

The Doctrinal Statement

of

North Plainfield Baptist Church

1. We believe in the absolute accuracy of the Word of God, the Bible. Its verbal inspiration in the original manuscripts, and its all-sufficiency as the Christian's rule of life and practice. (II Timothy 3:16,17)
2. We believe that there is one true God, triune, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in all things as to eternity, omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience. (Matthew 28:18, II Corinthians 13:14)
3. We believe in the virgin birth of Christ (Luke 1:26-35); His absolute sinlessness (II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:22); His vicarious and substitutionary death (Romans 5:6-8); His bodily resurrection from the dead (Romans 4:25; Luke 24:36-40); His visible ascension (Luke 24:50,51); His present enthronement (Hebrews 1:30); His High Priestly ministry and advocacy (Hebrews 7:25,26; I John 2:1).
4. We believe in the total depravity of man through the fall of Adam in Eden's garden (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-19); his absolute helplessness to please God in his unregenerate condition (Romans 3:9-19; 8:8).
5. We believe in the necessity of the new Birth through the Word and the Spirit of God (John 3:3-7; I Peter 1:23-25); and the uselessness of human works and merits to obtain salvation (Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5).
6. We believe in the efficacy of the blood of Christ, apart from which there can be no salvation (Hebrews 9:22; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:20; I John 1:7), and that salvation is by grace alone, through faith (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Acts 16:30, 31).
7. We believe in the finished work of Christ through which complete and eternal atonement for sin has been effected (John 19:30; Hebrews 9:26, 10:12).
8. We believe in the present possession of eternal life by every true believer (John 5:24, 6:47; I John 5:11-13); his complete justification and eternal security by faith in Christ (Acts 13:38, 39; Romans 5:1; John 10:28-30; Romans 8:35-39).
9. We believe in the rapture of the church at the coming of Christ in the air (I Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18); the revelation of Christ at His coming to earth prior to setting up His millennial kingdom (II Thessalonians 6:10); the personal, literal reign of Christ over this earth for 1,000 years (I Corinthians 15:24-28; Revelation 19:11-20:6).
10. We believe in the resurrection of all believers at the coming of Christ and the review and reward of their life and works (Luke 14:14; John 5:28, 29; Romans 14:10-12; I Corinthians 3:11-15, 15:22, 23).

11. We believe in a separation from sin and the world by the Christian and a Godly life to the glory of God (II Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Titus 2:11-14).
12. We believe in the immediate entry into a literal hell of every soul dying without Christ (Luke 16:10-31); the resurrection of all such to stand before the Great White Throne Judgment (John 5:28, 29; Revelation 20:11-13); the consignment of all such into a lake of fire forever and ever (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:14-15).
13. We believe that Satan, a fallen angel (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19) is the God of this age (Ephesians 2:1,2; II Corinthians 4:4); the adversary of Christ and His Church (I Peter 5:8); and that his destiny is eternal punishment (Revelation 20:10; Matthew 25:41).
14. We believe that Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper to commemorate His death till He comes (I Corinthians 11:23-34).
15. We believe that water baptism is an ordained testimony, portraying the believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:1-13).
16. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (John 16:8-11; II Corinthians 3:6; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13,14). We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth; and, that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (John 16:13; I John 2:20, 27; Ephesians 5:18).
17. We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and, that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural (Romans 6:13; 8:12, 13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:10; I Peter 1:14-16; I John 3:5-9).
18. We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 5:19, 20).
19. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts, and, that the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today; and, that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established (I Corinthians 12:4-11; II Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4: 7-12). We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted (John 15: 7; I John 5:14, 15).

20. We believe that the Church, which is the Body and espoused Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:25-27; I Corinthians 12:12-14; II Corinthians 11:2). We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27; 20:17, 28-32; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11).
21. We believe that the Scriptures interpreted in their natural, literal sense reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life which define man's responsibilities in successive ages. These dispensations are not ways of salvation, but rather divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. Three of these - the age of Law, the age of the Church, and the age of the Millennial Kingdom - are the subjects of detailed revelation in Scripture (John 1:17; I Corinthians 9:17; II Corinthians 3:9-18; Galatians 3:13-25; Ephesians 1:10; 3:2-10; Colossians 1:24, 25; Hebrews 7:19; Revelation 20:2-6).