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1. Submitting an Article

Potential contributors to *The Journal of Global Christianity* (JGC) should submit articles electronically as an email attachment to the Managing Editor, Darren Carlson, at darren.carlson@trainingleadersinternational.org using either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx extensions) or Rich Text Format (.rtf extension). Special characters (such as Greek and Hebrew) should use a Unicode font and must be transliterated. JGC uses a blind peer-review process, so the Managing Editor will remove the author's name or institutional affiliation before passing it on for peer-review. Each author should declare that he or she has not previously published the article or submitted it elsewhere for publication.

2. Audience

The Journal of Global Christianity seeks to promote international scholarship and discussion on topics related to global Christianity. The journal addresses key issues related to the mission of the Church in hope of helping those who labor for the gospel wrestle with and apply the biblical teaching on various challenging mission topics.

Understanding that there is a lack of trained and theologically educated leaders around the world to lead the Church and prepare future leaders, JGC targets an audience of pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers throughout the world. The educational level of our audience ranges from those who have completed a bachelor level degree to those who have completed a master level.¹ Second, those in school preparing for ministry; seminary students and professors. We realize that there are theology students, professors, and other scholars who will read and take interest in the content of this journal but our main focus is on those working with the global church or those who are considering work with the global church. The journal assumes a high level of education among its audience but is not strictly academic.²

¹ We do not expect that our audience will have these certificates in hand but that they be able to read and interact at the level of bachelor and masters.

² We are targeting those who can take the content of the journal and make it applicable in their various ministry

3. Length and Style

Articles should generally be about 4,000 to 7,000 words (including footnotes). Articles should use clear, concise English, following *The SBL Handbook of Style*, 2nd edition, supplemented by *The Chicago Manual of Style*. They should consistently use either UK or USA spelling and punctuation.

4. Article Layout

Articles should include an abstract and should have clearly laid out headings. The style (layout, formatting, footnotes, etc.) should be consistent with the most recent *Journal of Global Christianity* issues found at <http://trainingleadersinternational.org/jgc/current-issue>. For example:

<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Trajectories and Old Patterns: Hermeneutics and Same-Sex Advocacy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thomas R. Schreiner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abstract</p> <p>Your article should include an abstract at the very beginning. An abstract is a critical part of your article. It summarizes the most significant points in the article. Your abstract enables the reader to evaluate the nature and importance of your work and then decide whether or not to read the whole article. Here is an example;</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">A B S T R A C T :</p> <p>Both Luke Johnson and James Brownson, two respected New Testament scholars, have argued in recent years in favor of same-sex marriage. Johnson argues that Christians should not base their ethic solely on the New Testament witness and thinks there are grounds to go beyond the biblical teaching for a variety of reasons. Brownson, on the other hand, maintains that a careful study of the scriptures shows that they don't actually speak against faithful and monogamous same-sex marriages. The arguments of both Johnson and Brownson are carefully reviewed and found to be unconvincing. Johnson doesn't rightly construe the role of salvation history and the definitive and final revelation given in Jesus Christ. Brownson's exegesis of key texts in Paul, especially Romans 1, misconstrues the argument of the text. Also, he wrongly presupposes in the article that Paul doesn't know about same-sex orientation.</p> <hr/>

others understand the Bible and related issues in Christian ministry. There are two groups of audience: Those in North America with an interest in the progress of the gospel around the world. This journal will help them know what the hot issues are and how they can be addressed. Second, we are aiming at an audience that is already working on the ground in the different ministry contexts around the world. This journal helps them wrestle with ministry-related issues from a biblical point of view at a seminary level.

4.1 Introduction and Main Body of the Article

You should number the introduction with the roman numeral 1. After the introduction your first level subhead should be numbered 2 and the next numbered 3 etc. If you have second level subheads, number them as 2.1, 2.2; 3.1, 3.2 etc. In the event that you have third level subheads, number them as 2.1.1, 2.1.2; 3.1.1, 3.1.2 etc. For example;

1. Introduction

In a time long ago and in a place faraway I debated those who defended women's ordination. My fundamental argument in the debate then (and I still make the same argument by the way) was the argument from creation. I would argue that women should not serve as pastors or elders or overseers since God, according to 1 Timothy 2:12-13, established at creation a different role for women.

2. The Case Presented by Luke Johnson

2.1 Arguing from Human Experience

Let's consider Luke Johnson's argument first. In one sense, Johnson is very clear.

2.2 Arguing from the Bible

Still, the matter isn't so simple because Johnson also appeals to Paul's refusal to be bound by the OT law to justify his reading.

3. The Case of James Brownson

Now let's turn to James Brownson. Space is lacking to engage every dimension of his argument.

3.1 Complementarity

Brownson investigates and considers the issue of complementarity.

3.2 Patriarchy

Brownson also defends his thesis by reflecting on patriarchy.

3.3 One-Flesh Unions

Brownson reflects further on whether one flesh unions may include same-sex couples.

4. Conclusion

I noted in the introduction that same-sex marriage and same-sex relations are an issue for every person and every culture.

5. Implication for the Global Church

In view of our target audience, how does your article help them in their various contexts? End your article with suggested application points that could be helpful for those ministering in the larger body of Christ globally. We consider this critical since the objective of the journal is to help our brothers and sisters wrestle with theological and missiological issues in their specific context of ministry.

