

The Righteous and Wicked

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked and that only those who through faith are justified by the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in God the Father's sight. All who continue in unrepentance and unbelief are wicked in His sight and under His curse. This distinction holds among mankind when living and after death, resulting in the everlasting joy of the righteous in the new heaven / new earth and the everlasting suffering of the wicked in hell.

Genesis 18:23-25	Isaiah 53:11	Malachi 3:16-18
Matthew 25:31-46	John 8:23-24	Romans 5:1
Romans 6:23	I John 5:19	

Civil Government

We believe that Civil Government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; that government officials are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed. However, government rulings that are opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, the coming King of Kings, should not be obeyed.

Daniel 4:17	Matthew 22:21	Acts 4:18-20
Acts 5:27-29	Acts 23:1-5	Romans 13:1-7
Revelation 17:14		

The Resurrection, Personal, Visible, Pre-Millennial, Return of Christ and Related

We believe in the following historical events:

- The bodily resurrection of Christ
Matthew 28:5-7 Mark 16:6-7 Luke 24:2-7, 36-42
John 20:11-16 I Corinthians 15:3-8
- The ascension of Christ
Mark 16:19 Luke 24:51 Acts 1:9
Hebrews 12:2
- The priesthood of Christ
I Timothy 2:5 Hebrews 2:17, 5:9, 8:6 I John 2:1

We believe that the following events will occur:

- The resurrection and change of the righteous dead and living - Rapture
I Corinthians 15:35-57 I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- The second coming of Christ
John 14:3 Acts 1:11 Hebrews 9:27-
James 5:7-8
- The Millennial reign of Christ and the righteous
Isaiah 11:1-10, 32:1-4 I Corinthians 15:25 Revelation 20:1-6
- The resurrection of the wicked dead
Daniel 12:2 Acts 24:14-15 Revelation 20:5, 11-15
- The New Heaven and Earth
2 Peter 3:10-13 Revelation 21:1-27

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SILVERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Doctrinal Statement



The Scriptures

We believe that the 66 Books of the Holy Bible as originally written, are truth without error, inspired and preserved by God which was recorded by men guided by the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible to be the only authority by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions are tested.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 II Peter 1:19-21

The True God

We believe there is only one living and true God, who is infinite and eternal, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, worthy of all honor, confidence and love. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three parts in one, with God the Father as the head, working in harmony for our redemption.

Exodus 20:2, 3 Psalms 90:1-2 I Corinthians 8:
I John 5:7 Revelation 4:11

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is a divine person, equal in being with God the Father and God the Spirit. He existed in the beginning and was used to form and hold creation together. In humility, He added to Himself humanity by being born of a virgin, living a sinless life, and dying on the cross. He arose victoriously on the third day, conquering death and providing salvation to all who believe. God the Father established Him as Lord and placed Him as head over the church, He is our mediator between God and man and one day will return to Earth.

John 10:30 John 1:1-5 Matthew 1:23-25
Isaiah 7:14 Philippians 2:5-11 1 Corinthians 15:3-6
Acts 1:4-11 Romans 10:9-10 Ephesians 4:15
Colossians 1:15-20 1 John 2:1 Revelation 22:20

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal in being with God the Father and God the Son. He restrains evil until God's purpose is fulfilled. He convicts us of sin, of unrighteousness and of judgment. He bears witness to the truth of salvation in Jesus Christ. He is the agent of salvation, who guides, teaches, witnesses, seals and sanctifies the new believer. He intercedes to God, on behalf of the believer. He indwells and empowers the believer to live an obedient life.

Genesis 6:3 Matthew 28:19 Mark 1:8
Luke 24:49 John 3:5-6 John 14:16, 26
John 16:8-11 Acts 5:30-32; 11:16 Roman 8:14, 16
Roman 8:26, 27 Ephesians 1:13-14 Hebrews 9:14
II Peter 1:21

The Devil or Satan

We believe in the existence of Satan, being a fallen angel, the unholy ruler of this world, the ruler over all the powers of darkness, who is destined to eternal judgment in the lake of fire.

Matthew 4:1-3; 25:41 John 10:10
II Corinthians 4:4 Revelation 12:7-9; 20:10

Creation

We believe the Genesis account of creation and take it literally. Man was directly created by God and not by evolutionary means.

