

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Identity and House to House Assembly

Statement dated October 11, 2026

Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.



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DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER SERIES

KING JAMES BIBLE - KJB

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Purpose. This series provides concise official-position drafts for subjects identified in the doctrinal and governing framework of This Grace Bible Churches. Each paper is subordinate to the King James Bible and to the duly adopted superior governing documents of TGBC.

Scripture Standard. Scripture quotations in this series are from the King James Bible (KJB). Scripture references not quoted in full are included for study and doctrinal examination.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 1

THE KING JAMES BIBLE: INSPIRATION, PRESERVATION AND FINAL WRITTEN AUTHORITY

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

This Grace Bible Churches holds, accepts, affirms, and truly believes that God inspired His Word and preserved His Word. TGBC receives the King James Bible, Authorized Version of 1611 in its standardized 1769 textual tradition and Pure Cambridge Edition text form, as its official Bible and final written authority for faith, doctrine, conduct, assembly order, teaching, preaching, and ministry.

INSPIRATION

Inspiration belongs to God and His Word. Scripture is not treated merely as religious literature or human opinion. Because Scripture is given by inspiration of God, it is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

PRESERVATION

TGBC joins its confession of inspiration with the confession that God preserved His words. The assembly therefore approaches the Bible with confidence rather than treating the text as an authority that must be reconstructed by ecclesiastical tradition or human preference.

FINAL WRITTEN AUTHORITY

No creed, constitution, bishop, elder, council, tradition, commentary, translation committee, doctrinal paper, or administrative policy stands above the Word of God. TGBC governing documents are subordinate instruments and must be interpreted consistently with Scripture.

ENGLISH BIBLE HERITAGE

Within TGBC teaching, the English Bible heritage associated with the Reformation-era line of Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthew, Great, Geneva, Bishops', and the King James Bible may be studied as part of the historical discussion of preservation. The doctrinal authority used by TGBC itself remains the King James Bible identified above.

CONCLUSION

TGBC therefore teaches from, quotes from, and settles its written doctrinal determinations by the King James Bible.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJB

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Psalms 12:6-7 KJB

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

Isaiah 46:10 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Matthew 24:35 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 2

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

The Gospel proclaimed by TGBC for salvation today is the Gospel of Christ declared by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

GRACE

Salvation is the gift of God and is not obtained by religious works, ceremonies, law-keeping, water baptism, church membership, giving, personal merit, or human achievement.

FAITH

The sinner is justified by God's grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith does not become another work by which a person earns salvation; it receives what Christ accomplished.

FINISHED WORK

TGBC directs the sinner to Christ's death for sins, burial, and resurrection rather than to an institution or sacramental system as the ground of acceptance with God.

ASSURANCE

The believer's confidence rests in God's grace and the sufficiency of Christ's work rather than in the believer's ability to establish personal righteousness.

CONCLUSION

TGBC shall faithfully proclaim this Gospel and shall not substitute another message, ritual, institutional requirement, or work of man for the saving work of Christ.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Romans 3:24-26 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Romans 4:5 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 3

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

All Scripture is inspired and profitable, but Scripture must be rightly divided. TGBC rejects the idea that every command given to every people in every biblical setting is directly imposed upon the Body of Christ in the same manner.

ALL SCRIPTURE

Right division does not discard portions of the Bible. The whole Bible is the Word of God and is profitable. Right division seeks to recognize distinctions God Himself makes concerning people, promises, covenants, administrations, instructions, and purposes.

APPLICATION

TGBC distinguishes between what Scripture records for learning and what God specifically gives as present doctrinal instruction for the Body of Christ.

PAULINE PATTERN

The distinctive apostleship and writings of Paul are central to understanding God's present dispensation and the revelation of the Mystery.

CONCLUSION

Right division is therefore a governing principle of TGBC Bible study, teaching, preaching, and doctrinal determination.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

2 Timothy 2:15 KJB

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJB

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Romans 15:4 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Corinthians 10:11 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 4

THE DISTINCTIVE APOSTLESHIP OF PAUL AND THE DISPENSATION OF THE GRACE OF GOD

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC recognizes the distinctive apostleship and ministry of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles and the revelation committed to him concerning the present Dispensation of the Grace of God.

REVELATION

Paul states that the gospel he preached was not received of man but by revelation of Jesus Christ. TGBC therefore treats the Pauline revelation as doctrinally significant rather than merely a repetition of Israel's prophetic program.

