

**Doctrinal Statement of Calvary Baptist Church**  
(New Hampshire Confession of Faith with Pre-Millennial Revision)

**I. OF THE SCRIPTURES**

We believe (a) that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; (b) that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, (c) and truth without any mixture of error, for its matter; (d) that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; (e) and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, (f) and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

**Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:21; Acts 1:16; 3:21; I Samuel 23:2; John 10:35; Luke 16:29-31; Psalm 119:11; Romans 3:1,2.
- b II Timothy 3:15-16; I Peter 1:10-12; Acts 11:14; Romans 1:16; Mark 16:16; John 5:38, 3
- c Proverbs 30:5,6; John 17:17; Revelation 22:18, 19; Romans 3:4.
- d Romans 2:12; John 12:47, 48; I Corinthians 4:3,4; Luke 10:10-16; 12:47, 48.
- e Philippians 3:16; Ephesians 4:3-6; Philippians 2:1, 2; I Corinthians 1:10; I Peter 4:11.
- f I John 4:1; Isaiah 8:20; I Thessalonians 5:21; Acts 17:11; II Corinthians 13:5; I John 4:6; Jude 1:3; Ephesians 6:17; Psalm 119:59, 60; Philippians 1:9-11.

**II. OF THE TRUE GOD**

We believe (a) that there is one and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; (b) inexpressibly glorious in holiness; (c) and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; (d) that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; (e) equal in every divine perfection; (f) and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the work of redemption.

**Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a John 4:24; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 83:18; Hebrews 3:4; Romans 1:20; Jeremiah 10:10; Isaiah 45:21-22.
- b Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:3; I Peter 1:15, 16; Revelation 4:6-8.
- c Mark 12:30; Revelation 4:11; Matthew 10:37; Jeremiah 2:12, 13.
- d Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; I Corinthians 12:4-6; I John 5:7; II Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 3:16, 17; Luke 1:35.
- e John 10:30; John 5:17; 14:23; 17:5, 10; Acts 5:3, 4; 20:28; I Corinthians 2:10, 11; Philippians 2:5, 6.
- f Ephesians 2:18; II Corinthians 13:14; Revelation 1:4, 5; 2:7; Ephesians 1:3-14.

**Explanatory Note:**

- 1 We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both perfect God and perfect man, the Son of God, and God the Son. Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:14; Psalms 2:7; Galatians 4:4; I John 5:20; I Corinthians 15:47.
- 2 We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in

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His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the new birth; that He seals, baptizes, empowers, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer in accordance with the Scriptures.

John 14:16-17; Matthew 28:19; Hebrews 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Genesis 1:1-3; II Thessalonians 2:7;

3 John 16:8-11; John 15:25-27; Acts 5:30-32; John 3:5, 6; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33;

4 Acts 11:16; Luke 24:49; John 16:13; John 14:26; Romans 8:16; II Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 1:2; Romans 8:26, 27.

### **III. OF THE FALL OF MAN**

We believe (a) that man was created in holiness, in the image of God, under the law of his Maker; (b) but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; (c) in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, (d) not by constraint, but by choice; (e) being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, (f) without defense or excuse.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

a Genesis 1:27, 31; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Acts 17:24-29; Genesis 2:16, 17.

b Genesis 3:6-24; Romans 5:12.

c John 3:6; Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12-19; 8:7; Psalm 14:1-2.

d Isaiah 53:6; Genesis 6:5, 12; Romans 3:9-18; 23.

e Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 1:18; 2:1-16; Galatians 3:10; Matthew 20:15.

f Ezekiel 18:19, 20; Romans 1:19-32; Romans 3:19; Galatians 3:22.

