

Doctrinal Statements Scripture Doctrines

1. I believe in the Plenary, verbal Divine inspiration of the sixty-six Canonical books of the Old and New Testaments [From Genesis to revelation] in the original languages, and in their consequent Infallibility and Inerrancy in all matters of which they speak [*2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Thess 2:13*]. The Book known as Apocryphal, however, is not the inspired word of God in any sense whatsoever. As the Bible uses it the term INSPIRATION refers to the WRITING, not the WRITERS [*2 Timothy 3:16-17*]; the writers are spoken as being Holy Men of God who were MOVED, CARRIED or BORNE along by the Holy Spirit [*2 Peter 1:21*] in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally, plenary, and verbally inspired, free from error, infallible and inerrant. As no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.
2. I believe that the texts which were the closest to the Original Autograph of the Bible, are the TRADITIONAL MASORETIC HEBREW TEXT [Old Testament] and the TRADITIONAL RECEIVED TEXT [New Testament] underlying the King James Version of 1611 as published by the Trinitarian Bible Society in 1976.
3. I believe that the King James Version or the Authorized Version of the English Bible is a true, faithful and accurate translation of these two providential texts, which in our time has no equal among all other English translations. The translators did such a fine job in their translation task that we can without apology hold up the Authorized Version and say, This is the Word of God! While at the same time realizing that, in some verses, we must go back to the original language texts for complete clarity, and also compare scriptures with scriptures.
4. I believe that all the verses in the King James Version belongs in the Old and New Testaments because they represent words we believe were in the Original language texts, although they might have other renderings from the original languages which could be acceptable to us today. For an exhaustive study of any of the words and verses in the Bible, I urge the students to compare Scriptures with Scriptures as well as seeking the help of the Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text and the Traditional Received Text rather than any other translations for help.

5. I also believe that other foreign language translations are the Word of God, but this the thing which I like to use to counteract the thought that the English King James Version is not the Word of God. Now since the King James Version is so accurate a representation of the Original underlying Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament Text and the Traditional Received New Testament Text, we can hold it up and say that it is the Word of God. It is the word of God in English as in any faithful, exacting, precise translation taken from these same Original Texts. If it is done as well as King James Version is done, also could be the Word of God in French, the word of God in German, the Word of God is Chinese and so on. And so we have the Word of God.

6. The Modern English Versions are not the word of God in English. Such as the NASV, NIV, TEV, RSV, NKJV etc for two reasons:
 - o Because of a different Original Language Texts
 - o Because if inaccurate translation methods and results.Not only have they taken out verses, but also the method of translation is not accurate. They either paraphrases, as the New International Version is a pure paraphrase, in so many instances, time and time again; or even in some instances in the New American Standard Version. But also the translation job is not as precise and exacting as the King James Version is, and so the resultant product is such that we cannot say it is the Word of God.

Doctrine of GOD

1. I believe in the existence of the one living, personal Triune God, as revealed in both nature and revelation, who eternally exists in three persons, eternal in being and equal in essence and attributes.
 - o The existence of god is assumed by the writers of Scriptures [*Genesis 1:1; Psalm 14:1; John 1:1,2; Hebrews 11:6*]
 - o The Trinitarian Distinctions of God are evident. [*Genesis 1:1,26; Matthew 3:16-17*]
2. God is Spirit, infinite and Perfect, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. The nature of God is reflected in His attributes.
3. Absolute Attributes
 - o God is Spirit, thus not dependent on matter [*John 4:24*]
 - o God is Infinite, knowing no limit or bounds [*1 King 8:27; Psalm 145:3*]
 - o God is self-existent, meaning that the ground of existence is in Himself alone [*Exodus 3:14*]
 - o God is Immutable, His nature, Attribute and will being exempt from change. [*James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8*]
 - o God is Truth [*John 14:6*]
 - o God is love [*1 John 4:8*]
 - o God is Holy, in that He eternally maintains His purity [*Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:3*]
4. Relative Attributes
 - o God is Eternal, without beginning or end and free from all limitations of time [*Psalm 90:2; 102:27*]
 - o God is Omnipresent, in that the totality of His Essence is present in all places at all times. [*Psalm 139:7; Jeremiah 23:23-24*]

Doctrine of THE FATHER

1. I believe that God the Father exists eternally as the First Person of the Trinity.
2. I believe that God the Father originated Creation. [*Hebrews 1:2*]
3. I believe that God the Father directed the Work of Christ in His Incarnation [*Hebrews 10:7-9; 1 John 4:14*]

