

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF PASTOR J. ALLEN MASHBURN

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible, comprising both the Old and New Testaments, was given by inspiration of God through holy men of God as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Since God is the author, there is no mixture of error. It is therefore infallibly written, each and every word having been superintended by the Holy Spirit, and is unchangeable.

We accept the Bible as the perfect treasure of heavenly and divine instruction and the only authority in spiritual matters. Since it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth for its content, the Bible remains the center of Christian union and the standard by which men will be tried. We trust completely and use explicitly, the King James Version.

I Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5-6; Psalm 19:7-11; John 17:17

GOD

We believe that there is one true God who subsists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; that this Godhead is co-eternal and co-existent in intrinsic holiness and divine perfection, unchangeable in personality and character, infinite in wisdom and power, and gracious in His kindness and long-suffering and patience.

John 4:24; Psalm 83:18; Revelation 4:11; Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 32:4

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is very God, the second person of the Godhead Trinity. In the fullness of time He became also man, God incarnated through the virgin birth. He lived a sinless life and died a vicarious death for sinners. After bodily rising from the dead and showing Himself alive by many infallible proofs, thereby becoming the first fruits of the resurrection, He ascended bodily to the right hand of the throne of God where He ever liveth to make intercession for us. This same Jesus will judge the quick and the dead and will appear in the air to rapture the true Church prior to the Tribulation. We believe this same Jesus will come again to the earth in like manner as He went away, that this coming will be visible and bodily to establish His kingdom on earth.

II Cor. 5:21; I Peter 3:18; Acts 1:3, 9-11; John 5:25-26; 1:14; I Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:11-15; Luke 1:26-38; I Timothy 3:16; Matthew 1:18-25

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the person of the Holy Spirit possesses all the attributes of Deity and is also co-equal with God. His mission on earth is to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment, to magnify the Lord Jesus, to regenerate, seal, indwell, and baptize all believers into the body of Christ, to teach, and to empower them for fruitful service through His filling.

John 16:7-11; 3:5-6; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18; I Cor. 6:19-20; 12:13

MAN

We believe that man was created an intelligent being, in the image of God and by an act of God from the dust of the earth, and became a living soul when God breathed into him the breath of life. Although created innocent and holy, he fell from this high estate by disobedience in the Garden of Eden. This disobedience rendered Adam and his posterity to a state of depravity and rebellion and thus alienation from God.

Genesis 1:24-27; 2:7; 16-17; 3:1-19; Romans 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 1:21

SALVATION

We believe that Salvation is a gift of God arising from God's love and mercy for sinners and His purpose in grace. God's salvation delivers from the penalty and the bondage of sin and guarantees everlasting life to be secure, not by any act of human merit, but wholly through grace and faith. Therefore all boasting is excluded. This salvation includes redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ, regeneration and sealing by the Holy Spirit of God, and justification and reconciliation by the judicial declaration of God. All those who will repent and trust Christ completely may have this gift of salvation. Since God is the author and finisher of our faith, a true regenerate will never be lost again. Instead, the believer is progressively sanctified through the operation of the Holy Spirit and the believer's submissive will.

Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:1-9; John 3:3-8; 10:27-30; 5:24; I Peter 1:23, 18-19; Isa. 53:4-6; Acts 13:38-39; 20-21; Titus 3:5-7; I John 5:1; Romans 5:1; 8:16-18; 2:4; 3:25; Mark 1:14; Luke 24:47; II Cor. 5:17; John 3:16

RESURRECTION AND JUDGMENT

We believe in the resurrection of the body, of the saved unto life, and of the unsaved unto damnation. I Cor. 15:12-58; John 5:28-29

Following the rapture, the Church will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ where every believer's work shall be made manifest and he shall receive reward or suffer loss. His salvation is not in question.

II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:12-15

At the final resurrection all unbelievers shall stand before the Great White Throne to be judged according to their works and cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11-15; Romans 2:4-12

HEAVEN

We believe that Heaven is a place of eternal joy where God's children conformed to the image of His Son, rest and commune with God and serve Him forever.

John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-27

HELL

We believe that Hell (Gehenna) or the "Lake of Fire" the "Second Death," is a place of literal fire and eternal torment where Christ-rejecters endure the righteous retribution of a Holy and just God forever.

II Thess. 1:5-9; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8

SATAN

We believe that Satan, also called the Devil, is a personal being who became the adversary of God through pride and is a deceiver and enemy of men through his lies and subtle wiles. He is the ruler of the anti-God world system and will in God's time be cast into the lake of fire for his eternal doom.

Isa. 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19; II Cor. 11:13-15; Revelation 20:10

THE CHURCH

We believe that the one true Church is a dispensational organism, the body of which Christ is the Head, the branches of which Christ is the Vine, and the living stones of which Christ is the Chief Corner Stone. The Church is the bride of Christ, is indwelled by the Holy Spirit, and is a Temple of God.

Col. 1:18; John 15:1-8; I Peter 2:4-8; Rev. 19:7-8; II Cor. 11:2; I Cor. 6:19;
Eph. 5:25-32

We believe that a local church is an assembly of believers on Christ, scripturally baptized and organized for the purpose of fellowship, worship, and service. The local church is commanded to observe the ordinances, train, edify, and discipline its members, and evangelize the world.

Matthew 28:18-20; I Cor. 11:23-24; Matthew 18:15-17; Ephesians 4:11-16;
Acts 1:8

BAPTISM

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water as an act of obedience to Jesus' command, as a testimony of personal faith in Him, and as a sign of the believer's identification or union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Matt. 3:13-17, 28:18-20; Acts 8:26-39; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance depicting in symbol the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and is to be observed until Jesus returns. It is to be observed with reverential confession of sin and expressions of love to our Lord, after thorough self-examination.

Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34