

# Pentecostal Doctrine

## 104

### Certificate Level



**Classroom Hours:** 30 (minimum)

#### **Description/Overview:**

Pentecostal Doctrine builds upon the foundation of the infallible Word of God. From this bedrock rises the framework of the doctrinal principles which began in Christ and were passed directly to His apostles. The term “doctrine” means “teaching,” and we must teach as the apostles taught. This course is a systematic outline of essential apostolic teachings, which gives students the knowledge necessary to live effective apostolic lives.

## Objectives

At the end of this course of study students will be able to:

- 1.) Confirm that the apostle's doctrine was a direct extension of Christ's teaching, and defend the doctrine as the foundation of the New Testament church.
- 2.) Prove the Bible's superiority to all other books.
- 3.) Understand the apostle's concept of God was without controversy, as they had walked with Him in flesh.
- 4.) Summarize the effects of sin on life and the ability of the gospel to deliver from it.
- 5.) Explain though the wages of sin is death, humanity can find forgiveness through repentance.
- 6.) Illustrate water baptism as a test of obedience, and a circumcision of the heart that takes away our spiritual uncleanness.
- 7.) Compare water baptism (in which we are baptized into Christ), with Spirit baptism (in which Christ is baptized into us).
- 8.) Describe the miracle of God's grace and power as one of the tools used by the Spirit to promote the great work of God.
- 9.) Defend the idea that since our God is holy, and Heaven is a holy place, it is reasonable to expect that God's people who plan to go to Heaven must be holy.
- 10.) Identify divine healing as one of the benefits purchased by Christ's suffering and death.
- 11.) Assess the second coming of Christ as the hope and comfort of the church.
- 12.) Point out how all nature testifies of the resurrection of the dead as the greatest miracle of the ages.
- 13.) Comprehend that everyone must answer to God for his thoughts, words, and deeds.

## Topics/Concepts:

- The Apostles, as chosen by Jesus
- The Bible as God's inspired Word
- The meaning of inspiration
- Evidence of inspiration
- Biblical influence
- The definition of sin
- The nature of repentance
- Essentiality of water baptism

- Formula for water baptism
- Definition, necessity, and benefits of baptism
- The promise, practice, and purpose of speaking in tongues.
- The what, why, and how of holiness.
- Avenues and roadblocks to healing.
- Preparation for the coming of Christ.
- A comparison and contrast between the first and last resurrections.
- The promise of judgment of the church.

### **Recommended Primary Textbook(s)**

Apostles Doctrine (OMTS) - Grady Brown, Ralph V. Reynolds, E. L. Holley, Lester Thompson, Calvin L. Rigdon, David Willoughby

Truth Shall Triumph (WAP) - Ralph Vincent Reynolds

### **Recommended Alternatives:**

Path to Righteousness – Linda Revell Poitras

### **Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:**

1. The Importance of the Apostles' Doctrine
2. The Bible – God's Inspired Word
3. The God of the Apostles
4. The Apostles' Attitude toward Sin
5. Repentance
6. Water Baptism
7. Baptism of the Holy Ghost
8. Speaking with Tongues
9. True Holiness
10. Divine Healing
11. The Second Coming of Christ
12. Resurrection of the Dead
13. The Judgment

**Languages Available:**

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian

**Course Packet Resources:**

*How Do You Measure Up to the Word of God*, James Poitras

*Essentials of Oneness Theology*, David Bernard

*Doctrines of the Bible*, David Bernard

*The Real Truth About Baptism in Jesus' Name*, J Patterson

*Discovering Wonderful Truths*

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