



AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

A Closer Look

A | I AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE
B | I A ministry to Native Americans in urban areas and reservations

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Statement of Faith

We believe that our statement of faith provides the foundation for all that we do as a Bible Institute. As a result, we begin this view of the American Indian Bible Institute with a complete copy of our statement of faith. We as a Bible Institute have committed ourselves to this Biblical foundation for all that we teach and do. We trust that you will find this statement of faith an encouragement to you in your own spiritual life.

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The Bible, consisting of all of the books of the Old and New Testaments, is the verbally inspired Word of God, absolutely true and God-breathed, with no errors in the original writings. It is the final authority for faith and life. II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21, John 16:12-13

There is one God, eternally existing and manifesting Himself in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19, John 14:16, 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ was supernaturally conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived and taught and wrought mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as is recorded in the four Gospels. He was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate. God raised from the dead the body that had been nailed to the cross. The Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, and the Father caused Him to sit at His right hand, and put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church. Luke 1:35, Matthew 27:24-26, I Corinthians 15:3-4, Acts 1:9, Colossians 1:18, I Peter 3:22

The Lord Jesus Christ, before His incarnation, was with God and was God, and of His own choice laid aside His divine glory and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. He is a divine Person possessed with all the attributes of Deity, and should be worshipped as God by angels and men. Philippians 2:6-8, John 1:1-3, I Timothy 3:16

The Lord Jesus Christ became in every respect a real man, possessed of all the essential characteristics of human nature. Hebrews 2:14-16, Philippians 2:7-8, Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 2:18

By His death on the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, by which the wrath of God against sinners is appeased and a ground furnished upon which God can deal in mercy with sinners. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming again to this earth, personally, bodily and visibly. The return of our Lord is the blessed hope of the believer, and in it God's purposes of grace toward mankind will find their consummation. (It should be clearly understood that the position of the American Indian Bible Institute includes the

conviction, based upon the Word of God, that “the return of the Lord” is to be pretribulational and that the millennium is to be the last of the dispensations.) Romans 5:8-11, Isaiah 53:11, I Peter 2:24, Acts 1:11, Titus 2:13

The Holy Spirit is a Person, and is possessed of all the distinctively divine attributes. He is the supernatural Agent in the New Birth, who reproves the world of sin, righteousness and judgment and seals the believer unto the day of redemption. He indwells all believers, having baptized them into the body of Christ at the time of regeneration, and although there may be many fillings, there is only one baptism of the Holy Spirit. He testifies of the Lord Jesus Christ and is the divine Teacher who guides all believers into all truth. John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:8-14

Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall. He is the open and declared enemy of God and man. He can exert vast power only so far as God suffers him to do so. He shall be punished eternally in the Lake of Fire. Job 1:6-7, Isaiah 14:12-17, Matthew 4:2-11, Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10

All men are sinful by nature and all those who persistently reject Jesus Christ in the present life shall remain after death in conscious misery until the second resurrection when their bodies shall be raised from the dead and shall exist throughout eternity in a state of conscious, unutterable, endless torment and anguish. John 16:8, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12, Luke 16:19-26, Revelation 20:10, 15, Revelation 21:8

Salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. All those who receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour and their Lord and who confess Him as such before their fellow men, become children of God and receive eternal life. They become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. John 1:12, John 3:3, 16, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 1:7, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 8:16-17

Men are justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood of Christ and upon the simple and single condition of faith in Him who shed the blood, and are born again by the quickening, renewing, cleansing work of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of the Word of God. Galatians 2:16, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 9:22, I Peter 1:18-19, Romans 5:1

The redeemed are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Jesus Christ forever. It is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word, which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to live in the flesh. John 6:37-40, John 10:28-29, Romans 8:38-39, Romans 13:13-14, Galatians 5:13, I Thessalonians 4:7

At death, the spirits of the redeemed depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness, and at the second coming of Christ their bodies shall be raised and transformed into the likeness of the body of His glory. Matthew 25:46, II Corinthians 5:8, I Thessalonians 4:14-16, I Corinthians 15:52, I John 3:2

Every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and all claims of the blotting out of the old nature in this life are unscriptural. Romans 7:15-25, Galatians 5:16-25, II Corinthians 5:17

