



# The Way

## Baptist Church

**"Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way*, the truth, and the life:  
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6**

**Statement of Faith**  
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## Summary of Doctrinal Beliefs

*"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)"*

Sound Doctrine is essential for a life that pleases the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that the "Statement of Faith" which follows is an accurate statement of essential Christian doctrines. These truths have stood the test of time. For centuries, Christian men and women have lived godly lives by adhering to these truths. Nevertheless, this Statement of Faith neither exhausts the doctrines of the Bible nor supersedes it in authority for faith and practice, for "All the scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine ..." (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible remains our final authority for all faith and practice and the standard by which we can know the truth.

### 1. OF THE SCRIPTURES

By "**Holy Bible**," we mean the collection of sixty-six books now contained in all the Books of the Old and New Testament.

We believe of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writing and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and.

We believe that God moved Holy Men to pen down His Words, and that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (2 Peter 1:19-21). We believe in the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God, and that the Scriptures are infallible and God-breathed, and therefore are the complete and divine revelation of God to man. No new revelation is needed or accepted.

We believe that the Scriptures should be interpreted literally (whenever possible), contextually, grammatically, culturally and historically.

*Deuteronomy 4:2; Joshua 1:8; Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 24:44-45; John 12:48; 17:17; Romans 15:4; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Revelation 22:18-19*

### 2. OF THE GODHEAD

We believe in one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the heavens and earth.

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons - **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**.

Genesis 1:1; 1:26; Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29-30; John 1:1-2,14; 14:7-11; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 1:17; 3:16; 6:13-16; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 1:8.



### **3. OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, truly God and truly Man, and that He is both the Son of God, and God the Son.

We believe in His absolute Deity, His sinless life, His atonement as a substitution for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross. We believe Jesus Christ rose from the dead bodily on the third day according to the Scriptures.

*Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 1:1; Luke 1:26-38,46-47; John 1:1-4,14; 3:16; 17:5; Acts 1:1-3,9-11; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8,47; Romans 1:4; 6:9-10; 8:34; 10:9.*

### **4. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature and that He was active in creation. He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement and bears witness to and exalts the Person of Christ. He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, empowers, guides, teaches, and sanctifies the believer.

*Matthew 12:31; Luke 1:35; 24:49; John 3:5-8; 14:16-18,26; 15:26; 16:7-11,13-14; Acts 1:8; 5:30-32; 6:5; 13:2; Romans 8:9,14-16,26-27; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 1:13; 3:16; 4:30; 5:18*

### **5. OF THE DEVIL OR SATAN**

We believe in the existence and personality of Satan, though created holy, became the author of sin and all the powers of darkness, and is the deceiver, the prince of the power of the air, the unholy god of this world who endeavours to keep souls from coming to Christ, and that he is at enmity with God, Christ, and the Church.

*Genesis 3:14-15; Job 1,2; Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 22:31-32; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; 2:7-10; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Peter 2:4; 2 John 7; Revelation 9:11; 12:4,7-10; 20:1-3.*

### **6. OF CREATION**

We believe that the Genesis account of creation is to be literally accepted, and not allegorically or figuratively, and that creation was a direct act of God. We believe in God's direct creation of the universe, without the use of pre-existent material, and apart from any process of evolution whatever according to the Genesis account.

*Genesis 1:1-2:3; 2:21-23; 5:1-2; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalms 8:3-6; 19:1; Isaiah 45:11-12,18; Jeremiah 10:12; 32:17; John 1:1-3; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 4:11; 10:5-6.*



## **7. OF MAN AND HIS FALL**

We believe that man was directly created by God in His image and after His likeness, free of sin, with a moral responsibility to his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his innocent and happy state, incurred the penalty of spiritual and physical death, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners in thought, word and deed.

*Genesis 2:7,15-24; 3:1-27; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 16:12; 17:9; Matthew 7:21-23; 23:28; Romans 1:18-32; 2:1; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:13-14.*

## **8. OF SALVATION**

We believe God is absolutely sovereign and has given humans a free will to accept or reject the salvation He has provided. We believe God's will is for all to be saved; that God has no joy in the death of the wicked; that Jesus Christ came into the world to save the lost; that Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world; that God's saving grace is extended to all; and that the Gospel is addressed to all.

