH307 - CHURCH HISTORY

This course is an overview of how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation. 3 Credits

16. BICM400 - CHURCH PLANTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

This course will provide the student with an overview of the theology, theory, and practice of a church-planting ministry. Special attention will be given to a model of evangelism for church planting, to the Pauline cycle, and to contemporary models of church planting. 3 Credits

17. BICM404 - PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of this course is to help each student identify, understand and develop the fundamental skills of church administration and leadership in a Christian setting. 3 Credits

19. BITH409 - BIBLICAL PREACHING

The principles and practice of crafting and delivering a biblical sermon will be outlined and demonstrated. 3 Credits

20. BITH410 - A SURVEY OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Biblical mandates and principles governing the task of the church in edifying and equipping the saints for service; home and hospital visitation; worship; and church ceremonies. 3 Credits

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES DEGREE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Prerequisite to enroll: A recognized Bachelor's degree,
Degree is granted upon successful completion of 36 credit hours including thesis

1. BITH502 - THE GOSPELS/THE LIFE OF CHRIST

A chronological and synthetic study of the Gospels' accounts of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. 3 Credits

2. BITH504 - OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY I

The Old Testament books of Genesis-Kings are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible. 3 Credits

3. BITH505 - OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY II

Latter Prophets & Writings The Old Testament books of Job-Malachi are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible. 3 Credits

4. BITH506 - BASIC HEBREW

Essentials of biblical Hebrew grammar: orthography, morphophonemics, vocabulary; historical developments; readings and exercises. 3 Credits

5. BITH536 - INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS

"Missio Dei" is the idea that God is actively working to reconcile His creation to Himself through Jesus Christ. This course presents an overview of the theology of missions, as well as current trends in missions. 3 Credits

6. BITH551 - BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

The aim of this course is to develop a working knowledge of the basic skills of biblical interpretation. Students will be introduced to the various skills needed to work with the different types of literature, or genre, found in the Bible as well as matters of context and content. The goal of this course is to help students to become skilled, life-long exegetes of God's Word. 3 Credits

7. BITH575 - COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Comparative religion is the branch of the study of religions concerned with the systematic comparison of the doctrines and practices, themes, and impacts (including migration) of the world's religions. 3 Credits

8. BITH576 - CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE

This course will approach ethics on a scriptural basis. It will not be too concerned with secular ethics, either traditional or contemporary, except as they relate to Biblical ethics. 3 Credits

9. BITH599 - THESIS (6 CREDITS). 6 Credits

10. BITH600 - APOLOGETICS

In this course, students compare biblical, historical, and recent approaches to defending faith in God, Christ, and Scripture. 3 Credits

11. BITH630 - CHURCH HISTORY I - FROM PENTECOST TO REFORMATION

In this course, students discover how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation. 3 Credits

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY DEGREE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Prerequisite to enroll: A recognized Bachelor's degree,
Degree is granted upon successful completion of 36 credit hours including thesis

1. BITH507 - HEBREW EXEGESIS (THE BOOK OF ISAIAH)

In addition to surveying the contents of the book, the course develops the understanding and skills of exegetical exposition. 3 Credits

2. BITH536 - INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS

"Missio Dei" is the idea that God is actively working to reconcile His creation to Himself through Jesus Christ. This course presents an overview of the theology of missions, as well as current trends in missions. 3 Credits

3. BITH537 - CHURCH PLANTING

Biblical and historical perspectives on church planting; starting new churches in the age of the Internet; steps and procedures for establishing a mission and developing it into an organized church; practical methods and techniques used in church planting. 3 Credits

4. BITH571 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 1

A systematic study of Christian theology with special attention given to bibliology and theology properly. 3 Credits

5. BITH575 - COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Comparative religion is the branch of the study of religions concerned with the systematic comparison of the doctrines and practices, themes, and impacts (including migration) of the world's religions. 3 Credits

6. BITH576 - CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE

This course will approach ethics on a scriptural basis. It will not be too concerned with secular ethics, either traditional or contemporary, except as they relate to Biblical ethics. 3 Credits

7. BITH590 - INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The nature and principles of biblical counseling, techniques and theories of counseling; patterns of problem solving, the counselor and counselee relationship; the sufficiency of Scripture; and biblical conflict resolution. 3 Credits

