Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

For Lake Erie Bible Church

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ANALYSIS CENTER: That area of the soul where concepts and actions are evaluated.

ANGELS: Highly intelligent beings with great power created by God.

ANGELIC CONFLICT (A/C): The conflict between elect angels or mankind, especially believers, and the fallen angels, including Satan; it evolves around the issue of "free will" and culpability, as it relates to God and His created beings; the time between the sentencing of Satan and the execution of that sentence.

ANGELOLOGY: The study of angels, both fallen and elect.

ANTHROPOLOGY: The study of man; Biblical doctrines related to mankind and his condition before God.

ANTHROPOMORPHISM: Ascribing some human part to God such as "the eyes of God," "the hand of God," etc.

ANTHROPOPATHISM: Ascribing human feelings or emotions to God to describe His policies, such as "anger," "repentance," "grieving," etc.

ANTI-SEMITISM: Hostility in thought or actions against the Jews.

BELIEVER (BEL): A person who has believed in Christ as personal Savior.

BEMA SEAT (pronounced *bay-ma*): The ceremony conducted immediately after the Rapture where believers' works are evaluated and rewarded or destroyed accordingly.

BIBLE DOCTRINE (BD): Organized by categories, by subject, of Biblical principles; the mind of Christ.

BRAIN COMPUTER (BC): The nerve tissue that makes up the human brain.

CANON: Local area from which a Pastor-Teacher draws his flock.

CANON OF SCRIPTURE: The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments in the original languages; the Bible.

- **CARNAL; CARNALITY:** The state of an individual under sin, i.e., with his old sin nature ruling his life; all unbelievers or the believer out of fellowship.
- **CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE (CWL):** BD related to how a believer should live his life.
- **CHRISTOPHANY:** The appearance of God the Son before his incarnation, i.e., in the Old Testament.
- **CHURCH AGE (CA):** the dispensation from Pentecost (32 AD) to the Rapture.
- **COMMON HUMAN PROBLEMS (CHPs):** Tests of the believer's spiritual growth by means of ordinary problems of life.
- **DEATH:** Separation, *example:* the soul from the BC at physical death.
- **DEITY:** The invisible, immaterial but real character or nature of God shared by all three persons of God.
- **DEMONOLOGY:** The study of fallen angels.
- **DEMONS:** Those angels who chose to sin against God and were sentenced to the Lake of Fire.
- **DIRECTIVE WILL OF GOD:** God's plan for a nation or individual.
- **DISPENSATION:** One of the four ages of human history characterized by a different divine administration.
- **DIVINE DECREES:** The plan of God thought out and established by God in eternity past.
- **DIVINE DISCIPLINE:** Disciplinary measures designed by God to punish men and/or angels for sin.
- **DIVINE ESSENCE:** The ten (10) unique characteristics of the Godhead; what God is like.
- **DIVINE GOOD:** The believer's good works, performed under the filling of the Holy Spirit and under the dictates of BD, which concepts must go hand-in-hand.
- **DIVINE GUIDANCE:** The application of BD to the believer's experience by which he is able to discern God's will for his life.
- **ECCLESIOLOGY:** The study of the Church as a local body or as the Church universal.

ELECTION: God elected those who would believe in Christ to be saved as a result of His omniscience/foreknowledge, i.e., His perfect "anticipation" from eternity past of +V and making provision for them.

ESCHAATOLOGY: The study of biblical prophecy and its fulfillment.

ESSENCE OF GOD: See DIVINE ESSENCE.

ETERNAL LIFE (EL): God is the only being who exists now, has always existed, and always will exist; a characteristic/attribute of deity.

EVERLASTING LIFE: Life with a beginning but no end.

EVIL I (E1): The plan of Satan to disrupt the plan of God; the present world under the rulership of Satan.

EVIL II (**E2**): All categories of sin, both human and angelic.

EVIL III (E3): Human good.

EVIL IV (**E4**): Agencies or philosophies designed to originate or promote E1, E2, or E3; human viewpoint evil.

EXPIATION: The removal of the penalty of sin.

FAITH-REST (**FR**): Application of BD to experience and patiently waiting for God to fulfill His promises.

FELLOWSHIP: A relationship of unity and like-mindedness with God by means of filling of the Holy Spirit and application of BD.

FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (FHS): The state of the believer after he confesses known sins to God, 1Jn. 1:9 (spirituality).

FLESH: The human body; human viewpoint of thoughts; home of the STA/OSN.

GRACE: The undeserved favor of God; the expression of God's love.

GRACE APPARATUS FOR PERCEPTION (GAP): A ministry of the Holy Spirit whereby He insures that the believer in fellowship understands BD when it is being taught.

GREAT TRIBULATION: See TRIBULATION.

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT: The judgment of all unbelievers and fallen angels at the end of time.

HAMARTIALOGY: The study of sin.

HAPPINESS (+**H**): A believer's appreciation of life as a result of his relationship to God through studying and applying BD.

HEATHEN: Unbelievers who refuse to accept Christ as Savior.

HELL: The Lake of Fire; the place where eternal punishment of unbelievers and fallen angels is carried out.

HERMENEUTICS: The science and art of Biblical interpretation.

HOLY SPIRIT: The third person of the Godhead.

HUMAN GOOD: Good works carried out apart from the FHS and not in line with BD.

HUMANITY: The character or nature of man as opposed to deity.

HUMAN SPIRIT: It is acquired by fallen man at the point of his salvation; the spiritual essence of the believer that is +R and houses all BD assimilated in the FHS; the believer's "passport" to heaven and "record of all Divine good production.

HUMAN VIEWPOINT: Human principles as opposed to BD or divine principles.

HYPOSTATIC UNION: The joining of deity and humanity into one person without altering the characteristics of either.

IMMUTABLE: Unchangeable and faithful; a characteristic/attribute of deity.

IMPUTATION: Crediting someone with an attribute, e.g., God imputed His righteousness (+R) to every believer at salvation in the form of the human spirit.

INCARNATION: The deity of Christ taking on humanity so that He appeared as a human being.

INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (IHS): God the Holy Spirit indwells every believer at the point of salvation.

INSPIRATION: The process by which God accurately records His thoughts in the Bible.

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST: See BEMA SEAT.

JUSTICE (+**J**): Perfect fairness; a characteristic/attribute of deity.

JUSTIFICATION: The work of Christ as it pertains to man.

KENOSIS: Jesus Christ voluntarily restricted the independent use of His deity while on earth. He relied on the HS rather than His own deity.

LEGALISM: Trying to gain God's approval by means of human righteousness or human good.

LIVING GRACE: All that God has to do to keep the believer alive and advancing in time.

LORD JESUS CHRIST (LJC): The second person of the Godhead.

LOVE: God's perfect motivation toward His created beings; a characteristic/attribute of deity.

LOVE, CATEGORY ONE: Category One Love; love of man toward God.

LOVE, CATEGORY TWO: Category Two Love; love for right man or right woman.

LOVE, CATEGORY THREE: Category Three Love; love towards friends.

LUPE: Greek word for sorrow.

MARANATHA: Aramaic word meaning "come, Lord."

MATURITY ADJUSTMENT TO THE JUSTICE OF GOD (MAJG): Spiritual growth leading to spiritual maturity.

MEDIATOR: One who acts as a go-between; Jesus Christ, being equal with God and man, is our mediator.

MILLENIUM: The dispensation characterized by Christ's personal rule on earth; approximately 1,000 years long.

MODUS OPERANDI: Latin, meaning "method of operation."

MODUS VIVENDI: Latin, meaning "manner of living."

MOST PRESSING RESPONSIBILITY (MPR): The adjusted believer considers the intake of BD his life's "most pressing responsibility."

MYSTERY: Technical for those doctrines unique to the Church age.