### **IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION**

We believe (a) that the salvation of sinner is wholly of grace; (b) through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; (c) who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin; (d) honored the divine law by His personal obedience, (e) and by His death made a full atonement for our sins; (f) that having risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven, (g) and uniting in His wonderful Person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

a Ephesians 2:8; Matthew 18:11; I John 4:10; I Corinthians 3:5, 7; Acts 15:11; Luke 10:10.

b John 3:16; 1:1-14; Hebrews 4:14; 12:24; 9:11, 12.

c Philippians 2:6, 7; Hebrews 2:9, 14; II Corinthians 5:21.

d Isaiah 42:21; Philippians 2:8; Galatians 4:4, 5; Romans 3:21.

e Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 20:28; Romans 4:25; 3:21-26; Mark 10:45; I John 4:10, 11; 2:2; I Corinthians 15:1-3; Hebrews 9:13-15.

f Hebrews 1:3, 8; 8:1; Colossians 3:1-4.

g Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 2:18; 7:25, 26; Psalm 89:19; Psalm 34:1-22.

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### **V. OF JUSTIFICATION**

We believe (a) that one of the great gospel blessings which Christ (b) secures to such as believe in Him is justification; (c) that justification includes the pardon of sin, (d) and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; (e) that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; (f) by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; (g) that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a John 1:16; Ephesians 3:8.
- b Acts 13:39; Isaiah 53:11, 12; Romans 8:1.
- c Romans 5:9; Zechariah 13:1; Matthew 9:6; Acts 10:43.
- d Romans 5:17; Titus 3:5-7; II Peter 3:7; I John 2:25; Romans 5:21.
- e Romans 4:4, 5; 3:38; 5:21; 6:23; Philippians 3:7-9.
- f Romans 5:19; 3:24-26; 4:23-25; 5:11; I John 2:12.
- g Romans 5:1-3; I Corinthians 1:30, 31; Matthew 6:33; I Timothy 4:8.

### **VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION**

We believe (a) that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; (b) that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith; (c) and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, (d) which rejection involves him in an aggravating condemnation.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a Isaiah 55:1; Revelation 22:17; Luke 14:17.
- b Romans 16:25, 26; Mark 1:15; Romans 1:15-17; Acts 17:30.
- c John 5:40; Matthew 23:37; Romans 9:32; Proverbs 1:24-29; Acts 13:46
- d John 3:19; Matthew 11:20, 24; Luke 19:27; II Thessalonians 1:8-9

### **VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION**

We believe (a) that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; (b) that regeneration consists in giving a holy desposition to the mind; (c) that it is affected, in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, (d) so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; (e) and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a John 3:3, 5-7; I Corinthians 2:14; Revelation 14:3; 21:27.
- b II Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:26; Deuteronomy 30:6; Romans 8:28, 29; 5:5; I John 4:7.
- c John 3:8; 1:13; James 1:16-18; I Corinthians 1:30; Philippians 2:13.
- d I Peter 1:22-25; I John 5:1; Ephesians 4:20-24; Romans 6:17, 18; Colossians 3:9-11.
- e Ephesians 5:9; Romans 8:9; Galatians 5:16-23; Ephesians 2:14-22; Matthew 3:8-10; 7:20; I John 5:4, 18.

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### **VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

We believe (a) that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; (b) whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, (c) we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; (d) at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18; 20:21; Ephesians 2:8; I John 5:1.
- b John 16:8; Acts 2:37, 38; 16:30, 31.
- c Luke 18:13; 15:18-21; James 4:7-10; II Corinthians 7:10, 11; Romans 10:12, 13; Psalm 51:1-19.
- d Romans 10:9-11; Acts 3:19-22; Hebrews 4:14; Psalm 2:6; Hebrews 1:8; 7:25; II Timothy 1:12.