8. BITH599 - THESIS (6 Credits)

9. BITH600 - APOLOGETICS

In this course, students compare biblical, historical, and recent approaches to defending faith in God, Christ, and Scripture. 3 Credits

10. BITH551 - BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

The aim of this course is to develop a working knowledge of the basic skills of biblical interpretation. Students will be introduced to the various skills needed to work with the different types of literature, or genre, found in the Bible as well as matters of context and content. The goal of this course is to help students to become skilled, life-long exegetes of God's Word. 3

11. BITH630 - CHURCH HISTORY I - FROM PENTECOST TO REFORMATION

In this course, students discover how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation. 3 Credits

MASTER'S IN DIVINITY DEGREE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Prerequisite to enroll: A recognized Bachelor's degree,
Degree is granted upon successful completion of 36 credit hours including thesis

1. BITH504 - OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY I

The Old Testament books of Genesis-Kings are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible. 3 Credits

2. BITH505 - OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY II

Latter Prophets & Writings The Old Testament books of Job-Malachi are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible. 3 Credits

3. BITH506 - BASIC HEBREW

Essentials of biblical Hebrew grammar: orthography, morphophonemics, vocabulary; historical developments; readings and exercises. 3 Credits

4. BITH571 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 1

A systematic study of Christian theology with special attention given to bibliology and theology properly. 3 Credits

5. BITH572 - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

This course is an overview of the theological areas of prolegomena, revelation, theology proper, anthropology, and Christology. 3 Credits

6. CH631 - THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH SINCE THE REFORMATION

In this course, students survey the development of the Christian church's doctrine, faith, and practice from the Protestant Reformation to the present. 3 Credits

7. BITH575 - COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Comparative religion is the branch of the study of religions concerned with the systematic comparison of the doctrines and practices, themes, and impacts (including migration) of the world's religions. 3 Credits

8. BITH 599 - THESIS (6 Credits)

9. BITH601 - CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY I

This course introduces students to the major movements and thinkers, theologians and philosophers in the Christian tradition since the eighteenth-century Enlightenment, together with an examination of their philosophical backgrounds. Part I: Barth through Tillich. Part II: Vatican II to postmodern theologies. 3 Credits

10. BITH602 - CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY II

This course introduces students to the major movements and thinkers, theologians and philosophers in the Christian tradition since the eighteenth-century Enlightenment, together with an examination of their philosophical backgrounds. Part I: Barth through Tillich. Part II: Vatican II to postmodern theologies. 3 Credits

11. BITH551 - BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

The aim of this course is to develop a working knowledge of the basic skills of biblical interpretation. Students will be introduced to the various skills needed to work with the different types of literature, or genre, found in the Bible as well as matters of context and content. The goal of this course is to help students to become skilled, life-long exegetes of God's Word. 3 Credits

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD)
Doctor of Theology Degree (ThD)

Candidates will specialize in one of the fields of theological scholarship, such as: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; New Testament and Early Christian Studies; History of Christianity; Systematic Theology; Ethics; Church Growth and Mission Studies.

Study for the degree of doctor of theology extends through three stages: Coursework, Knowledge Area Modules (KAM), and dissertation.

Candidates for this degree must fulfill the following:

6 credit hours of Course work
6 credit hours of Seminar: Theology: Oral and written presentation
24 credit hours of dissertation

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The applicant must have earned a master's degree in Divinity, Theology, or Biblical Studies.

1. THD890 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

This course will provide students with the tools for doctoral level research and opportunities for reflection on becoming scholar-pastor. Students are introduced to the conduct and reporting of scholarly theological research. 6 Credits

2. 6 credit hours of Seminar: Theology: Oral and written presentation. 6 Credits

3. 24 credit hours of dissertation. 24 Credits

ACCREDITATION

All courses that are implemented by SDIBS are accredited by The National Bible College Association, an evangelical, faith based, accrediting agency.

The Courses that Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary implements are fully accredited by The National Bible College Association which is a non-governmental accreditation, extended exclusively to private, Christian institutions upon inspection and approval of their programs, operations, and integrity.

