Truth Is Life  Bible Institute

Empowering God's People with the TRUTH of HIS Word

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Greetings and welcome to Truth Is Life Bible Institute where we empower God's people with the truth of the Word. Thank you for your interest in our school. We trust that it is not by chance or accident that you have been sent to our site and are thankful that you have been obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our courses are for people who wish to learn how to integrate Biblical principles into their daily lives and ministerial students who already have a basic working knowledge of the Bible but desire to become more proficient. We sincerely care about your needs and stand ready to assist you in attaining your future goals. The best is yet to come for you and we are committed to providing personal attention and encouragement as you embark upon this journey of a lifetime. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at drobinson@truthislife.org.

ACCREDITATION

Truth Is Life Bible Institute is formally organized with a Board of Directors and Articles of Organization, Constitution, and By-Laws. We are affiliated with the Full Gospel of Christ Fellowship, Inc. for Tax-Exempt purposes and thus recognized by the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our Group Exemption Number (G.E.N.) is 3317 and our Employers Identification Number (E.I.N.) is 80-0454620.

In accordance with Romans 13:1-7 (sanctioning Human Government), Truth Is Life Bible Institute has been properly registered with The Council of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia who, because our offerings are entirely religious, has granted us an excluded status to carry on our activities of granting religious degrees. According to the Virginia State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) 23-276.2 (C) exempts from the provisions of certification any postsecondary institutions whose primary purpose is to provide religious or theological education. Thus, Truth Is Life Bible Institute is officially recognized at the state level with the right to confer religious degrees. We perform our work with the full knowledge of this official agency. Anyone who wishes to verify this information may contact them at (804) 225-2600.

Truth Is Life Bible Institute is fully accredited by the Worldwide Accrediting of Christian Educational Institutions (WWAC) of Richmond, Virginia. Anyone wishing to contact them may call the Executive President, Dr. Paul Richardson, Monday through Friday at (804) 276-4709.

Over the years, the word “accreditation” as used by those involved in higher education has acquired various interpretations but essentially it indicates that some outside responsible body of educators have examined a school and found it to be doctrinally, academically, and financially reliable and has certified that it meets their ethical standards. The purpose is to simply assure the public that the school is a reputable establishment.

Accreditation is important but not legally required. It's a voluntary process. There are some who discount a Bible/Christian school and reject their Accrediting Association unless it is linked up with the U.S.A. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. There is no such thing as Federal or State accreditation of a Bible/Christian school because civil government has no authority to regulate religious training or degrees issued. This is an issue of separation of church and state as noted in Mark 12:17 (“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God's”). Civil authorities must never officially endorse or disapprove directly or indirectly the beliefs and practices of Bible/Christian schools. In a spiritual sense, the highest accreditation any school could have would be the blessings of Divine Providence. Our best accreditation is the successful lives and ministries of our satisfied students.

HEAD CHRISTIAN OR HEART CHRISTIAN?

Does having a religious degree make one more worthy in the sight of God? Certainly not! Theological education without personal devotion to Christ is null and void. In fact, you can have your head crammed full of Biblical facts but have a heart full of sin. If that be the case, who are you impacting while on this journey called “life”? If a Bachelor, Master, or Doctorial degree is going to foster a sense of egotism and conceit in you, it can result in your downfall (as noted in Proverbs 16:18; “Pride goeth before destruction

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and a haughty spirit before a fall"). We might feel satisfaction from a job well done but we must never swell with pride for "a proud look is an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 6:16-17).

One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). He can teach you more by Divine revelation in a few moments than you can learn by earthly education in a lifetime (John. 14:26). You are encouraged to always be open to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. Our courses are intended to not only promote intellectual development but to produce spiritual fruit. It's good to be enlightened and seek academic excellence but most of all we want you to experience Christian character. Therefore, Truth Is Life Bible Institute stresses spiritual compassion first and mental merit second. We place heart-Christianity over head-Christianity. If you can translate your learning into love, your schooling into service, and your academics into actions, you're on target!

