

Southern Bible Institute & Seminary

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

I. We believe in the absolute authority of Scripture.

We interpret the Bible literally.

We believe the Bible to be the sole source of truth, divinely inspired and without error.

Proverbs 30:5; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3: 16-17; Titus 1:2; 2 Peter 1: 20-21

We believe the Scriptures must be rightly divided in light of Paul's gospel.

2 Timothy 2:15; Galatians 1: 6-12

Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles (*Romans 11:13*) and to him was revealed the dispensation of grace we live in today (*Ephesians 3: 1-9*).

II. We believe in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

He was God in the flesh (*John 1: 1; 1 Timothy 3:16*), born of a virgin (*Matthew 1:23*), and lived a sinless life (*Hebrews 4:15*).

He gave Himself to die on the cross as a complete and final sacrifice for mankind's sin.

1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2: 14-18

His death was followed by His burial and then His resurrection three days later.

1 Corinthians 15: 3-4

He ascended into Heaven where He was exalted to the right hand of God the Father.

Acts 1: 10-11; Philippians 2:9-11

III. The Church, The Body of Christ, will be caught up and/ or resurrected prior to the seven years of tribulation and we will be with Him when He returns to

finalize the tribulation with the Battle of Armageddon.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1

After the “rapture” of The Body of Christ, God will continue His work with the Nation of Israel and His promised Kingdom.

Zechariah 14: 9-21; Matthew 24:27-31; 25:31; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4-6

IV. We believe that salvation comes by God's grace through faith alone in the finished work of His death, burial and resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Every person is a sinner in need of God's salvation.

Romans 3: 10-23; Ephesians 2: 1-5

Salvation cannot be attained through our good works.

Ephesians 2: 8-9; Titus 3:5; Romans 3:28; 2 Timothy 1:9

The moment people place their trust in Christ, God's Spirit comes to dwell within them

and they become part of the family of God forever, and are baptized into His Body.

1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13-14; Galatians 3:26, 4:6-7

V. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit and that every believer is indwelt and

sealed by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Corinthians 1:22

The Holy Spirit is the believer's guide and source of power for everyday life.

Galatians 5:16-19; Ephesians 5:18; John 16: 13-14

VI. We believe in the autonomy of the local church and that Jesus Christ is the Head of

this church and we as believers are His body.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:20-23; Ephesians 4:4-6; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18; Colossians 2:9-19; Colossians 3:1-15