

*Helping set in order
the things that are wanting.*

*“Continue in the faith grounded and settled,
and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.”
Colossians 1:23*

- **God**
I believe that God is a Trinity; that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit make up the Godhead; these are three distinct personalities yet one God, co-equal and co-eternal.
- **God the Father**
I believe that God the Father is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, immutable, infinite, eternal, transcendent, imminent, self-existent and that He alone is the object of our worship and praise.
- **God the Son**
I believe that God the Son is the Creator and Sustainer of creation; that He is virgin born and God, that His death on the cross purchased our forgiveness, He was buried and rose again, is now in heaven and is the only way of salvation
- **God the Spirit**
I believe that the Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and Son and of the same nature; that He convicts the world; that He is the agent of the New Birth; and dwells in all true believers.
- **The Bible**
I believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Scriptures in the original manuscripts; free from all error; and that the Scriptures are completely sufficient for every need in life.

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- **Man**

I believe that man was created by God with out sin, but that by disobedience to God he incurred physical and spiritual death; hence all men are totally depraved and in need of salvation.

- **Sin**

I believe in the universality of sin; that it separates man from God; that there is no remission of sin apart from the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

- **Salvation**

I believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, a free gift of God in the Person of Jesus Christ; I believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept secure by God's power.

- **The Church**

I believe the church is God's ordained institution for accomplishing His purposes in the world today. God has set apart the church to glorify Himself and equip believers for His service. I believe the church has two offices, the pastor who is to oversee, shepherd and administrate the church and the deacon who is to serve the physical needs of the body.

- **Separation**

I believe that I am mandated by God in the Scriptures to separate myself unto Christ and from any participation in or endorsement of sin, worldliness or compromise of the fundamental doctrines of the faith.



- **Charismatic Movement**

I reject all aspects of the modern charismatic movement and believe that speaking in tongues, healers and miracle workers were a part of God's plan to authenticate the apostolic ministry. These miraculous signs ceased during the apostolic era and are not for today.

- **Translations**

I do not believe that the KJV is the only legitimate translation of the inspired Word, though I do believe it is the best English representation of the original autographs.

- **Creation**

I believe that God created all things in six 24 hour days as recorded in Genesis. I reject all forms and variations of evolution, whether theistic or natural.

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I am an independent Baptist, by denomination and conviction, holding to the beliefs traditionally called "Baptist Distinctives".

- Membership of the local church is made up only of saved and baptized individuals
- Individual autonomy and government of each local church
- Personal and direct access of every believer into the presence of God through His Word and prayer
- Each believer not only has personal access to God, but he is personally accountable to God and is thus able and expected to define his own convictions based on his own study of Scriptures
- The Bible only gives two offices for the local church, pastors and deacons.
- Only two ordinances to be fulfilled in the local church: baptism by immersion following salvation, and the regular observance of communion. Neither ordinance imparts saving or special grace to the believer, but are both necessary parts of a believers obedience
- Church and government are both ordained by God and are to function in mutual cooperation together, while maintaining their God given distinction as institutions.
- Absolute authority of the Bible for all doctrine, methodology, philosophy and practice.