Doctrine of THE SON

1. I believe that Jesus Christ exists eternally as the Second Person of the Trinity, that He has no beginning or end, and is equal in essence and power with the Father.
[Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-2; John 17:5; Hebrews 1:8]
2. I believe that Jesus Christ was the agent of the creation of the universe. *[John 1:3]*
3. I believe that Jesus Christ manifested Himself visibly in the Old Testament in the forms of Christophanies.
[Genesis 16:10-13; Exodus 23:20-25; 32:34; Isaiah 63:9; John 1:14]
4. I believe that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, and is God incarnate, God in the flesh.
 - o Jesus was born of Mary through the miraculous conception of the Holy Spirit, thus preserving the sinlessness of Christ.
[Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35]
 - o Through this Incarnation, Jesus Christ became the God-man, One Person possessing both divine and human natures, each complete, with personality undivided, so that Jesus was, and is, not merely God and man but properly God –Man
[John 8:58; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5]
 - o This Incarnation preserved Christ's human nature from the depravity of His parents. Christ lived sinless life on earth.
[Luke 1:35; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15]
5. I believe that God the Son was Incarnated in the flesh, to be the Substitutionary Sacrifice for the human race, Christ's ministry was focus on the cross.
 - o This sacrifice was initiated by God's love for the human race. *[John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9]*
 - o This sacrifice was a ransom, paid to free man from the bondage of sin. *[1 Corinthians 7:23; 1 Timothy 2:6]*
 - o This sacrifice was a sin offering, the fulfillment of the Old Testament type *[Hebrews 9:14; 25-28]*
 - o Although sufficient for all, this sacrifice is efficient only for those who believe
[1 Timothy 4:10; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 2:2]

6. I believe that three days after He death, Christ rose bodily from the grave [*Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; 1 Corinthians 15:4, 17-19*], was seen of men for forty days afterward [*Matthew 28:9; 16-17, Acts 1:3*], and ascended to the Father in Heaven [*Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9; 7:55-56*], where He is now our High Priest, and Intercessor [*Hebrew 4:14-15; 7:25; 1 John 2:1*]
7. I believe that the return of Jesus Christ for His saints occur at any time, to be followed by the Tribulation and the setting up of the Kingdom on Earth [*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; Revelation 20:3-6*]

Doctrine of THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. I believe that the Holy Spirit exists eternally as the Third Person of the Trinity, that He has no beginning or end, and is equal in essence and power with God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit is a Person and not a force or influence, and has the attribute of God, including personality. [Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor.13:14]
2. I believe that the Holy Spirit was present and active in the creation of the universe. [Genesis 1:2,26; Job 26:13; 33:4]
3. I believe that the Holy Spirit has a distinct ministry in the Old Testament, that of coming upon certain men for certain time periods, enabling them to perform special task. [1 Samuel 10:6; 2 King 2:9; Psalm 51:11]
4. I believe that the Holy Spirit has an extensive ministry in this particular Dispensation of the Local Church. This ministry is dual ministry, in that it is directed to and for individuals and also to and for the church, in that the Holy Spirit accredits, empower, and directs the church, having begun His official work at Pentecost and continuing until Rapture.
 - o He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment [John 16:8-11] and restrains the work of the Evil One [2 Thess. 2:7]
 - o He regenerates the unregenerates [Titus 3:5]
 - o He assures the believer of his salvation [Romans 8:16]
 - o He indwells the believers. [John 14:16-17; 1 Cor.6:19]
 - o He seals the believer [Eph.1:13-14]
 - o He fills the believer who yields himself to God. [Eph.5:18]
 - o He illumines the believers in order that he may more fully and correctly understand the Scriptures. [1 Cor.2:12]
 - o He is the medium of what is commonly called "Spirit Baptism." It must be noted that it is Jesus who baptizes, not the Holy Spirit [Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5]. I believe that this baptism took place on two different occasions; once for the Jews [Acts 1:5;2], and once for the Gentiles [Acts 11;1-18; esp. vv.16-18]. This Baptism was each time accompanied by miraculous signs, especially speaking in tongues, and was indicative of the fact that god was authenticating, empowering, and guiding His new Institution the Church. This accompanied signs were for the Jews who require a sign [1 Cor.1:22]. These miraculous signs occurred for a time after the institution of the church until the canon was completed and authentication was no longer necessary. [Mark 16:15-20; Heb.2:3]

