

Global Baptist Bible College

328 Year-2 Essay #1: Doctrine of the Church

Instructions

Many Christians believe in the universal, invisible Church. Your assignment is to write a 1,000-word essay making a biblical argument that the Church is a local, visible assembly of believers. Students are allowed to disagree with GBBC's view on the church, but we want them to demonstrate that they understand and communicate the position that Baptists hold that the Church is a local, visible assembly of called out believers. Feel free to review Basic Bible Doctrine 3 as that course covered the Doctrine of the Church. Use scripture to support your points but remember that Bible verses do NOT count towards the total word count of the essay.

Warning:

- Do NOT tell us what you think you want us to hear. Your score will be based on the content you write, so write on your own beliefs and in your own words.
- Do NOT use AI to write your essay or it will be automatically rejected. As stated below, you will not be graded on grammar and spelling, so please use your own words. Also, do NOT copy someone else's writings, whether our own instructor's notes or from someone online. We use technology that will show whether someone copied from someone else or not.
- You are allowed to reference someone else if you give credit to that person. For example, you could write, "As Dr. Lange taught, one way to look at 'Diamond of Salvation' was from man's part and God's part."
- If a student plagiarizes (copies from anyone), that student will automatically fail the essay. There will be a one-month suspension from Global Baptist Bible College. After the suspension is finished, the student will need to rewrite the essay.

Submitting the Essay

Due to the limitations of the online system, you should first write out your essay either on paper or on a computer. Then, when you are ready to submit it, tap or click the "Start Quiz" button and type it into the essay box. The system "should" save your progress every 20 seconds, so, in the event you do not finish and go do something else, you should be able to pick up where you left off. The essay box should be available after marking this lesson complete.

Scoring

GBBC essays are worth 100 points. You will need to score 75 points to pass this essay. Knowing that many GBBC students are not fluent in English, you will NOT be graded on grammar and spelling. The essay format (structure) is given in the next section below. The essay grading chart is as follows:

Essay Grading	Points
Essay Content	50
Word Count	25
Essay Format	25
Total points	100

Essay Format

This is a basic outline to follow. Your essay would only have paragraphs and would not contain the outline numbering and lettering you see below. The numbering and lettering below is only to help you understand how to format your essay. The top two lines should state your name and your email address or WhatsApp number. We use this information to contact you if needed.

Name:

Email/WhatsApp:

I. Introduction

- A. Write a few sentences that lead into the main point of your essay.
- B. End the first paragraph with at least 3 (could be more) main points you are going to make.
 - 1. First main point in your essay
 - 2. Second main point in your essay
 - 3. Third main point in your essay
 - 4. Continue with as many main points as you have

II. Body of Essay

- A. Main point number one
 - 1. Have at least five sentences
 - 2. Support your point with Scripture
- B. Main point number two
 - 1. Have at least five sentences
 - 2. Support your point with Scripture
- C. Main point number three
 - 1. Have at least five sentences
 - 2. Support your point with Scripture
- D. Continue in the same format with as many points as you have.

III. Conclusion

- A. Write a few sentences summarizing your essay.
- B. Restate your thesis statement (the 3 or more main points you made)

Note: These instructions will be available as a PDF download in the “Materials” tab. Please email us at globalbaptistbiblecollege@gmail.com if you have any comments or questions.