



Central Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

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The Blessing of Giving

I. Of the Scriptures We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired with God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried. We also believe that all Scripture is profitable and relevant to all believers in all contexts.

II. Of the True God We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. Of the Fall of Humanity We believe that humans as created in holiness, under the law of our Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all humankind are now sinners by choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, bent toward sin; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. Of the Way of Salvation We believe that the salvation of sinners is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, that by Jesus' death, burial and resurrection all who place their faith upon Him for salvation receive forgiveness of sin and eternal life with God.



V. Of Justification We believe all who come to faith in Christ are justified in the eyes of God; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life. That it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer, by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in condemnation

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration We believe because of our hopeless and rebellious bent toward sin, everyone requires the work of the Holy Spirit in coming to faith in Christ.

VIII. Of Repentance and Faith We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being convinced of our guilt and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with contrition, confession and supplication for grace; at the same time receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. Of God's Purpose of Grace We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, justifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel, that it is the foundation of Christian assurance.

X. Of Sanctification We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, in the continual use of the appointed means especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.



XI. Of Perseverance of the Saints We believe that believers possess persevering attachment to Christ and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. Of a Gospel Church We believe that a visible church is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word.

XIII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper We believe that the Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. We believe that the Lord's Supper is observed by the sacred use of bread and wine to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIV. Of the World to Come We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be judged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.