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# INTRODUCTION



By God's grace, Southern Baptists are the largest protestant denomination in the United States. By and large, Southern Baptists are not limited to the southern part of the U.S. but extend all around the world. Although there are many other evangelical denominations who glorify God together, I believe Southern Baptists are the most biblically conservative and missionally effective denomination. "Biblically conservative" is a term that explains how Southern Baptists believe in the inerrancy of Scripture and hold to the teaching of Scripture. Missional effectiveness comes through the Cooperative Program where churches work together to support cross-cultural engagement and make disciples of all nations.

The purpose of this book is to explore what Southern Baptists believe and do. In my work among Asian churches in North Carolina, I have seen growth in the number of Southern Baptists among Asians. Some of them even joined from different denominations. However, this extension must not be limited to Asian groups alone. Many people from different countries and ethnic groups are not familiar with the beliefs of Southern Baptists. In these countries, Southern Baptists are not the major protestant group, and thus these ethnic groups lack a thorough understanding of Southern Baptist roots and theology.

When pastors or leaders from different denominations become Southern Baptists, they often move without a clear understanding of the denomination. As a result, it is important for them to go through denominational training in order to willingly join the denomination. However, this is not limited to different ethnic groups. Younger generations also do not value denominational differences as much as preceding generations, resulting in less emphasis on denominational education. Although Scripture itself is the focal point of our education, denominational understanding is important to know how Southern Baptists interpret and apply biblical truth for its fullest impact.

The purpose of this book is not to elevate



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This book is divided into three parts: what we believe, who we are and what we do.

- **What we believe**

1. Faith in God
2. Faith in God's Word

- **Who we are**

1. Sinner and saved
2. Secured and servant
3. Church

- **What we do**

1. Evangelism and discipleship
2. Cooperation for the Great Commission

one denomination over others for Southern Baptists seek to fulfill the Great Commission through partnering with other denominations for the kingdom of God. In this great positive movement, it is also necessary to affirm what we believe and do as Southern Baptists not for the sake of a denomination label, but for a clear understanding of our identity to consolidate the unity within Southern Baptists and beyond for the Great Commission. This book is written for those who want to understand what Southern Baptists believe and do. It is ultimately for those who want to grow in their faith in God and service for His kingdom.

**How to use this book:**

1. Pray first.
2. Read scriptural references at least three times.
3. Fill in the blanks and answer additional questions, such as:
  - What does this mean? (Who is God? Who is the world? Who is the church?)
  - What should I do in response to this truth?
4. Watch short daily videos (<https://vimeo.com/showcase/5683115>) on *People of the Book*.
5. Memorize a verse per day from pages 25-36.
6. Meet with your group once a week to go through questions/answers.
7. Facilitate group discussion by asking:
  - What stood out the most to you? Why?
  - What are you going to do in response to your learning?
  - What is your prayer request based on your learning?
8. Finish with prayer.

*\*Answers to fill-in-the-blanks on page 25*



**Christian faith starts with faith in who God is and what He has done. In this section, we will first explore the fundamental truths about who God is. Second, faith in God leads to faith in His Word. We will also investigate what we believe about God's Word and why we believe it, including the historicity of the Bible as the written copy of God's Word.**

### 1. Faith in God

*The Baptist Faith and Message* is a statement of generally held convictions by Southern Baptists. It describes God as follows: "There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being."<sup>1</sup> Though this is a good summary of who God is, it is important to look at how Scripture describes who God is.

1. There is only \_\_\_\_\_ God. (Deuteronomy 6:4)
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ persons in \_\_\_\_\_.: Father, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 John 5:7) (Matthew 28:19)
3. Write at least five attributes of God: God is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Holy Trinity

#### A. God the Father

1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 1:1)
2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_. (Exodus 20:2)
3. All creation proclaims His \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 19:1)
4. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ one. (Isaiah 43:3)
5. He is our \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 64:8)
6. Led by the Holy Spirit, we call Him \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 8:14-15)
7. All things are \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (1 Corinthians 8:6)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ sends the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. (Galatians 4:6)
9. One God and \_\_\_\_\_ of all. (Ephesians 4:6)
10. He rewards those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ages, immortal, invisible, the \_\_\_\_\_ God.  
(1 Timothy 1:17)

12. We need to submit to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 12:9)

"God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men."<sup>2</sup>

## B. God the Son

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is God's delighted Son. (Matthew 3:17)

2. No one can know God the Father except the \_\_\_\_\_ and those to whom He \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Matthew 11:27)

