

PROCLAIM & DEFEND WRITERS' GUIDELINES

Mission Statement

The Foundations Baptist Fellowship International exists to provide a rallying point for Foundations Baptists seeking personal revival and the opportunity to work with committed Bible-believers in glorifying God through the uncompromising fulfillment of the Great Commission.

As the blog of the FBFI, [Proclaim & Defend](#) provides a forum for God's people to reverently express a conservative Christian perspective on pertinent issues. In an effort to keep readers informed, many different individuals and organizations will be quoted or referred to. This does not imply the endorsement of the FBFI or its board.

Unsolicited manuscripts and artwork will be accepted for review.

Appropriate Topics

[Proclaim & Defend](#) is interested in articles dealing with a wide variety of topics, but especially commentary and Biblical instruction pertinent to current world situations, especially addressing the mass confusion that exists in the Christian world. Writers should familiarize themselves with the blog and the positions of the FBFI on various issues. In order to assist you, we'll be happy to send you a sample copy of our print magazine, *FrontLine*, upon request, or you can read *FrontLine* articles online at the web site: www.fbfi.org.

Submissions

Articles must be submitted by e-mail, either in the body of the e-mail or in an attached file. Attached files should be either Microsoft Word (for Windows) files or text files.

Send materials to: editor@proclaimanddefend.org.

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In addition to the above, please note these guidelines:

- The article must be useful to the readers of this blog.
- The article must be grammatically correct and well-written.
- The article must not include marketing-related links and must not be entirely self-promotional.
- Articles must be original and may not have been previously published elsewhere. Submissions may be verified for originality using a tool such as Copyscape.com or Plagium.com.

Length and Style

We are especially looking for articles written in a vernacular style for the common reader. We want to be address current issues and explain how Foundationsist theology applies to real life situations our readers

face every day. Consequently, we are usually looking for shorter pieces and we are definitely looking for a readable style. Articles should be approximately 500-600 words (or about one and a half to two single spaced letter size paper pages) in length. Please note that in spite of our shorter article guideline we will always look at longer articles if their content fits our philosophy and goals. Longer pieces may be serialized over several posts.

Margins should be left justified and ragged right, like the columns in this brochure. Do not capitalize or use abbreviations unnecessarily.

All Scripture quotations should be taken from the King James Version. If you believe you need to quote from a different version for clarity, simply provide the clarification within the text of your article rather than quoting a different translation. If articles are submitted with various versions in use, this simplification will be made by the editors.

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