The National Bible College Association is a worldwide accreditation that honors the separation of church and state, and extends beyond national boundaries. Its standards and expectations measure compliance with scriptural principles as applied to education.

The Purpose Of Accreditation Is To:

Certify that an institution has met the established standards of excellence assist prospective students in identifying reputable institutions, which offer degree programs that will meet their needs and goals allow institutions to evaluate the acceptability of transfer credits into their own curricula programs

In the United States, accreditation of universities and seminaries is a voluntary process with accreditation granted by private, non-governmental agencies. Governmental agencies do not provide theological or ministry accreditation.

Government-recognized accreditation is not necessary for the religious vocations in which we are equipping our students and people working in ministry positions do not need a government-accredited degree.

We do not prepare our students for secular work or denominational service. We will seek to provide a sound theological standing from which our students may fulfill their divine purpose and calling.

Our status as a Christian College is as follows:

Registered with the Secretary of State in Florida, USA Accredited with the

National Bible College Association, an evangelical, faith based, accrediting agency.

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary Degree Programs of Study have been declared by the appropriate State Authority exempt from the requirements for licensure, under provisions of Florida General Statutes Section 1005.06(1)(f) for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education. Exemption from licensure is not based upon assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.

Us Department Of Education Accreditation

USDE accreditation is not necessary for the theological degrees in which we offer. Individuals seeking employment in government-licensed positions such as public school teachers, state-licensed psychological or psychiatrist, and non-church-related counselors will more than likely need USDE accredited degrees. Generally speaking, people working in ministry positions do not need a USDE accredited degree. If you are pursuing education at SDIBS with the intent of obtaining employment or for some other reason, you should check with that organization BEFORE applying for enrollment in SDIBS. SDIBS assumes no liability of any kind.

Separation of Church and State

- There is secular education and there is religious education.
- Religious schools are not legally required to become accredited
- Secular schools seek secular education, and sacred schools receive sacred or ecclesiastic accreditation each by their own peers.
- Religious institutions need no secular accreditation because they offer no secular degrees.
- Secular accreditation associations in turn are recognized by governmental agencies. They trace their authority back to the capitol of a country, like Washington, D.C.
- Religious accrediting associations are recognized by the Church of Jesus Christ, which has no supreme central office on earth. Our authority is derived directly from Heaven.
- Civil and religious interest are different and have separate realms of jurisdiction.
- The State is not superior to the Church. The Church need not wait for approval from the secular world.
- Civil agencies should not be dictating standards of Christian education;

- any more than a police officer should be directing the worship of God.
- Theological Seminaries should not be accredited by accrediting associations that are "recognized" by an agency of the federal government, because it is contrary to the Biblical principle of "Separation of Church and State," indicated by Christ when He said, "...Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's..." (Mark 12:17).
- What business does a Christian educator have going to the world of unbelievers for recognition and acknowledgement when 2 Corinthians 6:14 clearly tells us, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"
- A Christian educational institution securing accreditation from an association which is attached to a governmental agency is a Scripturally condemned and unholy union as James 4:4 says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?"

Why not become accredited by the Department of Education? In many cases the government's Department of Education is not qualified to accredit a private school, such as a Bible School, because the DOE is secular and a Bible or Christian School is spiritual thus our standards are not secular and cannot be judged by secular standards!

As we find in 1 Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Therefore, a state agency is not able to determine if a spiritually directed learning institution is meeting the mandates of the Bible!

Accreditation has many benefits for both educational institutions and students, but it is neither a guaranty nor is it the sole criterion of an excellent education. Every accredited institution was once unaccredited. For example, Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) was founded in 1924 but was not accredited by SACS until 1969, long after the graduation of notables such as Dwight Pentecost, Charles Ryrie, and Chuck Swindoll. Dallas Theological Seminary was not accredited by ATS until 1994, but its excellent education before then is unassailable.

Where promotional material for an unaccredited institution consist of an advertisement in a periodical published by a person or entity that is not affiliated with the unaccredited institution, the disclosure required in subsection (a) may be

abbreviated to state as follows NOT ACCREDITED BY AN AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION. The disclosure required under this subsection shall be made in a type size as large or larger than any other text in the advertisement.

For more information on accreditation you may click on the following link to read the blog entitled What is the Big Deal about Accreditation?