DISPENSATION

Ephesians 3 identifies the dispensation of the grace of God and the Mystery made known by revelation. TGBC uses this Pauline framework to understand God's present dealings with the Body of Christ.

PATTERN

Paul's salvation and ministry display the exceeding abundant grace of the Lord and provide a pattern connected with those who should afterward believe.

CONCLUSION

TGBC shall teach Paul's distinctive apostleship without diminishing the inspiration or profit of the rest of Scripture.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

Romans 11:13 KJB

“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:”

Ephesians 3:1-9 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Galatians 1:11-12 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC teaches the revelation of the Mystery as a central Pauline doctrine. The Mystery was kept secret and later made manifest according to God's revelation.

DISTINCTION

TGBC distinguishes the Mystery from those things God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets since the world began. This distinction is essential to the assembly's understanding of prophecy and mystery.

CONTENT

The Mystery concerns God's present purpose in Christ and the Body of Christ, including the one Body and the riches made known among the Gentiles.

STABLISHING

Romans 16 connects the believer's stablishing with Paul's gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery, and the Scriptures.

CONCLUSION

TGBC shall preserve the Mystery as revealed doctrine and shall not merge it into Israel's prophetic Kingdom program.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

Romans 16:25-26 KJB

“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:”

Ephesians 3:3-9 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Colossians 1:25-27 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 6

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC maintains a doctrinal distinction between Israel's prophetic program and the Church, the Body of Christ.

ISRAEL

Israel possesses a scriptural identity and prophetic history that should not be erased by transferring every promise and prophetic designation to the Body of Christ.

THE BODY

The Body of Christ is identified as one Body under Christ its Head. Believers are baptized by one Spirit into one Body.

NO REPLACEMENT FRAMEWORK

TGBC does not teach that the Body of Christ is a continuation, restoration, institutional extension, or replacement of Israel's prophetic Kingdom program.

CONCLUSION

Recognizing these distinctions permits Scripture concerning Israel and Scripture concerning the Body of Christ to be read according to their God-given contexts.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

Romans 9:3-5 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Romans 11:1-2 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Corinthians 12:13 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Ephesians 1:22-23 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 7

THE ONE BODY, THE ONE NEW MAN, AND THE NEW CREATURE

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC describes the present Body of Christ in Pauline terms: one Body, one new man, and new creature.

ONE NEW MAN

Ephesians 2 teaches that Christ made of twain one new man and reconciled both unto God in one body by the cross.

NEW CREATURE

In Christ, the believer is a new creature. TGBC therefore emphasizes the new identity created in Christ rather than defining the Body through Israel's national covenant identity.

UNITY

There is one Body. The unity of the Body is grounded in Christ and God's work, not in denominational succession or institutional uniformity.

CONCLUSION

TGBC's ecclesiastical identity shall reflect this Pauline description of the Body of Christ.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 2:14-16 KJB

“For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:”

Ephesians 4:4 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJB

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Galatians 6:15 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 8

WATER BAPTISM AND THE BODY OF CHRIST

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC does not recognize water baptism as a required ordinance for salvation, membership in the Body of Christ, or participation in TGBC fellowship.

PAUL'S COMMISSION

Paul's statement that Christ sent him not to baptize but to preach the gospel is treated by TGBC as significant when distinguishing his apostolic ministry.

ONE BAPTISM

Ephesians 4 declares one baptism in the unity of the Spirit. TGBC understands the Spirit's work of placing believers into the one Body as the baptism governing the Body of Christ.

NO SAVING RITE

Water cannot add to the finished work of Christ or become a condition by which grace is earned.

CONCLUSION

TGBC may study biblical water baptisms as inspired Scripture while refusing to impose water baptism as a required ordinance upon the Body of Christ.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 1:17 KJB

“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”

1 Corinthians 12:13 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Ephesians 4:4-6 KJB

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Colossians 2:10-12 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 9

THE LORD'S SUPPER AND REQUIRED ORDINANCES

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC does not recognize observance of the Lord's Supper as a required ordinance imposed upon the Body of Christ as a condition of salvation, standing, membership, or fellowship.

STUDY OF THE PASSAGES

TGBC receives the passages concerning eating, drinking, remembrance, fellowship, and assembly conduct as inspired Scripture and studies them in their context under right division.

NO SACRAMENTAL MERIT

No meal, element, ceremony, or ecclesiastical administration imparts salvation or adds merit to the finished work of Christ.

LIBERTY AND ORDER

Questions of practice are to be handled without turning outward observance into a saving work or a basis for boasting.