6. Abbreviations

Contributors MUST use the *The SBL Handbook of Style* (2nd ed.) abbreviations for biblical books. We have included the correct abbreviations below. Also, consult the *SBL Handbook* for abbreviations to ancient works (e. g. Josephus, *Ant.* 17.1), reference works (e. g. BDAG), and monographs or commentary series (e. g. WUNT; NICOT).

7. *The SBL Handbook of Style* Bible Book Abbreviations

Old Testament Abbreviations

Gen	Genesis	Song (or Cant)	Song of Songs (Song of Solomon, or Canticles)
Exod	Exodus	Isa	Isaiah
Lev	Leviticus	Jer	Jeremiah
Num	Numbers	Lam	Lamentations
Deut	Deuteronomy	Ezek	Ezekiel
Josh	Joshua	Dan	Daniel
Judg	Judges	Hos	Hosea
Ruth	Ruth	Joel	Joel
1-2 Sam (or 1-2 Kgdms)	1-2 Samuel (or 1-2 Kingdoms)	Amos	Amos
1-2 Kgs	1-2 Kings	Obad	Obadiah
1-2 Chr	1-2 Chronicles	Jonah	Jonah
Ezra	Ezra	Mic	Micah
Neh	Nehemiah	Nah	Nahum
Esth	Esther	Hab	Habakkuk
Job	Job	Zeph	Zephaniah
Ps/Pss	Psalms	Hag	Haggai
Prov	Proverbs	Zech	Zechariah
Eccl (or Qoh)	Ecclesiastes (or Qoheleth)	Mal	Malachi

New Testament Abbreviations

Matt	Matthew	1-2 Thess	1-2 Thessalonians
Mark	Mark	1-2 Tim	1-2 Timothy
Luke	Luke	Titus	Titus
John	John	Phlm	Philemon
Acts	Acts	Heb	Hebrews
Rom	Romans	Jas	James
1-2 Cor	1-2 Corinthians	1-2 Pet	1-2 Peter
Gal	Galatians	1-2-3 John	1-2-3 John
Eph	Ephesians	Jude	Jude
Phil	Philippians	Rev	Revelation
Col	Colossians		

8. Footnote Citations

Contributors should make every attempt to cite sources accurately. Bibliographic citations in the footnotes should follow *The SBL Handbook of Style* (2nd ed.), supplemented by *The Chicago Manual of Style* (16th ed.). Here are some examples:

8.1 Book (Authored)

Andrew David Naselli, *From Typology to Doxology: Paul's Use of Isaiah and Job in Romans 11:34-35* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2012), 10-11.

James V. Brownson, Bible, *Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013), 10.

8.2 Book (Edited)

Jason Sexton, ed., *Two Views on the Doctrine of the Trinity*, Counterpoints (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014).

8.3 Book in a Series

Dane C. Ortlund, *Zeal without Knowledge: The Concept of Zeal in Romans 10, Galatians 1, and Philippians 3*, LNTS 472 (London: T & T Clark, 2012), 110-12.

8.4 Chapter in a Book

D. A. Carson, "Paul's Mission and Prayer," in *The Gospel to the Nations: Perspectives on Paul's Mission*,

M. T. Brauch, "Perspectives on 'God's Righteousness' in Recent German Discussion." In *Paul and Palestinian Judaism*, 523-42 (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1977), 27-30.

8.5 Article in a Dictionary

Bromiley, G. W. "Faith." In *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, Geoffrey W. Bromiley, ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982). 118-21

8.6 Journal Article

J. P. Braswell, "'The Blessing of Abraham' versus 'the Curse of the Law': Another Look at Galatians 3:10-13." *Westminster Theological Journal* 53 (1991): 73-91.

Preston M. Sprinkle, "Romans 1 and Homosexuality: A Critical Review of James Brownson's Bible, Gender, and Sexuality," *BBR* 24 (2014): 522-26

8.7 Dissertation/Thesis

Caneday, Ardel B. "The Curse of the Law and the Cross: Works of the Law and Faith in Galatians 3:1-14." (Ph.D. diss., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1992).

8.8 Online Article

Collin Hansen, "The Son and the Crescent," *Christianity Today* 55.2 (February 2011): 18-23, <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2011/february/soncrescent.html>.

Luke Timothy Johnson, "Homosexuality and the Church: Scripture and Experience," Accessed at <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/homosexuality-church-1> on September 25, 2015.

8.9 Subsequent References

Subsequent references to sources should use the shortened citation. Authors may use "Ibid." to refer to a single work cited in the note immediately preceding. Consult *Chicago Manual of Style*, 14.24-32 for guidelines.

8.10 First Citation

J. P. Braswell, "'The Blessing of Abraham' versus 'the Curse of the Law': Another Look at Galatians 3:10-13." *Westminster Theological Journal* 53 (1991): 73-91.

James V. Brownson, *Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013), 10.

8.11 Second Citation

Braswell, "'The Blessing of Abraham' versus 'the Curse of the Law,'" 73.

Brownson, *Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships*, 223-55.

8.12 Repeated Citation

Ibid., 73.