- **NATURAL APPARATUS FOR PERCEPTION (NAP):** Human systems of learning requiring effort and intellectual ability; antithetical to GAP; trying to understand BD out of FHS.
- **NEGATIVE VOLITION (-V):** Expression of human free will to not choose in favor of BD; of the UNBEL with respect to SAJG and with respect to the BEL not fulfilling the MAJG.
- **OLD SIN NATURE (OSN):** Human nature which has a tendency toward sin; *see* **SINFUL TREND OF ADAM (STA).**
- **OMNIPOTENCE:** All powerful; limitless power and ability; a characteristic/attribute of deity.
- **OMNIPRESENCE:** Located everywhere at once; not capable of being in only one place; a characteristic/attribute of deity.
- **OMNISCIENCE:** All knowing; incapable of ignorance; a characteristic/attribute of deity.
- **OVERRULING WILL OF GOD:** God will not permit His plan to fail.
- **PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD:** That part of God's plan which allows man to make his own decisions and suffer the consequences.
- **PHASE 1 (Ph1):** God's plan of salvation centered in the person and work of Christ.
- **PHASE 2 (Ph2):** God's plan for the believer from salvation until death.
- **PHASE 3 (Ph3):** God's plan for the believer in eternity.
- PLUS H, (+H): See HAPPINESS.
- PLUS R, (+R): See RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- **PNEUMATOLOGY:** The study of God the Holy Spirit.
- **POSITIONAL TRUTH:** Doctrines related to a believer's position before God after salvation; truths that the believer does not experience but are real.
- **POSITIVE VOLITION** (+**V**): Refers to those who honestly seek after God's will; expression of human free will in favor of BD, GAP or salvation.
- **PROGRESSIVE REVELATION:** God revealed the specifics of His plan in increments.

- **PROPITIATION:** The satisfaction of God's righteousness and justice by the spiritual death of Christ on the Cross; the work of Christ as it relates towards God.
- **RAPTURE:** The end of the Church Age when Christ returns to take all believers in the Church Age to heaven.
- REBOUND ADJUSTMENT TO THE ADJUSTMENT OF GOD (RBJG):

 Confession of known sin to God. See FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- **REACTOR FACTOR:** A type of common human problem (CHP) which can cause a believer to go into reversionism or distort the truth, causing misapplication of BD.
- **REAL YOU:** The human soul; the seat of human consciousness where volition resides.
- **RECONCILIATION:** Removal of the sin barrier between God and man by Christ's work on the Cross; Christ's work as it relates to both God and man under the term "peace."
- **REDEMPTION:** The Lord Jesus Christ purchased mankind from the slavery of sin.
- **REGENERATION:** Spiritual birth via conception of the human spirit at Salvation Phase 1.
- **REPENTENCE:** A change of mind, irrespective of feelings.
- **REVERSIONISM:** Backsliding; rejection of God's plan or BD; failure to isolate sin activity and RB on a consistent basis.
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (+**R**): Perfect standards of right and wrong; a characteristic/ attribute of deity.
- **SALVATION ADJUSTMENT TO THE JUSTICE OF GOD (SAJG):** Personal belief in Jesus Christ as Savior.
- **SANCTIFICATION:** The state of being set apart; Saint; holy.
- **SECOND ADVENT:** The return of Christ to the earth at the end of the Tribulation in power and glory to set up the Millennium.
- **SEPARATION:** An act of judgment as applied to God and man and believer to man based on one's volitional aptitude and alignment to BD in time.
- **SINFUL TREND OF ADAM (STA):** *See* **OLD SIN NATURE.** Human nature which has a tendency toward sin.

SOTERIOLOGY: The study of the plan of salvation.

SOUL: The invisible, immaterial but Real You connected to the central nervous system/ brain computer; the seat of self-righteousness, conscience, standards, vocabulary, analysis center and volition.

SOVEREIGNTY: Absolute free will and rulership; a characteristic/attribute of deity. **SPIRITUAL DEATH:** Separation from God.

SPIRITUALITY: The state of a believer who is empowered or filled with the HS.

SURPASSING GRACE BLESSING IN ETERNITY (SG3): Rewards for application of divine viewpoint (BD) while in FHS in time issued at the Bema Seat at the Rapture of the Church.

TRIBULATION: The seven-year period between the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ.

TRINITY: The three (3) persons of God who are one in essence, co-equal and co-eternal.

UNBELIEVER (UB, UNBEL): One who has not accepted Christ as personal Savior. **UNLIMITED ATONEMENT:** Christ paid for all sins, of believers and unbelievers, on the cross.

VERACITY: Truthfulness; God is absolute truth; a characteristic/attribute of deity.

VOLITION: Decision-making are of the soul; free will.

WORD OF GOD (WOG): The Bible.

WORLDLINESS: Human viewpoint; cosmic standards of operation and thinking.