CONCLUSION

TGBC shall preserve salvation by grace and shall not make ceremonial observance a requirement for acceptance in the Body of Christ.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Colossians 2:16-17 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Galatians 5:1 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 10

THE CATCHING AWAY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE PROPHETIC RETURN OF CHRIST

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC distinguishes the catching away of the Body of Christ from the prophetic return of Christ connected with the things spoken by the prophets concerning Israel and the nations.

CATCHING AWAY

Paul reveals that the dead in Christ shall rise first and living believers shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air.

CHANGE

Paul also reveals a mystery concerning the change of the living and the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

PROPHETIC PROGRAM

Acts 3 speaks of restitution of all things spoken by the prophets since the world began. TGBC distinguishes that prophetic framework from the Mystery revealed through Paul.

CONCLUSION

TGBC teaches these events according to the distinctions established by right division and avoids collapsing prophecy and Mystery into one undifferentiated program.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Acts 3:19-21 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 11

ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES: BISHOP AND DEACON

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC recognizes the biblical ecclesiastical offices of Bishop and Deacon. TGBC does not establish Pastor as a separate ecclesiastical office.

BISHOP

A Bishop must be examined according to the Pauline qualifications and must be able to hold fast the faithful word, teach sound doctrine, oversee responsibly, and maintain a blameless testimony appropriate to the office.

DEACON

A Deacon must likewise be proved and meet the Pauline qualifications for faithful service.

ORDINATION

Ordination recognizes demonstrated qualification; it does not manufacture spiritual qualification, impart salvation, or confer apostolic succession.

ELDERS

Within TGBC, participation in the Circle of the Elders is an ecclesiastical governing designation and does not create a third ordained office beyond Bishop and Deacon.

CONCLUSION

Office exists for orderly ministry and edification of the Body rather than personal status or unlimited authority.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

Philippians 1:1 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Timothy 3:1-13 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Titus 1:5-9 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 12

THE 'HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE' QUALIFICATION

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

TGBC understands the phrase 'husband of one wife' within the complete Pauline qualifications for ecclesiastical office and does not treat a bare history of divorce or remarriage as an automatic, universal disqualification without examination of the man, his present conduct, doctrine, household, testimony, and circumstances.

EXAMINATION

Candidates are to be proved rather than approved merely by popularity, family relationship, financial standing, length of attendance, or desire for a title.

PRESENT QUALIFICATION

The qualification must be considered together with blamelessness, vigilance, sobriety, good behaviour, hospitality, ability to teach where applicable, household rule, maturity, and good report.

CARE AND EVIDENCE

Accusations and questions of qualification should be handled carefully and according to Scripture, distinguishing serious disqualifying conduct from ordinary human imperfection, correctable error, or circumstances that do not establish present unfitness.

CONCLUSION

TGBC requires careful Pauline examination of each candidate and retains the fuller Bishop and Deacon Qualifications and Ordination Manual as the controlling companion document for credentialing procedures.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

1 Timothy 3:2 KJB

“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;”

1 Timothy 3:12 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

Titus 1:6 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

1 Timothy 5:19-22 KJB - Scripture reference for study.

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TGBC DOCTRINAL POSITION PAPER 13

THE DISTINCT ECCLESIASTICAL IDENTITY OF THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Authority: King James Bible (KJB)

POSITION

This Grace Bible Churches is established as a Pauline Dispensational Assembly around the Gospel of Christ, the revelation of the Mystery, the one Body, the one new man, the new creature, salvation by grace through faith, and the command to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

NOT DENOMINATIONAL SUCCESSION

TGBC is not established as a denominational succession or as an institutional continuation of Israel's prophetic Kingdom program.

RELIGIOUS TERMINOLOGY

TGBC's authored doctrinal language identifies believers according to Pauline descriptions such as the Body of Christ, one new man, and new creature. This terminology is intended to preserve TGBC's stated doctrinal distinction.

TREATMENT OF OTHERS

Doctrinal distinction concerns programs, doctrine, identity, and religious systems. It is not a declaration that every individual associated with another religious system is personally evil or unsaved.

CONCLUSION

TGBC shall preserve its distinct identity while teaching the Word of God with clarity, order, and fidelity to its adopted doctrinal framework.

KEY KJB SCRIPTURES

Romans 16:25-26 KJB

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Pauline Dispensational Assembly

FOUNDING BISHOP

Wesley Scott Ray

Signature: _____

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Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____