5. I believe that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon the believers for the purpose of edifying the church. [Romans 12:6-8; 1 Cor.12:4-11; Eph.4:11]
 - o Some of these gifts were temporal, used in the laying of the foundation of the church and the accrediting of the church in the eyes of the world. [Eph.2:20-22; Acts 2:3]
 - o These temporal gifts ceased when their purposes were fulfilled.
 - o These offices and functions of apostles and prophets have ceased, the foundation of the church were laid. [Ephesians 2:20-22]
 - o The Miracle Gifts- Tongues and healing [by means of a specific person in a supernatural manner, not ignoring the fact that God can and does heal miraculously today], knowledge and prophecy [as fore-telling of events and specially given knowledge] -have been done away, since the church have been accredited as a valid institution and its messengers authenticated [1 Cor.13:8-13]
 - o Other gifts are given to believers for use today, such as prophecy [in a sense of preaching], ministering, teaching, exhortation, giving, ruling, and others. [Romans 12:3-8]
 - o I believe that at the rapture, the Holy Spirit will cease to work as He does in this dispensation. [2 Thess. 2:7-8]

Doctrine of MAN

1. I believe that God created man in His own Image and Likeness on the last day of creation, as the crown of His Creation. [Genesis 1:26]
2. Man was created with a two-fold nature- on one hand material, on the other hand immaterial. He consists of body and soul or spirit. That there are two elements in man's being, is a fact to which consciousness testifies. This testimony is conformed in Scripture, in which the prevailing representation of man's constitution is that of dichotomy.
 - o The record of man's creation in Genesis 2:7, in which, as a result of the inbreathing of the Divine Spirit, the body becomes possessed and vitalized by a single principle –the living soul. [Genesis 2:7; Job.27:3; 32:8; 33:4]
 - o Passages in which the human souls, or spirit, is distinguished, both from the divine spirit from whom it proceeded, and from the body, which it inhabits. [Numbers 16:22; Zech.12:1; 1 Cor.2:11; Heb.12:9]. The following passages distinguish the soul, or spirit of man from the body, which it inhabits [Genesis 35:18; 1 King 17:21; Ecclesiastes 12:7; James 2:26]
 - o The interchangeable use of the term "soul" and "spirit" [Genesis 41:8; Psalm 42:6; John 12:27; John 13:21; Matthew 20:28; 27:50; Revelation 6:9]
 - o The mention of body and soul [or spirit] as together constitute the whole man [Matthew 10:32; 1 Corinthians 5:3; 3 John 2]
3. The creation of man constituted the creation of the entire human race, for the entire human race was present in Adam
 - o Eve was taken from Adam; she was not separate independent creation. [Genesis 2:21-23]
 - o Each man was created in Adam [Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Hebrews 7:9]
 - o I believe that man was created innocent and perfect in Adam.
 - o I believe that man receives his body and soul or spirit at conception from his parents and that any destruction of that person before birth is murder. [Genesis 2:7; 2:22; 46:26; Psalm 139:15-16; Hebrews 7:10]

Doctrine of SIN

1. I believe that sin originated with Lucifer when he attempted to become as God. [Isaiah 14:12-15]
2. I believe that Adam and Eve were subjected to a moral test [Genesis 2:16-17], which they failed [3:6-7].
 - o As a result of this original sin, Adam and Eve immediately experienced spiritual death; the separation of man from God [Genesis 2:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:9], and subsequently physical death, the separation of the soul or spirit from the body [Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22; James 2:26]
 - o This sin thus plunged the entire human race into sin; Mankind became immediately depraved, having no natural desire to please God; the intellect is blinded, the emotion corrupted, and the will placed in the bondage of sin. [John 5:42; Romans 3:9-18; 7:18; 8:7; Ephesians 4:18]
 - o The Ultimate result of this sin is everlasting punishment in the Lake of fire. [Revelation 20:12-15]
3. I believe that sin is primarily an offense against God's holiness. It is:
 - o Sin- To miss the mark of God's standard [Romans 3:9; 3:23]
 - o Fault- To fall aside from the truth [Galatians 6:1]
 - o Iniquity- To pervert what is right [Romans 1:18]
 - o Transgression- To pass over the prescribed boundary of God's law. [Matthews 15:2-3]
 - o Debt- Not to meet one's obligations [Matthews 6:12]
 - o Disobedience- To Disobey, to be unpersuadable [Hebrews 4:6]
 - o Disobedience- To refuse to listen to God's commands. [Romans 5:19]

Doctrine of SALVATION

1. I believe that God has not abandoned mankind to sin and its consequences but has made possible salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. The Son.
 - o Salvation is possible only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. [Romans 5:8; Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19]
 - o Salvation is offered freely to all men. [1 Timothy 2:6; Titus 2:11; 1 John 2:2]
 - o Salvation is applied only to those who personally repent and in faith accept Christ as their Savior. [John 1:12-13; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9]
 - o Salvation is a one time act, which never be repeated, nor can salvation be lost. [Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 1:4-12]
2. I believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead to trespasses and sin is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that it proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith, and newness of life.
 - o John 3:3; II Corinthians 5:17; I John 5:1; John 3:6-7;
 - o Acts 16:30-33; II Peter 1:4 Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1;
 - o II Corinthians 5:19; Colossians 2:13; John 3:8; Ephesians 2:5.

