

**DOCTRINAL STATEMENT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA**

Looking to our Lord Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of faith, and trusting wholly in Him for our salvation, we, the members of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, affirm our faith in the following basic doctrines of scripture.

SECTION 1 - INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that all Scripture (the 66 book canon) is given by inspiration of God, by which we mean that God superintended human authors so that using their individual human personalities they composed and recorded without error His message to man in the words of the original autographs. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; John 10:35; Matthew 5:17)

SECTION 2 - THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are one God deserving precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24; John 10:30; II Corinthians 13:14)

SECTION 3 - OF CHRIST

We believe that the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Godhead, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death, rose bodily from the grave and ascended into heaven, thus to continue as both undiminished deity and perfect humanity united in one person forever. (John 1:1, 14, 18; Hebrews 1:2-9; I John 5:20; I Timothy 2:5)

SECTION 4 - OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe the Holy Spirit is God, a divine, eternal Person, having intellect, emotions, and will of His own. (Acts 5:3-4; Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:14; John 15:26; 16:13-14; I Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 4:30; I Corinthians 2:11) We believe the present ministry of the Holy Spirit is restraining sin in the world, convicting the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He also, in the present age, regenerates believers in Christ, baptizes them into the church, the body of Christ, indwells them permanently, seals them into the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon each

one. (John 15:26, 27; 16:7-15; John 3:8; I Corinthians 12:13; John 14:16; Ephesians 4:30; I Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19)

SECTION 5 - OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, apart from any evolutionary process. In Adam all mankind fell into sin with the result that all men are sinners, hopelessly sinful in themselves, apart from the grace of God. (Genesis 1:12; 9:6; Romans 3:23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1)

SECTION 6 - OF SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the free gift of God brought to men by His grace and received by faith alone in Christ, who died for our sins and rose again, apart from any sacraments, good works or human merit. (John 3:16; Acts 4:12; 13:38, 39; 16:31; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 4:4, 5; 5:1; Ephesians 2:8,9)

SECTION 7 - OF SANCTIFICATION

We believe that every believer is promised positional, progressive, and ultimate eternal sanctification. (John 17:14-17; I Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; I Thessalonians 4:3,4; Hebrews 10:10,14; I John 3:2)

SECTION 8 - OF ASSURANCE

We believe that all who are born of the Holy Spirit through faith in Christ can have assurance of salvation and are eternally secure in Christ. (John 6:37; 10:27-29; 17:12; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 4:30; II Timothy 1:12; I John 5:13)

SECTION 9 - OF THE CHURCH

We believe the church is composed of all believers of all races, colors, and nations; is the body and bride of Christ; is formed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit and exists in two aspects, universal and local. The universal church is an elect company of believers, baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body; its mission is to bear witness of its Head, Jesus Christ, preaching the gospel among all nations; it will be caught up to meet the Lord, after which He will return to set up His Kingdom. The local church is a group of believers voluntarily joined together to worship God with praise and thanksgiving, and to glorify Jesus Christ through an aggressive effort to disciple others by the preaching of the gospel, and the exercise of spiritual gifts. We believe that the Spiritual practices of baptism in the name of the

Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and the bread and the cup are for all believers in Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:24-30; Acts 13:1; I Corinthians 4:13, 27; Matthew 28:19, 20; Luke 22:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:46; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17)

SECTION 10 - OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe that Christians are called to a holy life of service and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit, which service includes the propagation of the Gospel message to the whole world. There is promised reward in heaven for faithfulness in such service. (I Peter 1:15, 16; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 3:12-17; John 14:1-3)

SECTION 11 - OF THE ANGELS

We believe that angels were originally created holy creatures, but, now exist as unfallen and fallen, including Satan. (Colossians 1:16; Job 38:6-7; Psalm 148:2-4; Jude 6; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:9; Ephesians 6:11, 12; I Timothy 2:6; 5:21)

SECTION 12 - OF THE SECOND COMING

We believe in the imminent return of the Lord for His Church; the tribulation; the second coming of Christ to the earth after the tribulation; the establishment of the reign of Christ on earth for one thousand years; the eternal state of punishment for the unsaved and the eternal state of blessing for the saved. (Titus 2:13; I Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:4-10; John 14:1-3; Revelation 3:10; Matthew 24:21, 29-30; 25:31-46; Revelation 20:1-6; 11:15; Matthew 25:46)

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