



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES –

GUIDANCE MANUAL for SUBMITTING CONTENT to the BEREAN LAMP

INTRODUCTION

The Purpose of the Berean Lamp Ministry is to encourage the members of the Body in these end times. The Berean Lamp Ministry is a two-fold endeavor. It is composed of a website and a newsletter for the Body of Christ where all its uniqueness, distinct spiritual gifts, inspiration, and revelation can be shared with one another and with the world.

Our goal is to encourage each other to become more deeply rooted in God’s Word, in our personal relationship with Jesus, and in our spiritual relationships with each other, the Body of Christ. This goal is the foundation upon which we share content on the website remembering that “...no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw...it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.” – 1 Cor. 3:11-13

The prime objective of this ministry is mutual encouragement within the Body of Christ and mutual accountability to Christ and Scripture. What we share here should be encouraging to the Body of Christ and the Body should encourage one another to share their spiritual gifts so that each of us would become more deeply rooted in the things of God: “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

The Body should hold each of its members mutually accountable to Christ and Scripture with gentleness and love, watching over each other to encourage one another away from error, holding everything that is presented here to the scrutiny of Scripture, to the extent that the Berean Lamp website and newsletter represents a true picture of the Body of Christ to the world, where “...whatever you do, do all to God.” – 1 Corinthians:10:31

We hope that this opportunity might also grow to serve as a foundation for reaching out to the lost and struggling believers beyond our church in these ending times.

OVERVIEW

Website

The Berean Lamp Website is the first part of the Berean Lamp Ministry. It is powered by Ekklesia 360 Content Management Software, a product of Monk Development Incorporated. The website is managed exclusively by the Berean Lamp Oversight Committee and is designed to publish content on



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the web generated by Believers: articles, essays, book reports, music, art, poetry, devotionals, tracts, and more. It also serves as a place to submit prayer requests, questions, and comments. The Berean Lamp Website is a dynamic and powerful enterprise with unlimited potential. This power brings added responsibility to our Lord Jesus Christ and we pray that His perfect Will would be manifest in the project as a whole – in the work we do, the content we produce, and the discussion that ensues.

Newsletter

The Berean Lamp Newsletter is the second part of the Berean Lamp Ministry. It is currently available monthly on the Berean Lamp Website for view and download as a .pdf file. People can also subscribe to the Newsletter on the website by leaving their email address.

The Newsletter contains original content generated by the Oversight Committee and selected content from the website, generated by the Body. The Newsletter's purpose is to provide timely encouragement in a discouraging world through Scriptural discernment, Biblical views about the times we are living, the witness of the Faithful, and encouraging thoughts rooted in Scripture. Our hope for the Newsletter is that it would be further distributed via email by believers to their friends, family, and acquaintances who are looking for discernment and encouragement in these times.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Oversight Committee

The Berean Lamp website and newsletter has a review committee composed of Pastor Scott Moller, Deacon Bob Larson, and Administrator Nathan Warner. This committee is tasked with helping members of the body develop their content and review the material for scriptural soundness. The committee edits all material for grammar and structure but will seek to preserve the "voice" of the author.

Content submission is a collaborative process between the individuals submitting and the review committee. If the committee does not believe content is developed enough, it will not reject material, but will work with individuals to help them develop their content. The committee's goal is to encourage and help facilitate the manifestation of each member's spiritual gifts to the best of its ability.

CONTENT

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Content on the Berean Lamp website and in the Berean Lamp Newsletter is generated by the congregation of the Berean Christian Fellowship. It consists of, but is not limited to articles, essays, poems, original artwork, songs, music, devotionals, intercessory prayer, book reports, tracts, etc.

All content posted on the Berean Lamp website or in the Berean Lamp Newsletter is available for distribution, download and copy. If you submit work here, assume that people anywhere in the world are saving it onto their computers, printing, or distributing it.

Guidelines

1. Whether instructive, discerning, or edifying, all content must have a scriptural anchor or foundation. Every submission should include at least one scripture that inspired, supports, or compliments the content.
2. Whether instructive, discerning, or edifying, all content should be encouraging. Please avoid submitting alarmist, dissenting, or uncharitable work.
3. All content submitted should be original work produced by the individual submitting the work. Please do not submit third party materials.
4. Please avoid over-promoting other individuals' theologies, ministries, missions, etc. This website is for the members of the Body of Christ to share the spiritual gifts they have personally been given by God.
5. The Berean Lamp is not a soapbox for doctrinal debates, theological arguments, or other activities that undermine the purpose of the website.
6. Remember that each of us are at different places in our walk with Christ and spiritual maturity. Therefore comments should be constructive and encouraging about content that other members have produced.

The Berean Lamp is designed with the hope that it will strengthen and exercise the members of the Body to work together, to the glory of God. We hope to avoid segmentation, factions, and polarizations among members based on disagreements, interests, desires, etc so that they associate only with those with whom they themselves have something in common.

If you have questions or comments about the website, newsletter, submitting content, etc, please contact Administrator Nathan Warner at nathan@bereanlamp.org.



APPENDIX A

Scriptural Foundations

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, fervent with the Spirit; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” – Romans 12:3-8

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself in love.” – Ephesians 4:11-16

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

“For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there



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may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.” – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31