



## BCM International Doctrinal Statement

As a Bible-Centered Ministry, we are committed to the following Doctrinal Statement:

1. We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is inerrant, infallible, sufficient and entirely trustworthy as originally given. The Bible is the very Word of God and is the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct (Ps. 19:7-11; Matt. 5:17, 18; Jn. 17:17; 1 Cor. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).
2. We believe in the one true and living God, eternally existing in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — eternal in being, identical in nature and equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections. God is unchangeable in His holiness, justice, wisdom and love. God is the almighty Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is Savior and Judge Who governs all things according to His sovereign will and for His own glory. (Gen. 1, 2; 26; 11:7; Is. 40:12-28; Matt. 3:16,17; 28:19, 20; Jn. 1:1-3; 10:30; Acts 5:3, 4; Col. 1:15-17; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:8).
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became fully man without ceasing to be God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and lived a sinless life of obedience to the Father's will. In His incarnation Jesus revealed God and redeemed sinners. The Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God as our High Priest, Intercessor and Advocate (Matt. 1:18; 3:16, 17; Luke 24:51; John. 17:5; Acts 1:11; Rom. 8:34; Gal. 4:4, 5; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 4:14; 9:24-26; 1 Jn. 2:1, 2).
4. We believe in the universal sinfulness, total depravity and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation (Isa. 53:6; 59:2; Rom. 3:10-23; 5:12-19; Eph. 2:1-5, 12).
5. We believe that redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin is possible only through the vicarious, sacrificial death and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Representative and Substitute. Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life (Jn. 1:12, 13; Rom. 5:6-21; 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9; Tit. 3:47).
6. We believe in the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of the Lord Jesus effective to the individual sinner bringing conviction of sin, regeneration and granting the sinner repentance towards God and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer bringing assurance of salvation, a desire for holiness of life through separation from sin, commitment to serve his Lord and Savior and, through the process of sanctification, transforms the believer into increasing likeness to Christ (Jn. 3:5-8; 16:7-15; Acts 4; 4:31; 13:9, 52; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 12:13; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 1:13, 14; 5:18-20).
7. We believe in the imminent personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, His millennial rule on earth, the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, God's judgment of the living and the dead, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the wicked (Zech. 14:1-11; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:10; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:1-6).
8. We believe that Satan is an angelic being, the author of sin, and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and mankind; and that he will be eternally punished in the lake of fire (Gen. 3:1-13; Isa. 14:12-16; Ezek. 28:13-17; 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 Pet. 5:8, 9; Rev. 12:10, 20:10).
9. We believe that God hears and answers the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will, for the sick and afflicted, but do not believe divine healing of the body is in the atonement (Isa. 53:4-6, 10, 11; Matt. 8:16, 17; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Jas. 5:14-16; 1 Pet. 2:24).
10. We believe in the one universal Church of Christ, which is His bride. The Church is the body of Christ and made up of all those who are born again. In its universal aspect the Church encompasses time and space but in its local expression is established for worship, mutual edification, and witness. While organizations like our own have been raised of God to fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, the local church is the center of God's program for world evangelization (Acts 13:1-3; 14:23, 27; 1 Cor. 1:2; 12:13; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:25-32; 1 Tim. 3:15).

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## Special Policies

In addition to the *BCM International Doctrinal Statement*, we believe, and strongly stand by, that the following excerpts taken from the *BCM International Handbook, Section 4 – BCM Special Policies* are applicable to all regular, seasonal and volunteer staff employed by Streamside Camp.

### 4.2 Statement on Sexuality

BCM International affirms the historical, biblical doctrine that marriage between one man and one woman is God-ordained, hence “honorable” (i.e. to be held in high esteem or value), and the sexual relationship between a man and a woman within the bonds of marriage, as defined in Scripture, is “undefiled” (i.e. holy and beautiful).

Homosexual behavior, adultery and all other forms of sexual immorality are clearly condemned by God in the Scriptures. BCM's conviction regarding the sinfulness of homosexual practices, adultery and all other forms of sexual immorality, should not be construed to deny God's love and compassion for the sinner while hating the sin. God is full of grace, as well as truth.

We thus affirm that homosexuals, adulterers and those who engage in all other forms of sexual immorality, like the rest of humanity, are fully the objects of God's redemptive love. By faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance of all sin, all may obtain full forgiveness, cleansing and may experience divine transformation through the renewing of their minds.

Hence, we will seek for the genuine repentance and regeneration of every soul enslaved to sin, including homosexuals, adulterers and those who engage in all other forms of sexual immorality, in order that they might know and experience true freedom in Christ and glorify God in their bodies.

BCM also adheres to the Biblical truth that each individual is born either male or female and that distinction is given by God from conception. BCM does not believe that an individual has the right to change his or her God-given sexuality by physically restructuring their body to the opposite gender.

Therefore, BCM International will neither knowingly accept nor retain, employ nor aid in the support of workers, volunteers, missionaries and associate workers within this organization whose sexual behavior violates these biblical truths and principles.

### 4.6 Misuse of Spiritual Gifts in the Church Today

BCM acknowledges there are true believers in the present day church who misuse the interpretation of Scripture in regard to certain spiritual gifts that were evidently limited to the early church. We do recognize, as our brothers and sisters in Christ, those who have truly repented of their sin and who are trusting in Jesus Christ alone as their personal Savior and Lord.

As a Christian organization, we believe in the importance of the authority of Scripture as outlined in our Doctrinal Statement. Therefore, we disagree with the following current emphasis on speaking in tongues as evidence of salvation, miraculous healings as a believer's 'right' through Christ's atonement and the dependence upon new authoritative revelation as a replacement/addition to the authority of Scripture.

As a Mission, we believe that Scripture does not support these emphases. BCM believes that God is not limited in what He can do or what in His sovereignty He may choose to do, but we believe that these emphases are not the operational norm within this present church age. Thus, we do not appoint or retain missionaries who actively promote or practice these emphases.

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