

## **Calvary Baptist Church – Fremont, NE**

### **Doctrinal Statement**

- a) BIBLE – Every word in the original writings of the Holy Scriptures is inspired of God and without error (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
- b) GOD – The Godhead exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God (Gen. 1:1; John 10:30; John 4:24; Deut. 6:4; Matt 28:10; 2 Cor. 13:14).
- c) MAN – Man was created in the image and likeness of God, but in Adam all mankind fell into sin with the result that all men are sinners, hopelessly sinful in themselves, apart from the grace of God (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 9:6; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1).
- d) JESUS CHRIST – The eternal Son of God became incarnate in the Lord Jesus Christ, being born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man (John 1:1; John 1:14; John 5:18; Heb. 1:1-9; Heb. 5:8, 1 John 5:20, 1 Tim 2:5).
- e) SALVATION – Man is justified by faith alone in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose again (Acts 4:12; Acts 13:38-39; Rom 4:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom 5:1; John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 16:31).
- f) SANCTIFICATION – Every believer is promised positional, progressive, and ultimate sanctification of Christlikeness (Heb. 10:10; Heb. 10:14; John 17:15-17; Eph. 5:26-27; 1 Thess. 4:3-4; 1 John 3:2, 1 Cor. 6:11).
- g) ASSURANCE – All who are born of the Spirit through faith in Christ can have assurance of salvation and are eternally secure in Christ (Rom. 5:1; 1 John 5:13; John 6:37; John 10:27-29; John 17:12; Eph. 4:30; 2 Tim. 1:12).
- h) HOLY SPIRIT – The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, who regenerates, indwells, baptizes, and seals all believers in Christ at the moment of salvation and fills those yielded to God (Matt. 28:19; John 3:3-7; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:12; 1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 4:30).
- i) CHURCH – The church is composed of all believers, is the body and bride of Christ, is formed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and exists in two aspects: universal and local. The universal church is an elect company of believers, baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body; its mission is to witness to its Head, Jesus Christ, preaching the gospel among all nations; it will be caught up to meet the Lord, after which He will return to set up His kingdom. The local church is an organized body of baptized believers

voluntarily joined together to worship God with praise and thanksgiving, to practice scriptural ordinances, and to glorify Jesus Christ through an aggressive effort to disciple others by the preaching of the gospel, and the exercising of spiritual gifts (Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 5:24-30; 1 Cor. 12:4-13; 1 Cor. 12:27).

- j) ORDINANCES – The Scriptural ordinances of baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper are for all believers in Christ (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).
- k) CHRISTIAN LIFE – Christians are called to a holy life of service and testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit, which service includes the propagation of the gospel message to the whole world. There is promised reward in heaven for faithfulness in such service (1 Pet. 1:15-16; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 3:12-17; John 14:1-3).
- l) ANGELS – Angels were originally created holy, but now exist as unfallen and fallen, the latter including Satan (Col. 1:16; Job 38:6-7; Psalm 148:2-5; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:9; Eph. 6:11-12; 1 Tim. 5:21).
- m) DISPENSATIONS – God has revealed different dispensations or stewardships with corresponding rules of life, of which the present dispensation is the age of grace (Eph. 3:2-6; Eph. 3:9-11; Col. 1:25-27; Rom. 6:14; Heb. 7:18-19).
- n) FUTURE EVENTS – The blessed hope of the imminent return of the Lord for His church is to be followed in order by: the tribulation, the second coming of Christ to the earth after the tribulation, the establishment of the reign of Christ on earth for one thousand years, the eternal state of punishment for the unsaved and the eternal state of blessing for the saved (Titus 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Thess. 5:4-10; John 14:1-3; Rev. 3:10; Rev. 20:1-6; Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 24:21; Matt. 24:29-30; Matt. 25:31-46).
- o) HUMAN SEXUALITY – We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pedophilia, and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one’s gender by surgery or appearance. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5; Gen 19:13; Gen.

26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; Rom 7:2; 1 Cor. 5:1; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

- p) FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS – We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15, 1 Tim. 3:4-5; 1 Tim. 3:12).

We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the Scriptural leadership of her husband as the church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are an heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spiritual and moral values and leading them, through consistent lifestyle example and appropriate discipline, including Scriptural corporal correction (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; Prov. 22:15; Prov. 23:13-14; Mark 10:6-12; 1 Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-33; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4; 1 Pet. 3:1-7).

- q) DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE – We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Although divorced and remarried persons may hold positions of service in the church and be greatly used of God for Christian service, they may not be considered for the offices of pastor or deacon (Mal. 2:14-17; Matt. 19:3-12; Rom. 7:1-3; 1 Tim. 3:2; 1 Tim. 3:12; Titus 1:6).
- r) ABORTION – We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that approves of abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well-being of the mother (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; Ps. 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; Isa. 49:1; Isa. 49:5; Jer. 1:5; Jer. 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).
- s) LOVE – We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward both those who are not believers and those who oppose us. We are to deal with those who oppose us graciously, gently, patiently, and humbly. God forbids the stirring up of

strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we are to love and pray for any person who engages in such sinful actions (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:44-48; Luke 6:31; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-10; Rom. 12:17-21; Rom. 13:8-10; Phil. 2:2-4; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Titus 3:2; 1 John 3:17-18).

- t) **LAWSUITS BETWEEN BELIEVERS** – We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the church possesses all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander (1 Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32).