



Trinity Baptist Church

CARMEL, INDIANA

A Summary of TBC's Statement of Faith

(Note: numbers in parentheses are references to chapters in TBC's Statement of Faith)

Theology Proper (God)

We believe in the one true God of the Bible Who exists in three eternal distinct persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Although God is fully sufficient, holy, and sovereign over all, He chooses to interact with His creation. (2, 3, 5, 8, 21)

Christology (Jesus Christ)

We believe that Jesus Christ was pre-existent but came to earth, being born of a virgin. He was both fully God and fully man. The Father sent His only Son to redeem, call, justify, sanctify and glorify those whom He had chosen to be His children from eternity past. Christ died, having lived a sinless life, for sinful men. (9, 22)

Pneumatology (Holy Spirit)

We believe the Holy Spirit is truly and eternally God. He indwells all believers and places His seal on them from the moment of their salvation. He illumines believers so they might understand the Scriptures and grow in personal holiness. (10, 22)

Bibliology (Bible)

We believe the sixty-six books of the Bible are inspired by God and are inerrant and infallible in the original writings. They are sufficient to provide all we need for life and salvation; thus, they are the final authority in matters of faith and practice. (1)

Anthropology (Man)

We believe man was created in the image and likeness of God for the purpose of glorifying Him. Man was originally created with the ability to obey God's commands but chose not to. (7, 11)

Hamartiology (Sin)

We believe that because Adam chose to sin, death, condemnation and a sinful nature were brought upon all his offspring. Thus, every man and woman is born a sinner, is totally depraved, and is totally unable to please God or seek after Him. (7, 11)

Soteriology (Salvation)

We believe that because all men are totally unable to believe unto salvation by the exercise of their own will, salvation is a product of the sovereign grace of God. Thus, in eternity past God chose some persons to be His own. This election was according to His sovereign purpose alone and was not conditioned on any foreseen faith or merit of those chosen. Christ died for the purpose of securing the salvation of those chosen. Those for whom Christ died are regenerated by sovereign grace and are thus made willing and able to come to Christ in faith. Those genuinely saved will persevere in the Christian life until the end. (3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22)

Ecclesiology (Church)

We believe the church is both universal (all believers everywhere) and local (believers gathered in a common locality). Christ is the Head of the church and has given each local church the authority necessary for conducting forms of worship and discipline that are in harmony with the Word of God and in submission to the authority of Christ. The local church, being governed by duly authorized elders, gathers for worship, edification, fellowship, service and observance of the two ordinances (baptism and communion). (24, 27, 28, 29)

Eschatology (Last Things)

We believe Christ will one day return to the earth in sovereign rule and final judgment. The righteous will enjoy eternal life with Christ, and the wicked will endure everlasting punishment. (30, 31, 3)

We are a gospel family committed to being and making disciples of Jesus for the glory of God



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