

Calvary Baptist Church

Doctrinal Statement

1. God is one triune God: The Father, The Son and Holy Spirit.
2. All things exist as objects of God's creative power, and not by evolution.
3. Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Man; He is the only Savior of men; He was born of a virgin, He is the only Mediator between God and man.
4. The Holy Spirit is the Administrator of God's work in the world. He convicts the world of righteousness, of sin and the judgment. He regenerates, indwells, seals, comforts and preserves every believer in Christ, and restrains Satan and the powers of evil.
5. The Holy Scriptures, which we call, "The Bible," in their original expression, are the Words of God; they are verbally inspired and the Author of them is God.
6. The human race is totally depraved, alienated from God by sin, and is hopelessly and everlastingly lost except as God Himself provides salvation.
7. Salvation is by grace through faith, the benefit of the blood redemption of Jesus Christ, through His vicarious suffering and atonement, His death, burial, resurrection and intercession.
8. Jesus Christ established His church during His personal ministry on the earth. He is its only Lord and Head. He gave to His church its authority, its law, its commission and its ordinances with the power to perpetuate them; and in perpetuating them, in keeping with the Scriptures, the church as an institution, has perpetuated itself and will perpetuate itself until Jesus comes to earth again.
9. The church of Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers, covenanted together in the faith and fellowship of the Word of God. It is a sovereign and independent body, subject only to the triune God and His law. In religious matters, there can be no higher authority in the world than that of a New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the act of a church is final in all religious matters.

10. Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ may and should work together in doing the will of God as it pertains to their work; but it must be a voluntary cooperation and free association on the basis of church equality, with each church retaining its sovereignty and independence under the triune God. No religious body, such as is commonly thought of as a denominational organization, can make laws or rules governing a sovereign church, and if churches themselves enter into agreement whereby their sovereignty or independence is abridged, they become unscriptural in so doing.

11. The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are properties of the church and can be administered by the authority of the church only. A penitent believer in Christ is a proper subject for baptism, and baptism and church fellowship are scriptural qualifications for partaking of the Lord's Supper. Baptism is by immersion in water and its design is to declare the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. The elements of the Lord's Supper are "the fruit of the vine" and unleavened bread. In the Lord's Supper the church memorializes His death until He comes again.

12. The believer in Christ is made secure in Him. His security is assured because salvation is the gift of God, based upon the finished work of Christ, and is not dependent upon good works. Good works are the fruits of the believer's salvation and are not the cause of it.

13. Jesus will return to the earth in the end of this age. He will return in person as He went away. When He comes, the dead in Christ shall be raised from the dead and the living righteous saints shall be translated. Christ will judge the world in righteousness, reign with His saints on the earth, judge the nations and reward His servants. At the end of His earthly reign will come the resurrection of the rest of the dead of all ages, the final judgment, and the wicked shall go into everlasting banishment and torment; while the righteous shall go into eternal life.

14. The freedom of speech, of conscience, and of religion are God given rights which cannot be scripturally taken away from any individual