3. He is the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 16:16)

4. We need to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 28:19-20)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. (Luke 24:46)

6. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, is with \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:1-3)

7. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God who takes away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. (John 1:29)

8. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 11:25)

9. Jesus has come into the world as \_\_\_\_\_. (John 12:46)

10. If you know \_\_\_\_\_, you know God the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 14:7)

11. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:3)

12. Jesus is the one \_\_\_\_\_ between God and men. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

13. God proved His love for us through sending His \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for us sinners. (Romans 5:8)

14. Christ is the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness to everyone who \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 10:4)

15. Jesus is God-given \_\_\_\_\_ for us, our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Corinthians 1:30)

16. The fullness of God's nature dwells in \_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 2:9)

17. Jesus is our high \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 4:15)

18. Jesus is the founder and perfecter of our \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 12:2)

19. Jesus is perfect and has no \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 2:22)

Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah and God Himself. He became human but did not sin. He lived a perfect life on the earth by perfect obedience to God the Father. He died on the cross for our sins,

and He was risen from the dead in three days. He ascended into heaven, and He will return to the earth to judge the living and the dead.

### C. God the Spirit

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and we must worship Him in \_\_\_\_\_ and truth. (John 4:24)
2. The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Genesis 1:2)
3. The Holy Spirit is upon me to bring \_\_\_\_\_ . (Isaiah 61:1)
4. God can pour out His \_\_\_\_\_ on us. (Joel 2:28-32)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God descended upon \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 3:16)
6. Jesus drove out demons by the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 12:28)
7. God the Father gives the \_\_\_\_\_ to those who seek Him. (Luke 11:13)
8. The Holy Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_ you what you must say. (Luke 12:12)
9. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus said he was \_\_\_\_\_ the promise of the Father — the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:49)
10. The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_, and He will be in us. (John 14:16-17)
11. He will \_\_\_\_\_ the world about sin, righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)
12. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be My \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:8)
13. When you repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus, you will receive the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acts 2:38)
14. Stephen was filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ and saw the glory of God. (Acts 7:55)
15. Be led by the \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 16:6)
16. You receive the \_\_\_\_\_ when you believe. (Acts 19:2)
17. If anyone does not have the \_\_\_\_\_, the person does not belong to \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 8:9)
18. All who are led by God's \_\_\_\_\_ are God's children. (Romans 8:14)
19. The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (Romans 8:26)
20. The Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ in you. (1 Corinthians 3:16)
21. No one can say "Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_" except in the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 12:3)
22. The Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 5:6)

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God who is the truth and illumines the truth to His People. He regenerates people to be saved, continues to reside in believers and empowers them for ministry with power and wisdom.

## 2. Faith in God's Word

Based on the belief in who God is and what He has done, firm belief in what He said should be of next importance. Belief in God cannot be separated from belief in His Word. "Of first order, Southern Baptists are people of the Book, affirming without hesitation or apology a belief that the Scriptures are trustworthy and authoritative."<sup>3</sup>

*The Baptist Faith and Message* notes, "The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation."<sup>4</sup>

### A. Who wrote Scripture?

1. All Scripture is inspired by \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ teaches His Word to His people. (Deuteronomy 4:1)
3. God uses His \_\_\_\_\_ to write His Words. (Exodus 24:4)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ has ordered Scripture by His \_\_\_\_\_ and He will gather them by His \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 34:16)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ will guide you to Scripture, the truth. (John 16:13)

### B. Is Scripture trustworthy?

1. Every Word of God proves \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 30:5)
2. Not one of the Scriptures will go \_\_\_\_\_, not one will lack their \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 34:16)
3. The Word of God remains \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 40:8)
4. Even the smallest letter in Scripture will not pass away until all of them are \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 5:18)

More than 40 people from different backgrounds, who were inspired by God, wrote the Scriptures over a course of 1600 years in three languages. However, the contents of each part of the Scriptures are amazingly connected as if one author wrote all of them. Prophecies about Jesus' first coming were accurately fulfilled according to at least 300 prophecies in the Old Testament. Historical facts in Scripture also have been proven by archeological search.