Genesis 1, 2 Exodus 31:16-17 John 1:3
Colossians 1:16-17

The Fall of Man

We believe that man was created innocent and under God's directives, but by voluntary disobedience fell from a sinless state. Consequently, all mankind are sinners, not only by heritage but by choice, and are under God's just condemnation, without defense or excuse.

Genesis 3:1-7 Romans 1:18-32 Romans 5:12-19

The Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was born of Mary, a virgin, conceived through the Holy Spirit by a miracle of God. This miracle will never be repeated. Jesus is eternally God and the Son of God.

Matthew 1:23-25 Isaiah 7:14 Luke 1:26-38

The Atonement for Sin

We believe that the salvation of sinners is by grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God, who acts as a mediator to God the Father on our behalf. By the appointment of the Father, Christ, through His death on the cross, took upon Himself the payment for the sins of the world. He honored the Father by His personal obedience. Christ atoned for the world's sin by shedding His blood when He died on the cross. Christ's humanity was sinless and He was sacrificed on our behalf through the grace of God.

Isaiah 53:4-7 John 3:16 Acts 15:11
Romans 3:23-25 I Corinthians 15:3 II Corinthians 5:17-21
Ephesians 2:8-9 Philippians 2:5-11 I John 4:10

Faith and Salvation

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance of sin are the only conditions of salvation. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again, and that this new birth is a new creation complete in Jesus Christ. It is an instantaneous event and not a process. Through the new birth, the one who had been dead in sin is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, a gift of God. It is therefore by grace through faith from God, and not by works, that a new believer is saved. The new creation is brought about in miraculous manner by the power of the Holy Spirit, which results in His indwelling. Our obedience to the Gospel is manifested by the fruits of repentance and newness of life which is eternally secure.

John 3:3, 6-8 Acts 4:12 Acts 10:43
Acts 16:30-33 Romans 6:23 II Corinthians 5:17, 19
Galatians 2:16 Ephesians 2:1-10 Colossians 2:13-14
Thessalonians 5:9 1Peter 1:8-9 II Peter 1:4
I John 5:1

Justification

Justification is the act of God pronouncing one free from the guilt of sin and found to be completely right or just in His eyes. Justification can only come by God's grace through His Son's death and resurrection and not by any other means. Only those who have accepted what Christ has done on their behalf are pardoned from their sins and will receive the gift of eternal life.

Isaiah 53:11 Romans 5:1-2 Romans 5:9-10
Romans 8:1-2 Galatians 2:15-21 Titus 3:3-8

The Local Church

We believe that a local church is a congregation of immersed believers, associated by the new covenant and devoted to Biblical teaching, to fellowship, to the ordinances of Jesus Christ and to prayer. Its officers are pastors/elders and deacons, whose qualifications are clearly defined in the Bible. Its mission is to be Christ's bride and body, to preach the gospel and to make disciples. Each local church has the right of self government, free from the interference of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations. The one and only superintendent is Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. True local churches work together in love, to do good works and further the Gospel.

Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 2:41-42 Acts 15:16-18
Acts 20:28 Ephesians 1:22-23 Ephesians 2:10
Ephesians 4:11-12 Ephesians 5:23-32 Colossians 1:18-19
Timothy 3:1-13

Baptism

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show their public identification with our crucified, buried and risen Savior. (Immersion symbolizes the believer's death to sin and emergence symbolizes the believer's resurrection to new life.) The believer should be old enough to understand what they are voluntarily doing. Baptism is a prerequisite for membership in our church.

Matthew 28:19-20 Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38-41
Acts 8:35-39 Romans 6:3-7

Communion

We believe that Communion (also known as the Lord's Supper) is the frequent commemoration of His death, until He returns. The bread symbolizes His body and the cup symbolizes His blood, which He gave for the forgiveness of sins. Participation should be preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Matthew 26:26-30 Matthew 5:23-24 Acts 2:42-46
Acts 20:7 I Corinthians 11:20-34

The Security of the Believer

We believe that all who are truly born again are eternally secure, kept by God the Father and the Holy Spirit for Jesus Christ.

John 10:28-29 John 14:16-17 Romans 8:35-39
Philippians 1:6 I Peter 1:3-5 Jude 1