ABOUT DEGREES AND CURRICULUM

Truth Is Life Bible Institute's curriculum is an integrative, non-denominational presentation of the main doctrines of Christianity using the Bible as the main source of teaching. These courses are taught in a spirit-led manner with the power and authority that only comes from above. All units are four weeks long. Each course requires a written summary of the lesson. An online exam is to be completed on the fifth week. You will receive a sealed Certificate of Completion after each unit is complete. Because of the intensity of the curriculum, each certificate is equivalent to 5 semester credits (5 semester hours) and can be used toward any of the five degrees listed below. Truth Is Life Bible Institute offers these five degree in Biblical Studies. These courses deal with various doctrines of the Word of God and are taught in a way that you can apply to your every day life.

- ***Diploma of Biblical Studies*** - (45 credits = approximately 1 year) (9 Certificates of Completion)
- ***Associate of Biblical Studies*** - (90 credits = approximately 2 years) (18 Certificates of Completion)
- ***Bachelor of Biblical Studies*** - (135 credits = approximately 3 years) (27 Certificates of Completion)
- ***Master of Biblical Studies*** - (180 credits = approximately 4 years) (36 Certificates of Completion)
- ***Doctor of Biblical Studies*** - (225 credits = approximately 5 years) (45 Certificates of Completion)

USE OF YOUR TITLE

If you receive a Doctorate Degree from Truth Is Life Bible Institute, you have a legitimate right to use the title on your business cards, letterhead, brochures, the phone book, road signs, Public Service Announcements, etc. Your degree may win you respect but will sometimes provoke jealousy. So do not be too shocked if someone discredits you, Truth Is Life Bible Institute, our Accrediting Association, and/or all theological education in general. Know that your degree confirms that you have spent many hours studying the Bible and have been tested, both naturally and spiritually, on what you have learned.

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system of Truth Is Life Bible Institute of Truth is as follows:
A = 100 – 90; **B** = 89 – 70; **C** = 69 – 50; **D** = 49 – 30; = 29 - 0

COSTS

Although there is no cost for our curriculum, tax-deductible monetary gifts are welcome to assist with administrative costs of running the Institute and to "Empower God's people with the Truth of His Word". Luke 10:7 tells us that "the laborer is worthy of his hire" so feel free to give as the Lord leads you.

MEANING OF OUR LOGO

The Truth Is Life Bible Institute's logo provides a visual of what this ministry of the Body of Christ represents. The **crown** denotes that the King of Kings (Christ Jesus) is the author and the finisher of our faith as well as this Bible Institute. The **heart** within the crown is representative of His overarching and unconditional love for us. The **swords** are representative of the Word and once we get into the Word it illuminates every aspect of our life (hence the **lightning bolts**). The **wings** denote the master's ever

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presence and the continuous workings of the Word in our life which can make us feel angelic at times. The **shield** is representative of our need to always be covered (despite the fiery darts that are shot at us). The **cross** on the shield reminds us that Jesus paid it all at Calvary so the battle does not belong to us but has already been won by the Lord.

As you embark upon this journey, know that every aspect of your life will be affected. It is throughout this process that you have to trust in the King like never before. There will be times when you will feel like the whole world is coming against you but know that God's love covers you. Know that, as you stay in His Word, you are using the sword to defeat the enemy on a daily basis. Know that as you continue to walk in the light that you are called to be the light. Know that, for some people, you are the only "Jesus" they will see and are called to be an angelic host in and outside the church (as we know it). Know that the shield of faith will continue to protect you even when you feel like there is no way of escape. Know that, despite the obstacles, you have the victory.

SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

- Bible (any version; a great resource is www.biblegateway.com)
- Dictionary (a great resource is www.m-w.com)
- Journal
- Basic Office Supplies (pens, pencils, highlighters, notebook paper, etc.)
- Internet Access
- Telephone Access (long-distance dialing required for weekly conference calls)

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Standard Degree Application

Please complete and mail (or email) application along with a clear copy of a photo ID and copy of your High School Diploma/GED Certificate.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____

(as it should appear on all certificates, diplomas, and/or degrees including any titles such as "Reverend, Minister, Pastor, Elder, Bishop, etc".)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

What are your educational goals? (include desired degree[s])

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CONFIRMATION

I have examined the Truth Is Life Bible Institute Catalog and hereby request to become a Standard Degree student. I certify that all the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature……Date ……..