

**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Fort Pierce, Florida**  
**DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

**1. THE BIBLE**

We believe that the books of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given by God, were plenary and verbally inspired, fully inerrant, and that the Bible has been preserved to be the only absolute and infallible authority in matters of faith and conduct.

*We are not part of the “KJV Only” movement since it is divisive and places more authority in the English translation than in the originals. We do not discourage the use of other good English translations of the Bible (ESV, NASV and NKJV) for personal devotions and Bible study. However, from the pulpit and in all classes we preach and teach from the KJV.*

**2. GOD**

We believe that there is only one true and living God, Creator of all things in six literal days, infinite, unchangeable, and eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, having the same nature and attributes.

- We believe that **God the Father** is an infinite Spirit, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Eternal. He is the Creator and maintains in existence all things He has made. He is Sovereign ruler of heaven and earth and is inexpressibly glorious in holiness, righteousness, faithfulness, mercy and lovingkindness.
- We believe in the **Lord Jesus Christ**, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, His present mediatorial work, and His imminent, pre-millennial return to establish His kingdom on this earth.
- We believe that the **Holy Spirit** convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment, leading to repentance, and that He regenerates, seals, indwells, teaches, guides, and comforts every genuine believer. We believe that being born of the Spirit makes one a child of God. We believe that the baptism of the Spirit is the possession of every believer whereby he is united to the body of Christ. We believe that the filling of the Spirit is the continual opportunity and responsibility of every believer, which assures victory over sin, and joy and power in service. We do not condone the misplaced emphasis of the Charismatics and Pentecostals regarding the Holy Spirit’s ministry and their misuse of the gift of tongues, etc.

**3. MAN**

We believe that man was originally created by God in his image, but that Adam later sinned, thereby alienating himself from his Creator and plunging the entire human race into sin and death. We believe that as a consequence, all men are totally depraved, dead in trespasses and sins, being sinners both by nature and by choice, and that all mankind is unable to remedy his lost condition. Thus, man stands in need of the forgiveness of God and of the new birth by the Holy Spirit.

**4. SALVATION**

We believe that the salvation of lost and sinful man is through the literal, efficacious, shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, received by repenting of sin and placing faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that the eternal Son of God died not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world. We believe eternal life cannot be earned but is a free gift given to all who turn from sin and receive Christ as personal Savior. We believe that whosoever thus believes on Christ becomes a child of God and is born of the Spirit. We believe that the evidence of salvation is a righteous life, love of the brethren, and continuance in the teachings of the Word of God. We believe that those who profess Christ as Savior but do not exhibit these qualities need to examine themselves whether they be in the faith. We oppose any system that denies either God’s sovereignty or man’s responsibility in salvation.

## **5. THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER**

We believe that the born-again Christian is eternally secure in Christ, that he is kept by the power of God, and that nothing can separate him from the love of God. We believe that the genuine believer can thus know that he has eternal life, that the Spirit bears witness with the believer that he is a child of God, and that the Spirit is the promise that the believer will obtain his inheritance in heaven. However, we believe that the security of the believer is not to be an occasion to the flesh but a motivation to purity.

## **6. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

We believe that the Christian faces conflict between his new inward nature and the old nature still in dwelling him. We believe that no man will become perfect in this life, however; we can still have victory over temptation by walking in the Spirit. We believe that the Christian who confesses his sins receives forgiveness, cleansing, and renewed fellowship through Jesus Christ. We believe that the Christian should live a pure and separated life avoiding all forms of worldliness, abstaining from alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, tobacco, unrighteous entertainment, etc. One's Christian fellowship should be derived from fellow believers who are walking in obedience to the Scriptures. We believe that obedient Christians should withdraw themselves from unruly and disobedient believers after appropriate brotherly reproof has taken place.

## **7. THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church, the body of Christ, was constituted and empowered by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and that the Universal aspect of the Church consists of all true believers in Jesus Christ. We believe that there are clear distinctions found in God's Word between physical, national Israel and the Church which do not restrict the unity of the two testaments. We believe that a local New Testament church is an assembly of believers in Christ who have been publicly baptized by immersion. We believe that the purpose of the assembly is to worship the Lord, to edify the saints in love by fellowship and mutual care, to observe the two ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to shed the light of the glorious Gospel continuously in all the earth. We believe in the autonomy of the local church and that the members and missionaries of a local church should exemplify loyalty and reasonable precedence to their local church above other religious institutions, mission boards, etc.

## **8. THE LAST THINGS**

We believe in the imminent coming of Christ in the clouds, known as the rapture, when Christ will catch up the dead in Christ together with living believers to be forever with the Lord. The rapture will precede the seven year Tribulation period. We believe that following the Tribulation period Christ will return in glory to establish His literal, one thousand year reign on the earth, known as the Millennium. We believe that there will be a separate judgment for the Christians known as the Bema Seat of Christ, wherein the believer will either be rewarded or suffer the loss of rewards. We believe that there will be a separate judgment of all unbelievers following the Millennium, known as the Great White Throne Judgment. At this time all unbelievers will be resurrected and judged according to their works, then cast into eternal punishment (not annihilation) in the Lake of Fire, which was originally prepared for a personal Satan, the adversary and enemy of God, and his fallen angels.

## **9. OUR ASSOCIATIONS**

We seek to work and associate with those who adhere to the basic fundamentals of the faith, and who are not ashamed to "earnestly contend for the faith," nor bashful to be identified as a "separated" fundamentalist. We desire to cooperate and serve with those churches and individuals which adhere to the fundamentals of the faith, and are not associated with the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, the Charismatic Movement, New Evangelicalism, Roman Catholicism, Pseudo-Fundamentalism, or any other divisive and disobedient movement within Christendom.