

Setting Captives Free Doctrinal Statement

Our sole authority for counsel given in this ministry is the Word of God, both Jesus Christ the Living Word of God and the Bible, the written Word of God. This written Word is comprised of 66 inerrant writings, which holy men of God penned as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that there is only one God. We believe that while God is one in essence, He is three persons eternally existing in equal natures, referred to in Scripture as Father, Son and Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died in the place of all who believe, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where He is ministering on behalf of all believers, and will return visibly and gloriously at the appointed time.

We believe that man was God's crowning act of creation. We believe that man is accountable to God for his attitudes, words and actions.

We believe that man is sinful from conception and so sins in his life. Both of these bring on him trouble in this life and the just judgment of God for eternal condemnation in hell.

We believe that man's only hope for recovery from his condition of guilt and misery before God is found in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ. He is the eternal Son of God, born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the basis of His shed blood. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, His ascension into heaven and His present life there as High Priest and Advocate for us.

We believe that sinful man must be given the heart of repentance and faith in order to turn from himself and sin and trust in Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior.

We believe that every person who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ alone to represent him before God, not depending on any good found in himself, will be saved.

We believe that the grace of God that brings salvation teaches individuals to change from a self-pleasing, sinful life to a self-denying, godly life through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the word of God, as applied by the Holy Spirit, is sufficient to meet the need for change that exists in every sinner saved by grace.

We believe that God works in this age primarily through local churches, containing gifts that Christ has given for the equipping of His people for the work of ministry; therefore, we insist that every mentor be a member of a local church and we encourage every student to do the same.

We believe that every Christian has a living hope that goes beyond this life and is to be motivated toward purity in this life as he sets his mind and heart upon the Savior Who has promised to come again. Heaven is the final destiny of every believer and hell the final destiny of every unbeliever.