

# **THE CHANDLER BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **Statements of Faith**

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired; that it is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction, the only rule of faith and practice; and that among others, it teaches the following important truths:

1. That there is only one living and true God, infinite in all perfection, and revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; (Psalm 83:18; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 2:4).

2. That human beings were created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell from that state; so that all are now sinners, and justly exposed to death, physical, spiritual and eternal; (Genesis 1:27; 3:6-26; Romans 5:12-19).

3. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediation of Christ, who took upon Him our nature, died for our sins, and is now at the right hand of God, ever living to intercede for us; (Ephesians 2:5; I Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 7:25).

4. That justification and reconciliation are through God's grace wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous, because of the righteousness of Christ, and received by faith; (Romans 3:24-26).

5. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; (John 4:40; Romans 16:26; Revelation 22:17).

6. That, in order to be saved, we must be made new by the power of the Holy Spirit; (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:4-6; II Corinthians 5:17-19).

7. That election to salvation of all sinners is the gracious purpose of God. None are authorized to consider themselves elected to salvation until they repent and believe the Gospel; (II Thessalonians 2:13-14; John 3:14-15; II Peter 1:10-11).

8. That all real believers endure unto the end, being kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation; (John 10:27-29; Philippians 1:6; I Peter 1:5).

9. That a local church is a congregation of baptized believers, observing the ordinances of Christ, and governed by His laws; (Matthew 28:20; Acts 2:41-42).

10. That Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:1-4; Acts 2:41-42).

11. That the Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of believers, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, which memorializes the death and resurrection of the Redeemer; (I Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-29).

12. That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred for religious purposes; (Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10; Isaiah 58:13-14).

13. That there will be a general resurrection and a final judgment, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal life; (Acts 24:15; Matthew 25:31-46).

14. That all believers in Jesus Christ owe an obligation to Him of witnessing in His name to all nations and teaching all He has commanded; (Matthew 28:19-20).