

**Cherrydale Baptist Church**  
**Doctrinal Statement**

A. OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments) as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore has truth without any admixture of error for its matter. We believe the Bible to be the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried. - - - II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:19-21.

B. OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressively glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; 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. - - - Exodus 20:2, 3; I Corinthians 8:6; I John 5:7; Revelation 4:11.

C. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer. - - - Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:8; Luke 1:35; Luke 24:49; John 1:33, John 3:5, 6; John 14:16, 17, 26; John 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32; Acts 11:16, Romans 8:14, 16, 26, 27; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Hebrews 9:14.

D. OF ANGELS, SATAN AND DEMONS

We believe God created sinless spirit beings called angels to worship and serve Him. - - - Colossians 1:16; Isaiah 6:3; Hebrews 1:14.

We believe that some of the angels rebelled against God, and that one, Satan, now rules these fallen angels called demons. We believe in the personality of Satan, that he is the unholy god of this age, and the author of all the powers of darkness, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire. - - - I Timothy 3:6; Matthew 25:41; Ephesians 6:11-12; Matthew 4:1-3, II Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:10.

E. OF THE CREATION

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution. - - - Genesis 1 and 2, John 1:3; Colossians 1:16, 17.

F. OF THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by constraint but by choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse. - - - Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 1:18, 32; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 5:12, 19.

## G. OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner, born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God and God, the Son. - - Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:14.

## H. OF THE ATONEMENT FOR SIN

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior. - - - Isaiah 53:4-7; Matthew 18:11; John 3:16, Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24, 25; I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 2:14; I John 4:10.

## I. OF GRACE IN THE NEW CREATION

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that 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 in trespasses and sins 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 our 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 its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life. - - - John 3:3, 6-8; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:23; II Corinthians 5:17, 19; Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13; II Peter 1:4; 1 John 5:1.

## J. OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification;

1. That justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness.
2. That it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed unto us. - - - Isaiah 53:11; Zechariah 13:1; Acts 13:39; Romans 5:1, 9; Romans 8:1.

## K. OF FAITH AND SALVATION

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation. - - - Acts 16:31.

## L. OF THE CHURCH

1. The local church.  
We believe that a local church is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its officers are pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are clearly defined in the Scriptures; we believe the true mission of the church is to witness faithfully to all men about Christ, and to make disciples of all nations. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations; and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, through the Spirit; that it is

scriptural for true churches to cooperate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that each local church is the sole judge of the measure and method of its cooperation, on all matters of memberships, of polity, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final. - - - Acts 2:41, 42; Acts 15:13-18; Acts 20:17-28; I Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22, 23; Ephesians 4:11, Ephesians 5:23, 24; Colossians 1:18, I Timothy 3:1-7.

2. The invisible church.

We believe that all the saved of this dispensation are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, which is the invisible church, the instant they believe. - - - I Corinthians 12:12, 13.

M. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that the Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He comes, and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination. - - - Matthew 3:16; John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-28; Colossians 2:12.

N. OF THE SECURITY OF THE SAINTS

We believe that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ. - - - John 10:28, 29; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; Jude 24, 25.

O. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. - - - Genesis 18:23; Proverbs 14:32; Malachi 3:18; Matthew 25:34-41; Luke 6:25; John 8:21; Romans 6:17, 18, 23; Romans 7:6; I John 5:19.

P. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the Kings of the earth. - - - Exodus 18:21, 22; II Samuel 23:3, Daniel 3:17, 18; Matthew 22:21, Acts 4:19, 20; Acts 23:5; Romans 13:1-7.

Q. OF THE RESURRECTION, PERSONAL, VISIBLE, PREMILLENNIAL RETURN OF CHRIST, AND RELATED EVENTS

We believe in:

1. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. - - - Matthew 28:6, 7; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2-6, 39; John 20:27; I Corinthians 15:4.
2. The ascension of Jesus Christ. - - - Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 3:31.
3. The High Priesthood of Jesus Christ. - - - I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 5:9, 10; Hebrews 8:6; I John 2:1.
4. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the invisible church including the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the change of the living in Christ. - - - John 14:3; I Corinthians 15:42-44, 51-53; Philippians 3:20, 21; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-10; II Thessalonians 2:6-8;

Revelation 3:10.

5. The Great Tribulation. - - - Psalm 2:5; Jeremiah 30:1-9; Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21, 22, 29, 30.
6. The personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ, with the Saints, to reign on the throne of David and establish the millennial kingdom. - - - Psalm 72:8; Isaiah 9:6, 7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Isaiah 32:1; Zechariah 14:4, 5; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24:29, 30; Luke 1:32; Acts 1:11; Acts 2:29, 30; I Corinthians 15:25; I Thessalonians 3:13; I Thessalonians 4:14; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; I Timothy 6:14-16; Revelation 19:11-16; Revelation 20:4-15.
7. The new heaven and the new earth. - - - Isaiah 65:17; II Peter 3:12, 13; Revelation 21:1.