### C. What is the purpose of Scripture?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. (John 20:31)
2. Not to \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 119:11)
3. To \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Timothy 3:16)
4. To learn to \_\_\_\_\_ Him and to \_\_\_\_\_ all His Words. (Deuteronomy 17:19)



5. To \_\_\_\_\_ us. (John 17:17)
6. To have \_\_\_\_\_ in endurance. (Romans 15:4)

#### **D. What is the content of Scripture?**

1. All Scripture is about \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 24:27)
2. Scripture testifies about \_\_\_\_\_. (John 5:39)
3. Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (Psalm 19:7-8)
4. Creation: God \_\_\_\_\_ the world and man in His own image. (Genesis 1)
5. Fall: But \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Romans 3:23)
6. Redemption: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins and \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead for our justification. (Romans 4:25)
7. Restoration: Jesus is making all things \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 21:5)
8. Scripture shows how to be \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)

#### **E. How should we treat Scripture?**

1. Rightly \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of Truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. Search and \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 34:16)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and crave for God's Word. (Psalm 119:97)
4. \_\_\_\_\_, do (obey) and \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word. (Ezra 7:10)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the Scripture every day. (Acts 17:11)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel firmly. (1 Corinthians 15:2)

#### **Wrong attitudes toward Scripture**

1. *Rationalism*: Reading Scripture through reason as the standard of thought.
2. *Mysticism*: Reading Scripture through experience as the standard of thought.
3. *Institutionalism*: Interpreting Scripture in the eyes of an organization (even church) as the standard of thought.
4. *Idealism*: Reading Scripture through ideology as the standard of thought.



**All Christians experience the transformation of their identity from sinner to saved. Most Protestants teach this transformation as a focal point of Christian life, but Southern Baptists seem to emphasize this conversion more than other denominations. In this section, we will explore two major topics related to identity as Christians in the light of the Southern Baptists' beliefs: perseverance of the saints and priesthood of believers.**

**We will explore this topic in four categories: sinner, saved, secured and servant.**

**A. Sinner:** The Bible clearly says we are sinners who deserve eternal separation and punishment from God.

1. God created humans in His own \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 1:26)
2. The human heart is only \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 6:5)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ caused separation between you and God. (Isaiah 59:2)
4. We are people of \_\_\_\_\_ lips. (Isaiah 6:5)
5. Sinners will go to \_\_\_\_\_ punishment. (Matthew 25:46)
6. People love \_\_\_\_\_ more than the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:19)
7. There is no one \_\_\_\_\_ and no one \_\_\_\_\_ God. (Romans 3:10-11)
8. We are \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:6)
9. Through Adam's \_\_\_\_\_, we became \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:19)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ enslaves people. (Romans 6:6)
11. Sinners will not inherit the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Galatians 5:19-21)
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is coming to sinners. (Colossians 3:5-6)
13. If we say we are not sinners, we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. (1 John 1:8)

"Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love."<sup>5</sup>

**B. Saved:** We are saved by sin and death through believing in Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection by God's grace.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ saves. (Matthew 1:21)
2. \_\_\_\_\_, the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ is near. (Matthew 4:17)
3. Jesus came to call sinners to \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 5:32)
4. You have to be \_\_\_\_\_ again. (John 3:3)
5. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ will not perish but have \_\_\_\_\_ life. (John 3:16)
6. Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:21)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 3:19)
8. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ way for \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 4:12)
9. The gospel is God's power for \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:16)
10. God demonstrated His \_\_\_\_\_ for us that \_\_\_\_\_ died for us while we were still \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:8)
11. Jesus set us \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and death. (Romans 8:2)
12. If you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth, "Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_," and believe in your heart that God \_\_\_\_\_ Him from the dead, you will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 10:9)
13. We are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
14. If we are in \_\_\_\_\_, we are a \_\_\_\_\_ creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
15. If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we are children of \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:14-15)
16. We belong to \_\_\_\_\_ and have crucified the \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 5:24)
17. We are God's \_\_\_\_\_ created in Christ for \_\_\_\_\_ works. (Ephesians 2:10)
18. Jesus is the eternal source of \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Hebrews 5:9)

"Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord."<sup>6</sup>

The Bible also clearly says we are saved by the grace of God through faith. "Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace."



**C. Secured:** Our salvation is secured and protected by God. Salvation is proven by endurance of our faith to the end. "Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."<sup>7</sup>

1. God builds His \_\_\_\_\_ and protects His \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 16:18)
2. The one who \_\_\_\_\_ to the end will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 24:13)
3. The saved are born of \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:13)
4. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ will not \_\_\_\_\_ but have \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)
5. Those who believe in Jesus will not come under \_\_\_\_\_. (John 5:24)
6. God will \_\_\_\_\_ up the saved on the last day. (John 6:44)
7. No one can \_\_\_\_\_ the saved out of God's hand. (John 10:28)
8. God's children are predestined, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:30)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ can separate us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Romans 8:35-39)
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ us in Him (Ephesians 1:4)
11. God's \_\_\_\_\_ guards us through \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 1:5)

**D. Servant:** In the past, only priests were permitted to read, interpret and teach the Bible as well as pray to God. However, the Bible teaches us that all believers are servants of God who have direct access to Him through Christ. Martin Luther started the Reformation based on this truth.