3. There are several things, which take place preceding and at salvation.
- Repentance- Before a man maybe saved, he must recognize his sinfulness and change his attitude toward sin. [Acts 2:38; 3:19; Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Hebrews 6:1]
 - Regeneration- The Holy Spirit imparts to the believer a new nature at the moment of salvation. This is also called the new birth, or being born again. [John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Titus 3:5] The old nature with its bent toward sin is not eradicated, but must be dealt with in sanctification. [Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 6]
 - Conversion- The believer not only repents of his sin, but must also turn from sin, on the one hand, and to God, on the other. [Acts 3:19; 28:27]
 - Justification- At salvation, the believer delivered from the penalty of sin. [Romans 5]
 - Sanctification- Not only is the believer delivered from the penalty of sin, he is also delivered from the sin by the work of the Holy Spirit, as the believer yields his entire being to Christ. There are three time sequences to sanctification.
 - PAST. All believers are sanctified at salvation in that they are separated from the world and the penalty of sin. [1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:10; 1 Peter 1:2]
 - PRESENT. Sanctification continues throughout a believer's life as he grows in grace. This is often called "Progressive Sanctification" [2 Peter 3:18]
 - FUTURE. Our sanctification will be completed at the time of the coming of Christ, when we are totally separated from sin and this world. [1 John 3:1-3]

Doctrine of THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. I believe that God has chosen to work through the institution of local church in this dispensation. [Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 3:1-10; Colossians 1:24-26]
 - o The membership is restricted to born again, immersed believers. [Acts 2:38; 41; 1 Corinthians 1:2,16]
 - o The Head of the Church is Christ. [Acts 5:29; Ephesians 1:22-23]
 - o The authority of the church is the Word of God; all creeds, covenants and statement of faith must be in accordance with Scriptures [2 Timothy 3:14; 4:4; 2 Peter 3:1,2]
2. I believe that the mission of the church is to carry out the Great Commission and practice the Ordinances.
 - o The Great Commission directs the church to win the lost, baptize those converts, and teach them the Word of God. [Matthews 28:19-20]
 - o The two ordinances of the church are Baptism and Lord's Supper.
 - o Baptism is immersion into water, symbolizing the death, burial, and resurrection to the new life. [Romans 6:1-6]
 - o The Lord's Supper is a memorial of the death of Christ, the bread being a picture of a broken body and THE FRUIT OF THE VINE [grape juice] a picture of a shed blood, and is only for immersed believers of that Local Church.[Closed Communion] [1 Corinthians 11:20-34]
 - o These two ordinances are for the church as a body. They should NOT be practiced outside the context of the Local Church. [Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 11:20-34]
 - o These two ordinances are works and not a means of grace. Salvation must precede both, and both must follow salvation for a Christian to be obedient. [Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 11:20-34]
 - o The church is to be supported by the freewill offerings of its people. It may not or should depend on any outside sources of income. [1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7]

3. I believe that the officers of the church are Pastors and deacons [Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3] both are to be elected by the church in accordance with the qualifications laid down in Scriptures. [Acts 6:1-6; 14:23]
 - o The qualifications of the pastor are given in 1 Timothy 3:1-7
 - o The duties of the pastor are:
 - o Elder- The president of the assembly [Acts 11:30; 15:13-27; 1 Timothy 5:17]
 - o Bishop- The Overseer of the working force [Acts 20:28; Titus 1:7-13]
 - o Pastor- The Shepherd of the flock [Acts 20:38; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 5:2]
 - o Preacher- To the congregation [Romans 10:14; 1 Timothy 4:2]
 - o Teacher- To the congregation [Ephesians 4:11]
4. I believe that there are nine Distinctives, which separate Baptist Churches from others.
 - o The Bible is the only rule of faith and practice [2 Timothy 3:16]
 - o All Church members must be born again and bear viable testimony [Acts 2:41]
 - o Each church is autonomous, providing its own support, selecting its own officers, and being responsible for its own actions. [Acts 1:15-26; 6:1-6; 1 Corinthians 5:4-5]
 - o Every believer is a priest before God, needing no mediator except Christ. [1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Peter 2:9]
 - o No man maybe coerced into believing, each man is at liberty to believe as he wishes, in keeping with scriptures. [Philippians 2:12-13]
 - o The only two ordinances are the Baptism and Lord's Supper [Acts 8:37-38; 1 Corinthians 11:26]
 - o Church and state should be separated. Obedience to the state is expected until such a time as that obedience interferes with Scriptural principles. [Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29]
 - o The Christian as an individual and the church as a whole is to be separated from this world and its errors, unbelief, and compromise. [2 Corinthians 6:14-17] The social condition of today's culture has raised the issue of divorce. I believe that the Scripture teaches that there is to be no divorce for the Christian [Romans 7:1-6; Mark 10:6-12]. No divorced person may be elected officer of the church.

