

THE SCRIPTURES:

We believe in the supernatural inspiration and infallible authority of the Scriptures, including both the Old and New Testaments, and accept the whole Bible as the Word of God, and our rule of faith and practice. We grant to each individual, the right to interpret the Scriptures for himself, but "interpretation" must not be construed as meaning the right to disbelieve the plain statements of the Bible. (Psalm 119:18; I Corinthians 2:9-16; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21)

GOD:

We believe the Scriptures reveal God as eternally existing, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, a trinity of three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - One in essence and power. (Genesis 1:1, 26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 139:1-6; I Timothy 2:5)

THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS WORK:

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His substitutionary death on the cross for our sins; His physical resurrection from the grave; His ascension to the right hand of God where He ever liveth to make intercession for believers, and His personal, visible, bodily return. (Matthew 1:22-23; Matthew 28:6; John 1:1; John 20:28; Romans 3:25; I Corinthians 15; I Thessalonians 4:18; Hebrews 4:15, 7:25; I John 2:2)

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person, a member of the Holy Trinity, possessed of all the divine attributes of God. We believe that He is the Administrator of the things of God, convicting of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, bearing witness to the truth concerning Jesus Christ. We believe that He indwells every born-again believer, guiding him in matters of prayer and service. Every believer should not only be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but is commanded to be filled with the Spirit. We believe the Holy Spirit is restraining evil "until He is taken out of the way." (John 16:8-11; Acts 5:35; I Corinthians 2:10-12, 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:13-19, 5:18; II Thessalonians 2:7)

MAN:

We believe that God created man in His own image and that man came into the world by direct creation of God and not by evolution; that this creative act of God was separate and distinct from any other work of God. We believe the Scriptural record of the fall of man, through disobedience to God, which was only possible because God gave man a will to choose for himself, and that by choice and by nature, man is "dead in trespasses and sins." (Genesis 1:27, 2:7, 3:1-6; Ephesians 2:1)

SALVATION:

We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who, by appointment of the Father, freely "took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man," yet without sin; honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full atonement for our sins, that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies and divine perfections. He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior. Salvation is by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 53:4-6; II Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25; I Peter 2:22; Philippians 2:5-11)

THE CHURCH AND ITS ORDINANCES:

We believe a local Fundamental Baptist Church is a voluntary association of baptized believers, equal in rank and privilege, subject to the Word of Christ, and independent of any external ecclesiastical control, whatsoever. We believe God's Word commands every believer (and believers only) to be baptized and that the only scriptural mode is by immersion. We believe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper should be observed as Christ said, "In remembrance of me" (or His broken body and shed blood for us.) "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." We don't believe the supper has any sacramental virtue. (Matthew 28:19-20; John 15:26; Acts 2:41, 47; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Colossians 1:18)

MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY:

We believe by God's design marriage is a covenant entered into by one biological man and one biological woman before God for life. Any sexuality occurring outside of this covenant is a sin. The Bible teaches that divorce and remarriage are permissible when the covenant is broken through either fornication or desertion. In other circumstances divorce and remarriage is a sin but not an unpardonable sin." (Genesis 2: 21-24; Malachi 2:14-17; Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; I Corinthians 7:10-16)

EVANGELIZATION:

We believe it is the solemn obligation of every believer to be a personal soul-winner and to do his utmost to carry out the Savior's command to give the gospel to the whole world. (Matthew 28:19-20; I Peter 3:15)