

## Reviewing and Refreshing our Doctrinal Statement

### Salvation:

#### **Current:**

##### Substitutionary Sacrifice:

We believe that salvation of sinners is only by the grace of God; through Jesus Christ when He voluntarily took upon Himself a human body and nature, yet without sin, by His suffering, death by crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father, and by so doing made a full and substitutionary sacrifice for our sins; that this salvation is freely offered to all who will believe and accept it. John 1:1-3; 1:14; 3:1-7; Hebrews 10:4-14; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 10:13

##### Salvation by Grace:

We believe that faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation, that this salvation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit are instantaneous upon the acceptance of Christ. That this salvation is wholly of grace and in no wise dependent upon works, that no work, however good, make that salvation more secure. Acts: 16-31; John 6:29; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 10:9-

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##### Security of the Believer

We believe that all who accept Christ as their Savior are born from above and are eternally secure in Christ. Philippians 1:6; John 10:28-29; Romans 8:35-39; Jude 1; John 3:3

#### **Suggested Revision:**

We believe that salvation of sinners is divinely initiated; that by Jesus death He fully satisfied the just demands of God regarding sin; that faith in the finished work of Jesus is the only condition of salvation; that this work is a full and substitutionary sacrifice for our sins; that this salvation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit are instantaneous upon belief; that this salvation is wholly of grace and in no wise dependent upon works; that no work makes that salvation more secure; that all who believe are born from above; and that all true believers are eternally secure in Christ (Isaiah 53:4-7; John 3:3, 16-18; Acts 16:30, 31; Romans 3:24-26; 8:9, 35-39; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; 1 John 4:10).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ initiated (John 3:16)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ just demands (1 John 4:10)

QUESTION: Why did God not just waive the death penalty?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the only condition (Ephesians 2:8-9)

QUESTION: What needs to be believed for salvation?

QUESTION: Which comes first: faith or regeneration?

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 53:4-7)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ receipt of:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:18)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:9)

QUESTION: Did OT believers have the Holy Spirit?

6. Is
  - a. By \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8, 9)
  - b. Not of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8, 9)
7. Born of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:3)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:35-39)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ believers
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION: What's the difference between assurance and security?