1. We are a holy \_\_\_\_\_. (Exodus 19:6): We are the ones who mediate all nations to God. (Missions)
2. As Jesus came to serve, we are to \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 10:45)
3. We lead people to Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ service of the gospel. (Romans 15:16): We are the ones who lead people to God. (Evangelism)
4. We are the temple of the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 3:16)
5. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
6. We are God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:10)
7. We pray for all \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Timothy 2:1-2): We are the ones who intercede for people. (Intercessory prayer)

8. You are a royal \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 2:9): Baptists practice the priesthood of believers. Ordination or seminary education is not required to read and speak the gospel. Because you are saved by God's grace, you can go to God directly. (Prayer)
9. We have confidence to \_\_\_\_\_ the holy places by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (Hebrews 10:19-20): We are the priests who can be close to God. (Worship)
10. We offer up a \_\_\_\_\_ of praise to God. (Hebrews 13:15): We are the ones who give sacrifice to God which leads to praise. Catholics believe that mass has the power of forgiveness. Religious rituals do not result in powerful sacrifice to God. The perfect sacrifice is already offered to God: Jesus is sacrificed to God. That is enough. Our sacrifice now is praise of His grace and love. (Offering)

Do not idolize a pastor or minister, nor consider their work a more "holy" calling than your own. Your job can be a holy work. Luther said even if a maid has a clear calling from God and does her milking work for the glory of God, then her work is holy. If you do your work for the glory of God, that is holy work.

Do not underestimate pastors or ministers. Hebrews 13:17 says "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Do not neglect your work as a priest. Find out your giftedness from God and work together with brothers and sisters in Christ. Do not depend on pastor or leaders. Find a place of service and get involved where you can work for the kingdom of God.

**E. The Church:** What is the church? A building? No. A denomination? No. The church is the people of faith in Christ.

#### **What did the early church do? (Acts 2:42-47)**

1. Devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 42)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ came upon every soul. (v. 43)
3. Believers \_\_\_\_\_ all things. (v. 44)
4. Day by day, they were meeting in the \_\_\_\_\_ and had fellowship in their \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 46)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ God and having \_\_\_\_\_ with all the people. (v. 47)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ added to their \_\_\_\_\_ day by day those who were being \_\_\_\_\_. (47)

#### **How is the church identified with Christ?**

7. The church is \_\_\_\_\_ body in Christ. (Romans 12:5)
8. The church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (Ephesians 1:23)
9. In \_\_\_\_\_, the church is built together. (Ephesians 2:21)
10. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church and the church \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. (Ephesians 5: 23-24)

## What is the role of church leadership?

11. To \_\_\_\_\_ the saints until we attain to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God, to mature \_\_\_\_\_, to the measure of the stature of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (Ephesians 4:12-13)

"A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation."<sup>8</sup>

## ORDINANCES

What ordinances do we have in the church? Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Instead of using the term "sacrament," "ordinance" is preferred. "Sacra" means "save" so people may confuse sacraments as a means to be saved.

**A. Believer's baptism** — "Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper."<sup>9</sup>

1. Those who accepted the gospel message were \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:41-42) People who do not believe in Jesus cannot be baptized. Therefore, infant baptism is not legitimate baptism because infants cannot be regarded as believers.
2. We are baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 3:16) Jesus Himself was fully immersed into the water and came out of the water for baptism.
3. Baptism symbolizes that we are \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ raised with Him. (Romans 6:3-6) Baptism visually presents your old identity and future status to show that your old self is dead and gone, and your new identity is found in Christ.

How many times should you be baptized? Once is enough. Just like you were born one time from your parents, your relationship was born once from God.

**B. The Lord's Supper** — "The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming."<sup>10</sup>

1. The bread and wine symbolize the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:16)
2. We have communion in \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (1 Corinthians 11:25)

Can anyone participate in communion? No, only for believers who are in covenant relationship with God can participate. How often? The Lord's Supper is fellowship symbolizing your identity as a Christian. Fellowship should be done on a regular basis.



**Evangelism and discipleship** — Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). This Great Commission goal is well represented in the mission statement of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) adopted in 2010: "As a convention of churches, our missional vision is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world and to make disciples of all the nations."<sup>11</sup> Under this mission statement, the SBC came up with eight core values which are listed below:

**SBC core values:**

*"Christ-Likeness:* We depend on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and prayer to make us more like Jesus Christ.