- o The church is to separate itself ecclesiastically. I stand opposed to Modernism, Lifestyle Evangelism, Liberalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, New Evangelicalism, Ecumenicalism, Ecumenical Evangelism and the Charismatic Movement. While separating itself from these forms of denial, the church may and should fellowship with churches of like faith and practice, although this fellowship should NOT be on an organized level.
5. I believe that the Local Church is the only Scriptural Agency for sending out local or foreign church planters. It is unscriptural to be under mission boards or organized fellowships as agency for the cause of mission.
 6. I believe that a true Independent Baptist Church should be unaffiliated with any such mission agencies and Fellowships.

Doctrine of ANGELS

1. I believe that the first day of creation God created a large number of spirit beings [Daniel 7:10; Colossians 1:16], possessing personality with supernatural intelligence and power [Matthew 24:36; 2 Peter 2:11], without sin [Genesis 1:31; Jude 6], everlasting [Luke 20:36], and not able to procreate [Matthew 22:30; Luke 20:35-36]
2. I believe that Satan, originally called Lucifer, was created as the covering Cherub, closest to the throne of God. [Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19]
 - o Satan, through pride, fell, the first being to sin [Isaiah 14:12-14]
 - o Satan took many of God's angels with him when he fell. [2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:4]
3. I believe that these fallen angels oppose God's will and hinder man's temporal and eternal welfare. [Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19]
 - o Some of these angels are chained in darkness, reserved for judgment [Jude 6]
 - o Others of these are free to roam the earth and interfere in the affairs of man. [Ephesians 6:12]
4. I believe that the majority of the angels remained faithful to God and were confirmed in holiness and were confirmed in holiness and are serving as ministering spirits, worshipping God and executing His Will on Earth. [Psalm 103:20; Daniel 6:22; 10:12-13; 12:1; Acts 12:7; Revelation 12:7]

Doctrine of THE LAST THINGS

1. I believe in the Pre-millennial and Pre-tribulation return of the Lord Jesus Christ in the air to rapture the saints, resurrecting the bodies of the believers who have died and reunited the bodies with their souls and translating all those who are alive at His coming. [2 Thessalonians 2:6-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 5:6]
2. I believe that follow the Rapture, the saints will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards according to their works. [1 Corinthians 3:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10]. This will followed by the Marriage Supper of the Lamb [Revelation 19:7-10]
3. I believe follow the Rapture, the unsaved will go through a Seven Year Period of Tribulation, Daniel's Seventieth Week, a time when the work of Satan will culminate in the appearance of the Anti Christ when God shall pour out His wrath upon this earth. [Daniel 7:25-27; 9:24-27; Matthew 24:15-22] During the Tribulation, many Jews and Gentiles will be saved. [Revelation 7:1-8]
4. I believe that the Tribulation will end with the return of Christ [Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 19:11-16] when He shall defeat the armies of the earth at Armageddon [Revelation 19:17-19], set up His Kingdom on Earth [Daniel 7:13,14,27; 9:24; Zechariah 14:9-11], Satan will be bound [Revelation 20:1-3], and peace and righteousness shall be upon the earth. [Daniel 9:24; Zechariah 14:16-20]
5. I believe that at the end of the Millennium, Satan will be loosed for a short time, deceive the nations and fight against God for the final time. [Revelation 20:7-9]
6. After this Battle of Gog and Magog, Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire, the spirit of the lost shall be brought out of Hell and reunited with their resurrected bodies, judged at the Great White Throne, and cast into the Lake of Fire forever. [Revelation 20:7-15]
7. I believe that a new Heaven and a new Earth will be created, and all the blessed shall live in the presence of God for all the rest of eternity. [Revelation 21; 22]