

Eastport Baptist Church

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What We Teach

We Teach that the Bible is the Word of God (2 Tim.3:16), supernaturally inspired (2 Pet.1:21), without error in the original manuscripts and preserved by God in its verbal, plenary inspiration (Ps.119:60; John 17:17), and it is a divinely authoritative standard for every age and every life (2 Tim.3:16-17).

We Teach that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and that these three are one God (1 John 5:7; John 10:30).

We Teach that God is absolute and sole creator of the universe, and that creation was by His command, not through an evolutionary process (Gen.1:1; Ps.19:1). Since God is the creator, He created man in His image (Gen.1:26). Man, having sinned (Gen.3), led the entire human race into sin (Rom.5:19) therefore bringing death, spiritual and physical, upon all the human race (Rom.5:12).

We Teach that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for man, sent Christ into the world to save sinners (John 3:16; Rom.5:8; Eph.1:4).

We Teach that sinners who die having rejected Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will be eternally punished in hell (Rev.20:11-15; 21:8).

We Teach that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man (John 1:1,14); that He was born of a virgin (Mat.1:23) and that He lived a sinless life (2 Cor.5:21; Heb.4:14), in which He taught and wrought mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as revealed in the four gospels (Mat.4:23; John 20:30); that He was crucified (John 19:16-18), died as a penalty for our sins (Gal.1:4), and was raised from the dead bodily on the third day (Mat.28:1-7). Later He ascended to the Father's right hand (Acts 1:9) where He is head of the church (Col.1:18) and intercedes for believers (Heb.7:25), and from whence He is coming again personally, bodily, and visibly to this earth to set up His millennial kingdom (John 14:1-3; Rev.1:7; 20:4). We further teach that since His death, by His shed blood, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin (Rom.5:9-21), redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us (Rom.8:1-4), men are saved and justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood (1 Pet.1:18-19).

We Teach that such salvation with its forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), its impartation of a new nature (2 Cor.5:17), and its hope of eternal life (Tit.1:2), is entirely apart from good works, baptism, church membership - man's effort - and is of pure grace (Eph.2:8-9; Tit.3:5). As a part of salvation the believer is eternally secure; he cannot lose his salvation (John 10:27-29; 1 Pet.1:3-5). But sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God (Ps.51:12) and bring the loving discipline of His Heavenly Father (Heb.12:5-11).

We Teach that all who receive Christ become joint-heirs with Christ (Rom.8:16-17), and at death, their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness (2 Cor.5:8) and at the rapture their bodies will be raised to the likeness of the body of His glory (1 Cor.15:51-55; 1 Jn.3:2) and dwell forever in His divine presence (1 Thess.4:13-18).

We Teach that it is the goal of every Christian to grow in spiritual maturity through obedience to the Word of God and the indwelling Spirit (Eph.4:14-15, 30; 1 Jn.5:2-3).

We Teach that the Holy Spirit is a person (Jn.14:16, 17, 26), is God (Acts 5:3-4), and possesses all the divine attributes. He indwells all believers (Rom.8:9), baptizes (1 Cor.12:13), gives gifts (1 Cor.12:11) and seals them at the moment of their salvation (Eph.1:13), and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness (Eph.5:18; Col.3:16).

We Teach that the church is to engage itself in the teaching of the Word of God (2 Tim.4:1-2), the maturing of the believer (Eph.4:11-12; 2 Tim.3:16-17), and the evangelization of the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Mat.28:19-20).

We Teach that the church is governed by a plurality of godly men called Elders (Acts 20:28; 1 Tim.5:17; Tit.1:5) who teach (Tit.1:9), shepherd (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet.5:2-3) and oversee all the affairs of the church (1 Tim.3:5). Deacons serve the church and implement what the Elders teach (Acts 6; 1 Tim.3:8-12).