

Dover First Baptist Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and that it is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
(II Timothy 3:15-16; II Peter 1:21; Hebrews 1:1-2; Acts 1:16, 28:25; Psalm 119:9; Romans 15:4; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 24:27,44)
2. We believe that God is triune; that there are three eternal co-equal, divine persons in the Godhead, and these three are one God.
(Luke 3:21-23; Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 6:3,8; Proverbs 30:4; Matthew 28:19, 17:5; I John 5:7; I Peter 1:2; II Corinthians 13:14)
3. We believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.
(John 1:1, 20:28; Colossians 1:19, 2:19; I Timothy 3:16; Matthew 1:20-28; Luke 1:35)
4. We believe the only way to be saved – is by faith in the blood sacrifice, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We hold that the believer is in possession of a salvation in which he is eternal kept.
(John 3:16-18, 14:6; Acts 4:12, 16:30-31; Romans 3:22-25; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9-10; John 10:28; I John 5:13; Hebrews 7:25)
5. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father; that He ever liveth to make intercession for all that come to God by Him.
(Acts 1:9)
6. We believe that the Church, which is the body of Christ, began with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; that each one who accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour is a member of the Body of Christ, and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and given spiritual gifts according to the scripture. We do believe that various gifts like tongues, healings, miracles were temporal and have cease.
(I Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:1-4,38,41,47, 3:1-3, 9:1-5; Colossians 1:18; Romans 2:15, 8:27; Matthew 16:17-18; cf. I Peter 2:1-6; Acts 4:11; Romans 8:9-10)
7. We believe that the gospel commission is for the Church; that the Lord's Supper and Baptism are divine institutions and that Christ desires us to practice them in this age.
(Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47-48; Acts 1:8; Romans 6:3-5; Matthew 26:26-29)
8. We believe that Christ may at any moment return in the air to rapture the saints (His Church) and that a Tribulation period of seven years will follow; after which He will come to the earth with the saints and rule for a thousand years. After this, the wicked dead will be judge and cast into the lake of fire.
(John 14:3; Acts 1:7-11; I Thessalonians 4:14-18; I Corinthians 15:23-25,51,54; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15-21; Revelation 19:20, 20:15; cf. Zechariah 14:3; Matthew 25:13; Isaiah 2:1-4; Luke 1:32,35)
9. We believe that Satan is a person, the author of the fall, and that he shall be eternally punished.
(II Timothy 2:26; I Peter 5:8; Genesis 3:1-7,14-15; John 8:44; Revelation 20:10)
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust in the eternal conscious punishment of the lost and the eternal joy of the saved.
(John 5:26,29; Luke 24:39; Philippians 3:4; Job 19:25-27; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 21:1-8)