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary
Non-Discrimination, Privacy Rights, Accreditation Information
(This form is to be read and signed by all prospective students upon application
to the college)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

Non-Discrimination Policy: Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of nationality, ethnic origin, age, or gender. We guarantee the rights and privileges, and the availability of programs and activities to all students of the College/Seminary.

Privacy Rights of Students: STATUE 20 UNITED STATES CODE, 1232g and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The code provides for an institution to establish a category of student information termed "directory information." All information, such as health and medical records, disciplinary records, records of personal counseling, required student and family financial income information records, transcripts or student permanent academic records, student placement records and other personally identifiable information shall be open for inspection only to the student and such members of the professional staff of Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary, as have responsibility or working with the student. Such information will not be released to second parties without consent of the student. Except as required for use by the President in the discharge of his/her official responsibility prescribed by laws, regulations of the state board, and board policies, the designated custodian of such records may release information from these records to others only upon authorization in writing from the student or upon a subpoena by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary are accredited by The National Bible College Association, a private, non-governmental accrediting agency, and is not regionally accredited.

The National Bible College Association accredits, according to accepted educational standards, private educational institutions and exempt Bible Colleges and Seminaries. Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary have not sought U.S. Department of Education recognition at this time nor does Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary guarantee the acceptance of academic credit by other colleges, universities, private educational institutions or other Bible colleges or schools. The degrees offered are for use in the various fields of Christian

ministry and are not to be confused with secular degrees which may necessitate different educational requirements. The diploma or degree granted by Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary does not reflect arts or sciences. Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is not a job placement service and makes no claim regarding employment.

The Degree Program "Tracks" are suggested programs to give perspective to the student and are not meant to be rigid. We desire to help each student fulfill his/her calling. It may be possible through testing and evaluation to receive credit for a course or substitute a course. Each student must be evaluated individually. Students enrolling with Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary who already possess a degree in Arts or Sciences MUST be evaluated to become candidates for the next degree and may be required to complete prerequisite testing or courses.

By signing this form, I declare that have thoroughly read and understand the above statements.

School Administrator _____
Student Signature _____

Student's Name PRINT _____

Signature Date _____

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary

ACCREDITATION - TRANSFER OF CREDITS - PURPOSE

This form is to be read, initialed, and signed by all prospective students upon application to the college.

This document is to help Administrators and students better understand "accreditation," "transfer of credits," and "our purpose."

ACCREDITATION

Webster's Dictionary defines it as: to give trust or confidence to; to vouch for; to recommend; to furnish with credentials, as an envoy or ambassador. An accreditation commission is like a "watchman on the wall." The main purpose of accreditation is quality assurance. It assures the student that he/she will receive good quality material, grades and records of the courses taken, and a certificate, diploma, or degree upon completion of the program in which they are enrolled. Every accreditation group is not the same.

There are different accrediting groups, focused in different areas of accreditation. SDIBS is accredited with the National Bible College Association which exist to help the religious world to obtain accreditation that is not government affiliated. The National Bible College Association sees that quality cannot be finally judged by the size of the student body, the size of the buildings or rich financial endowments.

Students must receive education in a proper climate to receive the quality education they need.

The National Bible College Association is an international accrediting commission which holds as its primary objective the encouragement and maintenance of sound scholarship and the highest academic achievement in the areas of private education. Quality education is the goal at all times. This is an international accreditation society for preparation of quality education in private schools, colleges, and theological seminaries. This Commission is a General Not for Profit Corporation.

**Overview of
The National Bible College Association**

ACCREDITATION PURPOSE

(Students are to initial at each designated point as having read and understood the statement)

1. To stimulate excellence at reasonable cost.

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2. To assure the public that, particular institutions, who have been approved for membership offer programs that meet national and international standards.

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3. To protect institutions against encroachments.

_____ **(initial)**

To encourage non-traditional learning, such as the extended campus concept, yet to insist on quality.

_____ **(initial)**

To recognize external degree programs, but to constantly search for new definitions of quality.

