

A Brief Summary of Our Doctrinal Statement

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible is God's special revelation to mankind and comprises the sufficient and only infallible rule of faith and conduct. Although men composed the Bible, these writers were moved by the Holy Spirit to write God's words.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE TRINITY

There is only one true and living God existing as three Persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is divine, distinct, eternal and equally deserving of our worship and obedience.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD THE FATHER

God, the Father, is an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in all attributes. He sustains and rules His universe in a sovereign, wise and loving way. He saves all who come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man; yet without sin. His dual nature is unchangeable, indivisible, inseparable and without distinction. He was incarnated through the virgin birth for the purpose of revealing God and providing redemption. His voluntary and substitutionary offering is the only suitable means to propitiate God's wrath. After His death, Jesus rose bodily on the third day, ascended into heaven and currently rules at the right hand of God. He is the only acceptable Savior of all mankind. He will personally and visibly return in power and glory for His bride, the church, and will judge all mankind.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, possessing all the attributes of personality and deity. The Spirit indwells every believer of the New Covenant at the moment of salvation, baptizing them equally into the body of Christ. He convicts the world of sin, regenerates lives for salvation, illuminates the Scripture and continually transforms believers into the image of Christ. He sovereignly administers spiritual gifts to every member of the church with the intent of glorifying Jesus Christ.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT MAN

Humans are sinners by nature, by choice and by divine declaration. Every unredeemed human is at enmity with God and they are subject to His wrath, utterly incapable of choosing God and remain totally at the mercy of God's grace to obtain salvation.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT SALVATION

God from eternity past decreed to redeem some humans through Christ who shed his blood and purchased the salvation for God's elect. Salvation begins as the Holy Spirit regenerates a sinner's heart through the instrument of the Word of God. These individuals have a responsibility through God's grace to freely accept Jesus by faith and repent of their sins. The offer of God's free grace is to be proclaimed to all; for those who God will save will be a multitude from every nation and ethnic group.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE LAST THINGS

Every human being is destined to die physically. Upon death, believers will immediately be ushered into the presence of God where they will enjoy heavenly rest and joyful fellowship with Christ for eternity. They will eagerly await final glorification when they receive their resurrected bodies.

The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith contains a fuller understanding of what we believe.