

# COMPASS POINT DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

As a church plant of the South Florida Baptist Association, we embrace the doctrinal ideas presented in the Southern Baptist's "2000 Baptist Faith & Message". We have taken the time to break down that document into a more simple explanation which you can view below:

## The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

II Timothy 3:16 - II Peter 1:20-21 - II Timothy 1:13 - Psalms 119:105, 160; 12:6 - Proverbs 30:5

## People

People were made in the spiritual image of God to be like Him in character. We are the supreme object of God's creation and love. Although we have tremendous potential for good, people are marred by an attitude of disobedience towards God called "sin." This attitude separates us from God until the relationship is restored through a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:27 - Psalms 8:3-6 - Isaiah 53:6 - Romans 3:23 - Isaiah 59: 1-2

## God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22 - Psalm 90:2 - Matthew 28:19 1 - Peter 1:2 - II Corinthians 13:14

## Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23 - Isaiah 9:6 - John 1:1-5; 14:10-30 - Hebrews 4:14-15 - I Corinthians 15: 3-4 - Romans 1:3-4 - Acts 1:9-11 - I Timothy 6:14-15 - Titus 2:13

## The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

II Corinthians 3:17 - John 16:7-13; 14:16-17 - Acts 1:8 - I Corinthians 2:12; 3:16 - Ephesians 1:13 - Galatians 5:25 - Ephesians 5:18

## Heaven & Hell

Humans were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is eternal life in Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are places of eternal existence.

John 3:16 I - John 2:25; 5:11-13 - Romans 6:23 - Revelations 20:15

## Salvation

Salvation is a gift from God to humanity. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of Forgiveness can we be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his or her life by faith.

Romans 6:23 - Ephesians 2:8-9 - John 14:6; 1:12 - Titus 3:5 - Galatians 3:26 - Romans 5:1

## Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation is for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is grace and keeping power of God that gives this security.

John 10:29 - II Timothy 1:12 - Hebrew 7:25; 10:10-14 - 1 Peter 1:3-5