_____ **(initial)**

As a member of The National Bible College Association, SDIBS must follow certain criteria. A few examples of such are:

1. We must follow a standard of excellence.

_____ **(initial)**

2. Students must be evaluated upon admission to school.

_____ **(initial)**

3. We must have a fair grading policy.

_____ **(initial)**

4. We do not guarantee job placement.

_____(initial)

5. We must assure that courses, curriculum and instruction are of good quality.

_____(initial)

6. SDIBS students must have a high school diploma or its equivalent to enter degree college work.

_____(initial)

7. Students must have a Bachelor degree to enter SDIBS graduate school.

_____(initial)

8. We must encourage students to work toward a quality education.

_____(initial)

9. We must obey state and federal laws.

_____(initial)

We must be registered in the state with the Post-Secondary Commission. Some states grant religious exemption, and allow Bible colleges to grant Degrees. Other states allow only certificate and diplomas.

_____(initial)

Transfer of Credits:

Secondly, we would like to explain the "transfer of credits. Webster's Dictionary defines "transfer" as: .to move from one place to another; to transport; to remove; to pass an impression from one surface to another, as in lithography, photography, etc.; to convey, as property, legally to another.

Concerning the transfer of credits: A student who has studied nursing in college and who has taken all of the courses could not transfer their credits to a college that does not offer nursing. They could transfer some for electives if a college chooses to accept any of those credits. Colleges are not required to accept credits from another college who does not offer the same course of study. You could not go to Bible School and decide to transfer to a liberal arts college to study History and receive any credits transfer. The credits will not transfer to the liberal arts college because they do not have a Bible program.

Every college can accept or reject courses from other colleges. Major colleges do not like to accept credits from schools they consider inferior to their school. Many

Bible colleges do not readily accept transfer of credits from other Bible colleges due to denominational and traditional differences. We accept credits from other colleges if the grade is a "C" or above, and if the credits meet the criteria for the SDIBS required and elective courses. That is why we evaluate students.

SDIBS makes no guarantee of transfer of credits outside of the NBCA membership.

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This does not mean that other colleges will not accept credits from SDIBS. Every college evaluates each student on an individual basis.

_____(initial)

Our Purpose:

Thirdly, we want to address "Purpose," in the context of why a student wishes to enroll in Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary. Students must decide their purpose in wanting to enroll in SDIBS.

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"And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do." Exodus 18:20 - NKJV

At Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary, our commission is to teach the ordinances and laws of God so that God's people can clearly see the way they should live and the work they must do to build the Kingdom of God. The student's spiritual growth is the most important focus of our college/seminary programs. SDIBS has not been designed to provide jobs for the graduates, students, or teachers. It is designed for students to learn. Education is not just for consuming. It is a tool to be used to benefit the Kingdom of God.

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The New Testament declares, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2: 15- NKJV). We are dedicated to the study of God's Word in order to present accomplished workmen in God's Kingdom.

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary was established to equip men and women for the work of the ministry. Although we expect that you will see personal spiritual development and growth while you are at SDIBS, our goal is to

provide you the tools with which you can reach out to meet the needs of others. You will receive from your training at SDIBS exactly what you put into it. If you apply yourself diligently to your studies and to your personal development, you will leave SDIBS ready to stand in the ministry to which God has called you. It will be wise for you to heed the words written to believers in Galatians 6:7-8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Funding:

Each student is responsible for their own school funding. We are not federally nor state funded. We do not receive government grants of any kind. Another question asked pertains to employers paying for schooling. There again it is on an individual basis. Some employers will pay for the schooling if they feel it will benefit their company or help the employee perform their job. If an employer does pay for schooling, the payment is made directly to the student. It is the responsibility of the student to pay their school bill, no matter what their employer pays for. Students should not enroll with SDIBS based upon hope of payment from a source other than themselves.

_____(initial)

Job Market

Job placement should not be the reason a student enrolls with us. We do not guarantee job placement. No jobs are guaranteed! We do not have a placement service!

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We want each student to carefully consider what their purpose is when they enroll with SDIBS. Your focus and purpose should be a desire to receive knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in the Word of God. In addition to this, your purpose should be to fulfill the call that God has placed upon your life.

We are strictly a Bible based, Theological Seminary.

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Sign to indicate that you have read and understand the Accreditation, Transfer of Credits, and Purpose.

Student name (printed) _____

Student signature _____

Date _____

Administrator signature _____ Date _____