

TRI-STATE BIBLE COLLEGE

Fulfill Your Ministry



TSBC Full Doctrinal Statement

We believe in the verbal plenary inspiration of the Old and New Testaments. The entire Bible is inerrant, complete, and authoritative (Matt. 4:4; Jn. 17:17; Gal. 3:16; 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 2 Pet. 1:21).

We believe that the one God eternally exists in three equal Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1, 14; Acts 5:3–4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1–3; Jude 20–21; Rev. 1:4–6).

We believe that God directly created the universe as literally set forth in the book of Genesis (Gen. 1–2; Ex. 20:11; Job 38:4–7; Ps. 19; Isa. 42:5; Acts 17:24–29).

We believe that Jesus Christ eternally possesses all the attributes of deity, became incarnate by being born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, shed His blood on the cross to satisfy the righteous demands of the holy God against sin, arose bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven to become our High Priest, and will return (Isa. 53; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 1:16; Lk. 24:36–43; Jn. 1:1, 14; Acts 1:9–11; 1 Cor. 12:3; 15:3–4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:14–16; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Jn. 1:1–4; 2:1–2; 4:2–3).

We believe that God created man in His own image and through disobedience man fell into sin. Man is a sinner by nature and by choice (Gen. 1:26; 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Acts 17:24–29; Rom. 3:23; 5:12).

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who substitutionally sacrificed His life at Calvary to satisfy the justice of God and to provide a righteousness that enables sinners who believe on the Savior to be accepted by God (2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 1:6; 2:8–10; 1 Pet. 3:18).

We believe that the Holy Spirit regenerates, indwells, and seals all believers. He baptizes all believers into the Church, the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit controls believers who yield their lives to God in obedience to the Word of God. The Spirit of God restrains evil and reproves the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (Jn. 16:8–11; Acts 1:5; 11:15–16; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:13; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 1:13; 5:18; Tit. 3:5).

We believe that a local church is a self-governing body of believers, having been baptized on a creditable basis of faith, having New Testament officers, maintaining the ordinances of

believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper, voluntarily banded together for worship, edification, and evangelism (Matt. 28:19; Lk. 22:14–23; Acts 1:8; 2:41–42; 6:1–7; 10:34–48; 16:14–15, 30–34; 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:2; 11:23–26; Eph. 4:11–16; Phil. 1:1; Col. 2:11–12; 1 Tim. 3:1–13; Tit. 1:5–16; Heb. 10:25).

We believe that "God's saints are preserved forever" (Ps. 37:28). We believe in the priesthood of all believers, the separation of church and state, the believer's obligations to be a responsible citizen, individual and ecclesiastical separation from apostasy, and the responsibility of all believers to live a dedicated Christian life (Ps. 37:28; Jer. 29:7; Rom. 12:1–2; Gal. 1:6–9; Phil. 4:8; 1 Tim. 2:1–2; Heb. 6:1–8; 10:26–31; 1 Pet. 2:5, 13, 17; 2 Pet. 2:1; Jude 17–23; 1 Jn. 5:13).

We believe in the imminent, personal, and pretribulational return of Jesus Christ. We believe the just will have part in the resurrection of life and enjoy eternal fellowship with God; the ungodly will come forth unto the resurrection of damnation. After judgment, the ungodly will abide in conscious existence in the torments of eternal hell (Dan. 12: 2; Jn. 5:28–29; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13–18; 2 Thess. 2:1; Rev. 3:10; 12:5; 20:11–15).

We believe in the literal, grammatical, historical, premillennial, dispensational method of Biblical interpretation (Ezra 7:10; Lk. 24:25–27, 44; Acts 3:18; 10:43; 11:15; 13:27; 15:1–35; 24:14; 28:23; Rom. 1:2; 9–11; Eph. 1:10; 3:5, 9; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 1:10–12; Rev. 20:4–7).

We believe that the eternal purpose of God is to glorify Himself (Ex. 14:4, 17; 24:16; 29:43; 33:18, 22; Lev. 9:6, 23; Num. 14:21; Ps. 19:1; 29:1–2; Hab. 2:14; Dan. 7:14; Hag. 2:9; Matt. 5:16; Jn. 17:5, 24; Acts 7:2, 55; Rom. 5:2; 11:36; 16:27; 1 Cor. 10:31; Rev. 21:11, 23).