### **IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE**

We believe (a) that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; (b) that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; (c) that is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness being infinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable; (d) that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy (e) that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; (f) that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; (g) that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; (h) and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a II Timothy 1:8, 9; Ephesians 1:3-14; I Peter 1:1, 2; Romans 11:5, 6; John 15:16; I John 4:19.
- b II Thessalonians 2:13, 14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matthew 20:16; Acts 15:15.
- c Exodus 33:18, 19; Matthew 20:15; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 9:22-24; Jeremiah 21:3; Romans 11:28, 29; James 1:17, 18;
- d II Timothy 1:9; Romans 11:32-36.
- e I Corinthians 4:7; 1:26-31; Romans 3:27; 4:16; Colossians 3:12; I Corinthians 15:10; I Peter 5:10; I Thessalonians 2:12, 13; I Peter 2:9; Luke 18:7.
- f II Timothy 2:10; I Corinthians 9:22; John 6:37-40; II Peter 1:10.
- g I Thessalonians 1:4-10.
- h Romans 8:28-31; Isaiah 42:16; Romans 11:29.
- i II Peter 1:10, 11; Philippians 3:12, 14; Hebrews 6:11, 12.

### **X. OF SANCTIFICATION**

We believe (a) that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; (b) that it is a progressive work; (c) that it is begun in regeneration; (d) and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of

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the appointed means, especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a I Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23; II Corinthians 7:1; 13:9; Ephesians 1:4-6.
- b Proverbs 4:18; Hebrews 6:1; II Peter 1:5-8; Philippians 3:12-16.
- c I John 2:29; Romans 8:5; John 3:6; Philippians 1:9-11.
- d Philippians 2:12, 13; Ephesians 4:11, 12, 30; 6:18; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; II Corinthians 13:5; Luke 9:23; 11:35; Matthew 26:41; Ephesians 6:18.

## **XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS**

We believe (a) that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; (b) that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguished them from superficial professors; (c) that a special Providence watches over their welfare; (d) that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a John 8:31; I John 2:27, 28; 3:9; 5:18.
- b I John 2:19; John 13:18; Matthew 13:20-23; John 6:66-69.
- c Romans 8:28; Matthew 6:30-33; Jeremiah 32:40; Psalm 121:2, 3; Psalm 91:11, 12.
- d Philippians 1:6; 2:12, 13; Jude 1:24-25; Hebrews 1:14; 7:25; 13:5; I John 4:4; I Peter 1:3-5.

## **XII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH**

We believe (a) that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; (b) observing the ordinances of Christ; (c) governed by His laws; (d) and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word; (e) that its only Scriptural officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

### **Places where taught in the Bible:**

- a I Corinthians 1:1-13; Matthew 18:17; Acts 5:11; 8:1; 11:21-23; I Corinthians 4:17; 14:23-25; III John 1:9; Acts 2:41, 42; II Corinthians 8:5; Acts 2:47; I Corinthians 5:12, 13
- b I Corinthians 11:2; II Thessalonians 3:6; Romans 16:17-20; I Corinthians 11:23-24; Matthew 18:15-20; II Corinthians 2:17; I Corinthians 4:17;
- c Colossians 2:12.
- d Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:15; 15:12-14; I John 4:21; John 14:21; I Thessalonians 4:2; II John 1:6; Galatians 6:2; Acts 2:36; Ephesians 1:22; all the Epistles.
- e Ephesians 4:7; I Corinthians 14:12; Philippians 1:27.
- f Philippians 1:1; Acts 14:23; 15:22; I Timothy 3:1-16; Titus 1:1-16; Acts 20:17, 28.

## **XIII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that Christian baptism is (a) the immersion in water of a believer, (b) into the name of the Father, and Son, and of the Holy Ghost; (c) to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in

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our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; (d) that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; (e) and the Lord's Supper in which the saints by the use of bread and the cup are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, (f) preceded always by solemn self-examination.

### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a Acts 8:36-39; Matthew 3:5, 6; John 3:22, 23; 4:1, 2; Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12; 16:32-34; 18:8.
- b Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Galatians 3:27, 28.
- c Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; I Peter 3:20, 21; Acts 22:16.
- d Acts 2:41, 42; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts and the Epistles.
- e I Corinthians 11:26; Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20.
- f I Corinthians 11:28; 5:8-11; 10:3-32; 11:17-32; John 6:26-71.