- We believe that God's sovereignty does not negate man's freedom and responsibility; all men are invited genuinely to believe and be saved.
- We believe that man is saved by grace through faith and nothing of man enters into his salvation. We believe sinners must be born again in order to be saved. It is the only way to possess eternal life and enter the Kingdom of God. This new birth is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the sinner, dead in trespasses, is now a new creation, made a partaker of the divine nature, and receives eternal life that is a free gift from God.
- Every true child of God possesses eternal life and cannot lose his salvation.

*Psalms 31:23; 37:28; 121:3; Proverbs 2:8; Isaiah 46:4; Matthew 7:24-25; John 3:16; 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30; 11:25-26; 17:9-12; Romans 4:21; 8:15-16, 23-39; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 1:12; 4:18; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 2:19, 25; 3:2; 4:13; 5:11-13; Jude 24.*

## **9. OF THE RETURN OF CHRIST**

We believe in "that blessed hope"; the personal, premillennial, pretribulational and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, when the Church will be "gathered together unto Him."

*Isaiah 11:4-10; Jeremiah 23:5-6; 30:6-10; Matthew 24:3-31, 36-51; 25:31-33; 26:64; John 5:22; 14:1-4; Acts 1:9-11; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:1-11; Revelation 1:17.*



## **10. OF THE RESERUCTION**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

*Matt. 25:31-46; Lk. 16:19-31; I Thes 4:13-18; Rev 21:1-8*

## **11. PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS**

Christ is our High Priest, and through Him every born-again person has direct access into God's presence without the need of a human priest. The believer guided by the Holy Spirit has the right and the responsibility to personally study and interpret the Scriptures.

*Rev. 1:6; Heb 4:14-16, I Tim. 2:5, II Pet. 1:20-21*

## **12. OF THE CHURCH**

A local new Testament Baptist Church is an organised body of believers immersed upon a credible confession of faith in Jesus Christ, having two offices (Pastor and Deacons), congregational in polity, autonomous in nature, and banded together for work, worship, the observance of the ordinances and the worldwide proclamation of the gospel. We believe the Church, which is Christ's body, the spiritual organism consists of all born again believers of the New Testament dispensation.

Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-18; 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42,46-47; 6:1-6; Romans 12:14-18; 16:1-5; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11; 6:1-3; 11:2; 12:12-27; 16:15-19; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:8-11,15,21; 4:3-6,11-16; 5:23-27; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; Hebrews 12:23; 13:7,17; 1 Peter 5:1-4.

## **13. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S TABLE**

We believe baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, by and under the authority of a New Testament church. It portrays a solemn and beautiful emblem of one's faith in, and identification with, the crucified, buried and risen Saviour.

Biblical baptism occurs when the right candidate (a saved born again believer), representing the right Gospel (salvation by grace through faith plus nothing else and which cannot be lost), for the right purpose (in obedience to God's command), in the right method (by immersion), is baptised under the right authority (local bible-believing church authority).

Thus, Baptism is a pre-requisite to the place and privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Table in which, after solemn self-examination, and by the use of unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine, the members only of the church are to commemorate together Christ's sacrificial love by His death, until He comes.

*Matthew 3:5-8,13-17; 26:26-30; 28:18-20; Mark 13:34; Luke 22:19-20; John 3:22-23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:12,36-39; 10:48; 16:13-15,29-34; 18:8; 20:7; Romans 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:21; 11:2,23-34; 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:4-5; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21.*



## **14. OF MISSION**

We believe that Missions, the endeavour to reach all the world with the gospel, is a charge to, and the responsibility of, the church. We believe that the church is debtor to those who have never heard the gospel; that the Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the gospel to be preached at home and abroad -- to the uttermost part of the earth; and that the magnitude of the Great Commission constrains autonomous New Testament churches to cooperate together for the accomplishment of the task.

Psalm 96:3; Proverbs 11:30; Isaiah 6:8; Daniel 12:3; Matthew 9:36-38; 24:14; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:45-47; John 4:35-38; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 13:1-5; 16:9-10; Romans 1:14-16; 9:22-26; 10:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; 10:13-16; Philippians 4:14-18; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 14:6.