

This is what we teach.

(Doctrine of Calvary Bible Church)

Section 1: The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, verbally inspired by Him to the fullest extent in all parts, without error in the original manuscripts, and the only authority for faith and practice. (Mathew 5:18, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Section 2: The Godhead

We believe that there is one God who eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each Person has precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections and each is to be honored as true God. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 6:9, John 5:23, Hebrews 1:8, Acts 5:3-4)

Section 3: The Creation, Fall and Depravity of Man

We believe that man was directly created in the image and likeness of God and is not in any sense the product of animal ancestry, that by Adam's sin the entire race fell, inherited a sinful nature, became alienated from God, and that man is totally depraved – unable to remedy his lost condition. (Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 3:23, 5:12, Ephesians 2:1-3, 12)

Section 4: The Person and Work of Christ

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ who became a man without ceasing to be God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, shed his blood as a substitutionary sacrifice which made our salvation possible, rose bodily from the dead guaranteeing our salvation, and ascended to the right hand of God the Father in heaven where he continues His High Priestly ministry as Advocate and Intercessor for His people. (Isaiah 9:6, Titus 2:13, John 20:28, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Hebrews 4:15, John 1:29, Galatians 3:13, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 4:25, 1 Peter 1:3, Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:23-25, 9:24, 1 John 2:1)

Section 5: Salvation

We believe that our salvation has been accomplished solely by the shedding of Christ's blood, that it is a free gift of God provided by grace and received by man through personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that apart from Christ there is no salvation possible. We believe that no degree of reformation, no culture, no sincere efforts, no submission to rules, no church attendance, no baptism or any other acts such as confession, prayer, faithful service or good works can be added to the finished work of Christ or the faith of the believer unto salvation. (Romans 5:9, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:3-9, John 1:12, John: 14:6, Acts 4:12, Romans 4:4-5, Galatians 2:16, Titus 3:5)

Section 6: Eternal Security and Assurance

We believe that all who have trusted in Jesus Christ as personal Savior are kept secure forever and have the privilege of this assurance through the testimony of God's Word. (John 6:37-40, 10:27-30, Romans 8:29-39, Philippians 1:6, Hebrews 7:25, 10:14, 1 John 5:13)

Section 7: The believer's Lifestyle

We believe that we ought to have lifestyles characterized by righteousness and good works, not that these contribute to salvation but rather that they give evidence of it, that these may be accomplished only by

submission to the Holy Spirit so that we may not fulfill the lusts of the flesh and bring dishonor to His name. (Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 2:14 3:8, Romans 8:12-14, 13:14, Galatians 5:16-25, 1 Peter 1:14-17, 2:11, 1 John 3:5-9)

Section 8: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, who regenerates those who believe in Christ, indwelling, sealing, and baptizing them into the body of Christ at the moment of salvation, and who makes a godly life possible to those who yield to Him and to the scriptures. (Acts 5:3-4, John 16:8-11, John 3:5, Titus 3:5, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:13, Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18) We believe that certain gifts of the Spirit such as apostleship, healing, miracles, prophesy and speaking in tongues were given during the foundational period of the church to authenticate the message of the apostles and thus have ceased, that God in His sovereign will may provide healing through prayer, and that other gifts were given to the church to be exercised in the building up of the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 13:8, 14:21-22, Ephesians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 2: 3-4, James 5:14, Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11-13)

Section 9: The Universal Church

We believe in the existence of the universal church which is the body and bride of Christ, a spiritual organism composed of all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior during this present age. (1 Corinthians 12:2-14, Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-33, Colossians 1:24-27)

Section 10: The Ordinances

We believe that as the head of the church Jesus Christ has commanded us to practice two ordinances: believer's baptism, as a testimony of saving faith in Christ, and the Lord's Supper, as a remembrance of his body and blood until he returns. (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 16:31-33, 20:7 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Section 11: The Local Church

We believe in the existence of local churches composed of professing believers in a given geographic area, that after the family unit these assemblies are the primary base of god's ministry to the world in this age, that the primary goals of these assemblies should be edification through God's Word, evangelism, worship, prayer, and the demonstration of love by God's people for one another, that while these endeavor to cooperate with other assemblies of like mind, they should in no way cooperate with those who have rejected the fundamental doctrine and practice described in the Scriptures, that each assembly is autonomous, and entirely free from external control of any kind. (Acts 2:41-47, 4:19, 1 Corinthians 1:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 28-18-20, Acts 1:8, Hebrews 10:23-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Romans 12:10, Ephesians 4:1-6, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17, 1 John 7:11)

Section 12: The Existence of Satan

We believe in the existence of Satan who, although created a holy and perfect being, fell through unlawful ambition, is the author of sin and the cause of the fall of man, is the Adversary of God and His people, was defeated and judged at the cross thus making his eternal punishment certain, and that we may resist him only in the armor of God by the blood of Christ. (Job 1:6-7, Isaiah 14:13-14, Ezekiel 28:13-17, Genesis 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11, 1 Peter 5:8, John 12:31-32, Revelation 20:10, Ephesians 6:12-18, Revelation 12:10)

Section 13: The Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the personal, bodily and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for believers, the church, before the unbelieving world enters the seven year Tribulation, in His subsequent, premillennial return to establish his kingdom upon the earth, and in the literal fulfillment of God's covenant promises to the nation Israel during the thousand year reign of Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, 4:13-18, Revelation 3:10, 6:1-18,24, Zechariah 14:4- 11, Revelation 20:1-6, Deuteronomy 30:1-10, Mark 13:26-27, 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Luke 1:31-33,Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Hebrews 8:1-13)

Section 14: The Eternal State

We believe that the souls of those who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation immediately pass into His presence at death and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming for the church when soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in glory. The souls of all unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final judgment of the great white throne at the close of the millennium, when the soul and body reunited, shall be cast into the lake of everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. (2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:23, Luke 16:19-26, 23:43, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, Jude 1:6-7, Revelation 20:11-15)