## **XIV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**

We believe (a) that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; (b) and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, (c) by abstaining from all needless labor and recreation; (d) by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; (e) and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a Acts 20:7; Genesis 2:3; Colossians 2:16, 17; Mark 2:27, 28; John 20:19; I Corinthians 16:1, 2. (Colossians 2:16)
- b Exodus 20:8; Revelation 1:10; Psalm 118:24.
- c Isaiah 58:13, 14.
- d Psalm 118:15; Hebrews 10:24, 25; Acts 11:26.
- e Hebrews 4:3, 11.

## **XV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

We believe (a) that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; (b) and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; (c) except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ; (d) who is the only Lord of conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a Romans 13:13; Deuteronomy 16:18; II Samuel 23:3; Exodus 18:21-23; Jeremiah 30:21.
- b Matthew 22:21; Titus 3:1; I Peter 2:13-17; I Timothy 2:1-3.
- c Acts 5:29; Matthew 10:28; Daniel 3:14-18; 6:7-10; Acts 4:18-20.
- d Matthew 23:10; Romans 14:4; Revelation 19:16; Psalm 72:11; Psalm 2:1-12; Romans 14:9-13.

## **XVI. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED**

We believe (a) that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; (b) that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in His esteem; (c) while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; (d) and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

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- a Malachi 3:18; Proverbs 12:26; Isaiah 5:20; Genesis 18:23; Acts 10:34, 35; Romans 6:16.
- b Romans 1:17; 7:6; I John 3:7; 2:29; Romans 6:18, 22; I Corinthians 11:32; Proverbs 11:31; I Peter 4:17, 18.
- c I John 5:1; Galatians 3:10; John 3:36; Isaiah 57:21; Psalm 10:4; Isaiah 55:6, 7.
- d Proverbs 14:32; Luke 16:25; John 8:21-24; Proverbs 10:24; Luke 12:4, 5; 9:23-26; John 12:25, 26; Ecclesiastes 3:17; Matthew 7:13, 14; 10:28.

### **XVII. OF THE RESURRECTION AND RETURN OF CHRIST AND RELATED EVENTS**

We believe in and accept the sacred Scriptures upon these subjects at their face and full value. We believe (a) that our Lord Jesus Christ rose bodily from the tomb on the third day; (b) that He ascended into Heaven; (c) that He is now at the right hand of God the Father as our only sufficient mediator and advocate. (d) We believe in the personal, imminent, premillennial, coming of Christ for the Church; (e) the resurrection and physical glorification of the saints, (f) the great tribulation, (g) after which He will return with His saints to this earth where He will sit on the throne of David, and shall subdue all enemies and reign in righteousness for a thousand years. (h) After this shall be the judgment of the great white throne when the unsaved dead shall be raised and judged, that this will result for them in eternal punishment in the lake of fire which is the second death; (i) and that the saved shall then enjoy eternal glory with God.

#### **Places in the Bible where taught:**

- a Matthew 28:6, 7; Luke 24:30; John 20:27; I Corinthians 15:4; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2, 4-6; Acts 1:2, 3; Revelation 1:18.
- b Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 12:2; 8:1.
- c Hebrews 7:25; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:3; I John 2:1; Hebrews 8:6; 2:17; 5:9, 10; Romans 8:34.
- d I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20, 21; II Corinthians 5:10.
- e I Corinthians 15:20-58.
- f Matthew 24:21, 22; Revelation 7:14.
- g Luke 1:32; Isaiah 9:6, 7; Acts 2:29, 30; I Corinthians 15:25; Revelation 20:1-4, 6; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 19:11-16.
- h Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:1-27; Revelation 22:1-21; Romans 6:23; John 5:28, 29.
- i II Corinthians 4:17; Hebrews 4:19; I Corinthians 13:8-10; Revelation 21:27; Revelation 22:3; Revelation 19:1; Hebrews 12:23; Revelation 21:3; 22:15; John 14:103; Revelation 21:1-27; Revelation 22:1-21.