

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.

IV. SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

[Genesis 3:15](#); [Exodus 3:14-17](#); [6:2-8](#); [Matthew 1:21](#); [4:17](#); [16:21-26](#); [27:22-28:6](#); [Luke 1:68-69](#); [2:28-32](#); [John 1:11-14,29](#); [3:3-21,36](#); [5:24](#); [10:9,28-29](#); [15:1-16](#); [17:17](#); [Acts 2:21](#); [4:12](#); [15:11](#); [16:30-31](#); [17:30-31](#); [20:32](#); [Romans 1:16-18](#); [2:4](#); [3:23-25](#); [4:3ff.](#); [5:8-10](#); [6:1-23](#); [8:1-18,29-39](#); [10:9-10,13](#); [13:11-14](#); [1 Corinthians 1:18,30](#); [6:19-20](#); [15:10](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17-20](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [3:13](#); [5:22-25](#); [6:15](#); [Ephesians 1:7](#); [2:8-22](#); [4:11-16](#); [Philippians 2:12-13](#); [Colossians 1:9-22](#); [3:1ff.](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:23-24](#); [2 Timothy 1:12](#); [Titus 2:11-14](#); [Hebrews 2:1-3](#); [5:8-9](#); [9:24-28](#); [11:1-12:8,14](#); [James 2:14-26](#); [1 Peter 1:2-23](#); [1 John 1:6-2:11](#); [Revelation 3:20](#); [21:1-22:5](#).

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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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 6, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 202 vs. 1 & 3 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 213 vs. 1-4 "We Will Glorify"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Sonya Anthony, Deacon
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Isaiah 53:6-7 Kathryn Gruber

HYMN OF OFFERING * 605 vs. 1 & 2 "Because I Have
Been Given Much"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sonya Anthony, Deacon

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 8:4-25 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Acts: To The Ends of the Earth
MESSAGE: "No Magic Act"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 277 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
(please use your hymnals)

LORD'S SUPPER

BLESSING Pastor Dillon Evans
THE LORD'S SUPPER
CLOSING CHORUS * 387 "Blest Be the Tie"

CLOSING CHORUS # 387
"Blest Be the Tie"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

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SERMON NOTES:

"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

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