

Gloucester Point Baptist Church Statement of Faith*

As Baptists it has often been said we have no creed but the Bible. This is true, for Baptists have preferred to have confessions of what we believe dating back to 1644. The focus of a creed is on whom we believe. Since we hold the Bible as our creed, it is important to know what we confess to as a community of believers. Each week we highlight a different aspect of our statement of faith/confession, with a brief, simplified explanation at the bottom.

V. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-8; 1 Samuel 8:4-7,19-22; Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31ff.; Matthew 16:18-19; 21:28-45; 24:22,31; 25:34; Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32; 19:41-44; 24:44-48; John 1:12-14; 3:16; 5:24; 6:44-45,65; 10:27-29; 15:16; 17:6,12,17-18; Acts 20:32; Romans 5:9-10; 8:28-39; 10:12-15; 11:5-7,26-36; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 15:24-28; Ephesians 1:4-23; 2:1-10; 3:1-11; Colossians 1:12-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:12; 2:10,19; Hebrews 11:39-12:2; James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:2-5,13; 2:4-10; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:19; 3:2.

What does this mean?

Jesus Christ came to reconcile us with God. He lived a life without sin and willingly died on the cross to pay the penalty for our transgressions. God raised him from the dead and now, by grace, offers as a free gift eternal life to all who follow Christ, by faith, as their Lord and Savior. That is why salvation can be found in Christ alone.

*Adapted from the Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Faith & Message 2000

Simplified - gpbcc.church/what-we-believe

Full Statement of Faith - gpbcc.church/doctrinal-statement.

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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Director of Music
CYM Coordinator
Pastor Emeritus
Ministers

We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries. Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.

11:00 am WORSHIP August 13, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 175 vs. 1–5 "Man of Sorrows,' What a Name"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 362 vs. 1–3 "Baptized in Water"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Brian Stewart, Deacon
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Isaiah 53:7-8 Elaine Owens

HYMN OF OFFERING * 447 vs. 1 & 3 "Trust and Obey"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Brian Stewart, Deacon

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 8:26-40 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Acts: To the Ends of the Earth
MESSAGE: "Believe and Be Baptized"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 135 "Nothing But the Blood"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans
CLOSING CHORUS * 401 (verse 2) "Break Out, O Church of God"

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

CLOSING CHORUS # 401
"Break Out, O Church of God"

Cast off, O Church of God,
Cast off traditions' hand.
Create new ways to share God's love
With ev—'ry race and land.

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SERMON NOTES:

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