

A Summary of the Position Papers of GCCP

NOTE: The Position Papers of the Grace Ministries are discussed in detail at the Membership Class. For more information and clarification regarding any of the points mentioned below, please see one of the members of our pastoral staff and we would be happy to help you.

ON LORDSHIP SALVATION

“Lordship Salvation” is the view that simple faith in Jesus Christ as Savior is not enough for a person to be saved. It teaches that a person must also commit himself to Christ as Lord of his life, submitting to His control, in order to be truly saved.

The Grace Ministries have always affirmed that “once saved, forever saved.” To be truly saved, a person must believe who Christ is and what Christ has done. That is all that’s needed. “Saved by grace—alone!” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

As for the authenticity of a person’s salvation decision, we believe in letting God be the final Judge. And God will be the sole and final Judge of those who are truly saved.

Matthew 13:47-48 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.”

Our duty is to lead the unsaved to trust Christ as Savior. After they have responded, then challenge them—under the lordship of Christ as disciples—to commit their Christian lives to Christ as Lord. Preach the Lordship of Christ to Christians, and the Saviorhood of Christ to the unsaved!

ON THE GIFT OF TONGUES

For the past several years, we have seen the rise of a movement in Christianity called the “Charismatic Movement.” One of the major characteristics of this movement is the use of tongues.

God gave the gift of tongues to the early Church as a sign to the unbelieving Jews. When the Church was established, the original purpose of tongues was fulfilled.

We believe that the gift of tongues ceased after the early church. Therefore, we should not practice it today.