

# *Pentecostal Doctrine*



*Classroom Hours: 30* (minimum)

*Description/Overview:* This course involves an introductory survey and analysis of the Pentecostal or apostolic doctrines taught in God's Word.

## *Objectives:*

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

1. Define doctrine and explain its relevance today as we continue "steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42) and in "rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).
2. Prove, using Scriptures, that the monotheistic view of the Godhead is appropriate; that God is omnipotent (can do all things), omnipresent (is everywhere at all times), and omniscient (knows all things).

3. Articulate monotheism by further explaining how Jesus is the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Spirit in regeneration.
4. Define what is sin and explain, using Scripture, how it brings condemnation, requires judgment, and why/how blood was required to atone for it.
5. Locate where John the Baptist, Jesus, and Peter each preached repentance.
6. Identify how repentance, water baptism, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit can be compared to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
7. Locate Scriptures in the Book of Acts that mention water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and speaking in other tongues.
8. Demonstrate obedience to the plan of salvation by ensuring that you (the student) has obeyed it fully and teach it to others faithfully.
9. Show that there is no contradiction between Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38.
10. Illustrate biblical understanding of the mode and manner (formula) to be incorporated into water baptism.
11. Prove, using Scriptures, that speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is the initial evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
12. Show how repentance, baptism in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, evidenced in speaking in other tongues, are essential components to salvation.
13. Discuss true holiness as a command, commission, and calling.
14. Some wrongfully believe that God no longer heals. Debate this thinking by uncovering the Scriptural reality that God is still in the healing business.
15. Provide Scriptural proof of the Second coming of Christ, the rapture of the Church, resurrection of the dead, and the final judgment.

## *Topics / Concepts:*

- The Bible is God's Inspired, Infallible Word
- The Importance of Doctrine
- Faith
- Sin
- Sinners
- Christ as Provider of Salvation
- Repentance
- Baptism in Jesus Name
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost

- Speaking in other Tongues
- Holiness
- Divine Healing
- Second Coming
- Monotheism (Oneness)
- Last Things (Resurrection of the Dead, Judgment)

\*It is noted that many of these topics or concepts are developed in detail in other courses through the GATS curriculum. Our aim is to lay the basic foundation and understanding in this introductory course. Keep this in mind when planning for and teaching this course: If the student was not able to complete other levels of GATS curriculum, would your teaching here be sufficient to explain answers to the following questions:

1. What must I do to be saved?
2. How can I explain to others the hope I have within? How can I explain how they can be saved?
3. How can I defend or clarify Pentecostal doctrine in comparison to other inaccurate doctrines taught by others?
3. What is the path (way) from accepting God's Word as infallible, understanding that one is a sinner to the second coming of Christ?

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

*Apostle's Doctrine (OMTC)*

### *Recommended Secondary Textbook(s):*

*Path to Righteousness (Linda R. Poitras, Editor)*

*Truth Shall Triumph (Ralph Vincent Reynolds)*

*How Do You Measure Up to the Word of God? (James Poitras)*

*Essential Doctrines (David K. Bernard)*

## *Recommended Alternative Textbook(s):*

*Bible Doctrine I, III & parts of II, IV – IABC (Reynolds)*  
*Discover Wonderful Truths*  
*Search for Truth*  
*Exploring God's Word*

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

\*The lessons in the primary textbooks generally cover (in this case) each of the topics listed above so are not repeated here.

## *Languages Available:*

*Apostle's Doctrine* is available in English and French  
*Bible Doctrine (IABC)* available in English, Spanish and French  
*Path to Righteousness* available in English, Spanish, and French  
*Truth Shall Triumph* is available in English and French  
*Essential Doctrines* is available in English and French  
*How Do You Measure Up to the Word of God?* Is available in English, Spanish, and French

## *Course Packet Resources:*

*Comments:*

*Date of Last Revision:*

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