



Creekside Connection Class

What We Believe

Study of the Baptist Faith & Message 2000

I. The Scriptures (Holy Bible)

“The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God’s revelation of Himself to man.”

- Plenary (ALL)
- Infallible – never failing & always effective
- Inerrant – incapable of being in error (true & trustworthy)
- Inspired – God-breathed
- Jesus Christ is the focus of divine revelation (John 1:1)

II. God

- One God – revealed to us as Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.
- Trinity (Tri-unity)

Father

- God is Father in truth to those who become children of God.

Son

- Jesus is the eternal Son of God.
- Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
- Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God.
 - Sinless Life
 - Substitutionary Death on the Cross
 - Raised from the Dead (Glorified Body)
 - Appeared to His disciples and Ascended
 - Exalted at the right hand of God – Mediator
 - Coming Again



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Holy Spirit

- Spirit of God
- Fully Divine – inspired men to write the Scriptures
- Calls all men to the Savior (Jesus)
- Seals the believer until the final day of redemption
- Baptizes every believer into the body of Christ at the moment of regeneration
- Empowers every Christian, gifts every Christian to serve.

III. Man

- Special creation of God, made in His own image.
- Created as male and female.
- By man's free choice, he sinned against God and brought sin into the human race.

IV. Salvation

- Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
 - Regeneration – (new birth) work of God's grace whereby believers become a new creation in Jesus Christ upon repentance.
 - Justification – full acquittal (judgment a person is not guilty for the crime he/she is charged)
 - Sanctification – progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit
 - Glorification – culmination of salvation and is the blessed and abiding state of the redeemed

V. God's Purpose of Grace

- Glorious display of God's sovereign goodness.
- All believers endure to the end.



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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, and may grieve the Spirit of God, yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

VI. The Church

- The New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers.
- Observes two ordinances: baptism & Lord's Supper.
- Operates under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- Scriptural offices are pastor & deacon.
- Body of Christ – includes all of the redeemed of all ages and all backgrounds.

VII. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

- Baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Baptism is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.
- The Lord's Supper is a memorial or symbolic act, through partaking of the bread and fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

VIII. The Lord's Day

- First Day of the Week - Sunday (Not the Sabbath – Saturday)
- Commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead



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IX. The Kingdom

- The Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ.
- Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on the earth.

X. Last Things

- God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end.
- Jesus will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised and Christ will judge all men in righteousness.
- Jesus' return is imminent (certain).
- Unrighteous will be consigned to hell.
- Righteous, in their resurrected and glorified bodies, will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

XI. Evangelism & Missions

- Duty and privilege of every follower of Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all the nations.
- Missionary effort on the part of all rests upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ.

XII. Education

- The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge.
- In Jesus Christ abide all treasures of wisdom and knowledge.



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XIII. Stewardship

- God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him.
- They (Christians) are under obligation to serve Him (God) with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these are entrusted to them to use for use for the glory of God and for helping others.
- Christians should be cheerful givers.

XIV. Cooperation

- Christ's people should organize and cooperate for the great objects of the Kingdom of God.
- Members of the local New Testament church should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of the of Christ's Kingdom.

XV. The Christian and the Social Order

- "All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society."
- Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, all forms of sexual immorality (adultery, homosexuality, and pornography).
- Christians should provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick.
- Christians should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.



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XVI. Peace and War

- “It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness.”
- True remedy for the war spirit is the Gospel of our Lord.
- Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

XVII. Religious Liberty

- God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word of not contained in it.
- Church and state should be separate.
- The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in pursuit of its spiritual needs.

XVIII. The Family

- God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.
- Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.
- The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church.
- Both men and women are made in the image of God and have equal worth.
- Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God’s pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

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