The saved should live in such a manner as not to bring dishonor upon their Saviour and Lord. The saved should live a life of separation from all false religious teachers, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations as commanded by God, and should surrender their lives unto the Lord and unto His good works. Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 3:12, 14-15, II Corinthians 6:17-18, II Timothy 3:1-5

It is the duty of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind. Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, II Corinthians 5:18, 20

God hears and answers the prayer of faith in accordance with His own will for the sick and needy. John 15:7, James 5:14-16

The Church consists of all those, who, in this present dispensation, truly believe in Jesus Christ. It is the body and bride of Christ, which Christ loves and for which He has given Himself. Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 5:25-27



Purpose Statement

The purpose of the American Indian Bible Institute is: To glorify God by developing a Biblical leadership development team on every reservation and in every urban area.

We are working to fulfill this purpose by focusing on the following four objectives:

Evangelism (Reaching)

Edification (Teaching)

Equipping (Training)

Extension (Sending)

A Purpose Statement Consists of Two Parts

A statement of our purpose

A vision of our ministry

Our purpose: To glorify God - I Corinthians 10:31

Our vision of ministry:

1. to develop a Biblical leadership development team (to make disciples) - Matthew 28:19-20
2. to plant sound Biblical churches (by developing the leadership team which can plant such churches) - Acts 9:31
3. to motivate, equip and involve an increasing number of people as church planting specialists (enough for every reservation and every urban area) - Acts 11:19-22, Acts 20:4
4. to help each church planted or served to become a growing, reproducing body (a healthy, reproducing church must always see beyond itself to see other areas where a similar ministry is needed) - Acts 16:1-5, Acts 19:10

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AIBI Church Planting Strategy

Our primary purpose is to glorify God, by making disciples and planting churches.

we are to make it our lifestyle to glorify God in all that we say or do

I Corinthians 10:31

we are commanded to make disciples

Matthew 28:19-20

we desire to make disciples who are able to plant churches

Acts 14:21-23

Our vision must always be the next city, town or reservation.

Christ had a vision for the next towns

Mark 1:38-39

Paul had a vision for key cities

Acts 18:1, Romans 16:19-24

Our priority is people, not programs, land or buildings.

Christ saw people who had spiritual needs

Matthew 9:36-38

Paul had a concern for all people to hear

Acts 19:9-10

Our emphasis will be evangelism of the lost, not taking away members from existing Bible-believing churches.

our call is to preach the Gospel to every person

Mark 16:15

our vision must be for those who do not know Christ

Acts 26:17-19

Our love will reach people best in their own language and culture

our motivation must be the love of Christ
II Corinthians 5:14-15, John 13:34-35
our concern must be to share the Gospel in every language
Acts 2:7-8
our concern must be to understand and reach each culture
I Corinthians 9:19-23

Our ministry will use a variety of methods to start new churches

some churches start through street evangelism
Acts 2:1-41, Acts 17:17, 22-34
some churches start through one-to-one witness
Acts 18:1-3
some churches start through group Bible study
Acts 17:11-12

Our involvement will seek to include a sponsoring church or churches

the church at Jerusalem took the responsibility for Samaria
Acts 8:4-5, 14
the church at Jerusalem took responsibility for Antioch
Acts 11:19-23

Our concern will be to edify and equip the saints for ministry

the churches must be edified to multiply
Acts 9:31
all Christians must be equipped to function properly
Ephesians 4:11-13

Our leadership must be committed to our Biblical convictions

we must be set for the defense of the gospel

Philippians 1:17

we must be holding forth the word of life

Philippians 2:16

we must be ever alert for false teachers or power hungry leaders

Acts 20:29-30

Our desire will be for each church planted or served to associate with a sound group of like minded churches

each church should be independent but not isolated

Acts 15:25-27

churches must minister to each other

Acts 11:27-30, Acts 18:27-28

Our commitment is to prayer, for church planting is spiritual warfare

Satan will do everything possible to hinder church planters

Acts 14:19, Acts 17:5, Acts 19:23-30

church planters are in a warfare that cannot be fought with earthly weapons

II Corinthians 10:3-5

church planting teams must be formed through prayer

Acts 13:1-3

church planters need prayer for making contacts

Acts 16:13

church planters need prayer to speak boldly

Ephesians 6:18-19

church planters need prayer that new Christians will be strengthened in the inner man and be grounded in love

Ephesians 3:14-21

church planters need prayer for wisdom in choosing early leaders

Acts 14:21-23