IBNet Blog Guidelines
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I.   **Purpose**: To promote a biblical (Baptist) worldview among independent Baptists and the broader online community.

Adoniram Judson looked back on his college days and recalled that he held strong prejudices against the Baptists as a "sect that is everywhere spoken against." Things haven't changed much in our day. This blog is intended to further the Baptist cause by advancing positive, compelling, biblically-based, Christ-centered reasons for our faith and practice. This blog is not a platform to criticize or call out individuals or institutions within IB circles. There may be good reason for such communication, but this public blog is not the proper forum for it. Our goal is to strengthen our brethren and attract unbelievers to faith and to our churches.

II.   **Topics**: The topics can be wide-ranging, but there should be a special emphasis on Baptist history and doctrine.
   - Baptist history, including history of Baptist missions
   - Baptist distinctives
   - Theology
   - Counseling / Life issues
   - Devotional / personal growth
   - Baptist response to the social, political, and natural issues and crises of our day

III.   **Guidelines**

   a.   You are strongly encouraged to support IBNet by listing your church or ministry in the directory. Personal profiles (pastor, staff, missionary, etc.) are also encouraged. Author names on the posts will link to your personal profile if you have one, otherwise it will link to your church or ministry in the IBNet directory.

   b.   You must be in agreement with the stated beliefs and distinctives posted on IBNet.

   c.   The theological orientation (system) of the content is dispensational. The general perspective is conservative and traditional.

d. We recognize that each of us is independent ecclesiastically and there will be differences of beliefs and opinions. Let us exercise grace and understanding with one another.

e. Email posts in MS Word format to: blog@ibnet.org

f. Posts can be a mix of lay- and academic-level content.

g. Editor(s) will look for a reasonable level of writing skill and a discernable logical structure before approving the post.

h. Submitted posts will be accepted at the discretion of the editor(s) based on quality, uniqueness of content, overall volume of submissions, and any number of other criteria.

i. Citations are encouraged. Use Turabian-style footnotes. For example: Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1983), 751.

j. Use the KJV or NKJV for Scripture quotations. References will pop-up to the KJV.

k. Articles must be publish-ready. They should be free of grammar and spelling errors. Consider having someone else proof-read them before submission.

l. Posts should be no longer than 1,500 words. Break longer content into a series for weekly posting. Submit the complete series together. Under ordinary circumstances, a series will not be posted until the complete series is received.

m. Remember that all posts on this blog are viewable by the public. Please refrain from topics that are likely to cause heated in-house debate or will be generally inflammatory.