



Seminary Doctrinal Statement

A. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible. By Bible, we mean the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe when the Bible speaks, God speaks. Therefore, we believe that the Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

B. We believe there is only one true God, existing in three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each distinctly different, with personality, and yet simultaneously and equally God. (Genesis 1:26; 1 John 5:7)

C. We believe that God created the universe *Ex Nihilo* (out of nothing) in six, literal, and 24-hour days. (Genesis 1)

D. We believe that Adam and Eve were created without sin, and by their own choice they chose to disobey the Law of God. Through Adam's disobedience he earned physical and spiritual death. Through Adam's lineage we inherit a depraved nature and a propensity for sin so that all of mankind are guilty and under condemnation without excuse. (Romans 5:12; 3:10; 6:23; 5:12-21)

E. We believe that Jesus Christ is the virgin born and only Son of God. Jesus is God Himself, and was placed inside the flesh and body of man. He lived His physical life without any sin. He died a substitutionary, atoning death, and paid the price and penalty for the past, present, and future sins of all of mankind. We believe he was dead before being removed from the cross, that he was buried, and that He raised His physical body back to life. We believe that this provides the only way of salvation and the opportunity to have a relationship with God, but only through Jesus Christ. (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 2:8-9)

F. We believe that the free gift of salvation is imparted to the believer after the Holy Spirit convicts the heart of sin, the person repents of their sin, and places all of their hope and faith in the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit, indwells the life of the believer and seals him in Christ. (John 14:6; Romans 2:4; 10:9-11; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13-14)

G. We believe that each person who does not accept the free gift of salvation will be held for eternity in Hell. We believe Hell is a place of literal fire and torment, and also a place of isolation from the presence of God. (Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 8:11-12; Luke 12:5; Luke 16:19-31)

H. We believe that once a person is truly born again and has placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, they are never again in any danger of eternal damnation. Once a person is saved, they are always saved. (John 10:25-30; Hebrews 13:5)



I. We believe that God works through His local New Testament churches to reach the lost world. Believers are to congregate in order to worship the Lord, to be equipped for the work of the ministry, and to lead others to Christ. We believe the church is to be supported by the faithful tithing and serving of its membership. (Hebrews 10:25; Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

J. We believe the local church ought to aggressively commit to supporting missions works of like faith and practice, those in agreement with their Articles of Faith, both in America and throughout the world, whose primary objectives are to start and support indigenous local, autonomous Baptist churches. We believe that it is the responsibility of every believer to present himself to the Lord for missions work where they live. (Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 10:1; 2 Corinthians 8:1-12)

K. We believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ for all believers. The rapture of the saints will be followed by the seven-year period of tribulation, then the one-thousand-year earthly reign of Christ, and finally the eternal reign of Christ in the new heaven and the new earth. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 20:1-15)