*Truth:* We stand together in the truth of God's inerrant Word, celebrating the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

*Unity:* We work together in love for the sake of the Gospel.

*Relationships:* We consider others more important than ourselves.

*Trust:* We tell one another the truth in love and do what we say we will do.

*Future:* We value Southern Baptists of all generations and embrace our responsibility to pass this charge to a rising generation in every age, faithful until Jesus comes.

*Local church:* We believe the local church is given the authority, power, and responsibility to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world.

*Kingdom:* We join other Christ-followers for the Gospel, the Kingdom of Christ, and the glory of God."<sup>12</sup>

**A. Reach the lost**

1. Go to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 10:6)
2. Proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ news to all nations until the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 24:14)
3. Go and make \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ nations. (Matthew 28:18-20)
4. Christians are Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ to the end of the earth sent by the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. (Acts 1:8)
5. People cannot believe in \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 10:14)
6. Preach the gospel where \_\_\_\_\_ is not known. (Romans 15:20)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ hardships and do the work of \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Timothy 4:5)

**B. Discipleship starts in family**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the next generation God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Deuteronomy 6:7)
2. Our family will worship the \_\_\_\_\_. (Joshua 24:15)
3. Tell the \_\_\_\_\_ generation. (Psalm 78:4)



4. \_\_\_\_\_ up your children. (Proverbs 22:6)
5. Man and woman become \_\_\_\_\_ flesh. (Mark 10:8)
6. Show what \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ look like in marriage. (Ephesians 5:22-25)
7. Bring up your children in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 6:4)

### C. Equip the disciples

1. Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_ to the disciples. (Luke 9:1)
2. Disciples of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, take up the \_\_\_\_\_ and follow \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 9:23)
3. If you hold on to \_\_\_\_\_'s teaching, you are truly his \_\_\_\_\_. (John 8:31)
4. Equip the disciples for the work of \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 4:12)
5. Equip the disciples to fight the \_\_\_\_\_ battle. (Ephesians 6:11)
6. Teach all \_\_\_\_\_ to equip the disciples. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
7. Equip the disciples to do God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 13:21)

### D. Multiply disciples by making disciple-makers

1. God commanded mankind to \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 1:22)
2. God's purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ His people. (Genesis 12:1-3)
3. God will \_\_\_\_\_ you. (Leviticus 26:9)
4. Pray for more \_\_\_\_\_ for the harvest. (Matthew 9:38)
5. Disciples grew in \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 6:1)
6. God's \_\_\_\_\_ grows and \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 12:24)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ to faithful men to teach \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Timothy 2:2)

"It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the Gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the Gospel of Christ."<sup>13</sup>

### E. Cooperation for the Great Commission:

One of the unique aspects of Southern Baptists is the spirit and effort of cooperation for the Great Commission. "Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions

as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament."<sup>14</sup>

1. All people with leaders working \_\_\_\_\_ to build the wall of Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 4)
2. By loving one another, all people will know that we are his \_\_\_\_\_. (John 13:34-35)
3. Early churches were united in \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:14)
4. The church is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:10)
5. You are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (Galatians 3:28)
6. Put on \_\_\_\_\_ which binds everything together in perfect \_\_\_\_\_. (Colossians 3:14)
7. Be of \_\_\_\_\_ mind. (Philippians 2:2)
8. Have \_\_\_\_\_ of mind. (1 Peter 3:8)

### **The Cooperative Program**

"Southern Baptist churches support the Cooperative Program by submitting contributions through a network of state and regional Baptist conventions. The Baptist state conventions use a portion of these funds to fuel the ministry and mission goals established by the churches in that state. Each state Baptist convention then forwards a percentage of those funds to the Southern Baptist Convention, providing financial support for thousands of church planters and missionaries in North America and around the world, theological education through six Southern Baptist seminaries for more than eighteen thousand full-time and part-time students, and moral advocacy and promotion of religious liberty. Cooperative Program funds forwarded from the states also provide support for the SBC operating budget.

"Obviously, to spread the Gospel message to the neighborhood and to the nations requires organization and structure to help facilitate the goal."<sup>15</sup>

"From this rather small beginning, the Southern Baptist Convention has become the largest Protestant denomination in the world. Today Southern Baptists boast of more than 50,000 churches and church-type missions throughout North America. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) houses employees in Alpharetta, Georgia, and supports missionary activities in every state in the United States as well as Canada and several protectorates. The International Mission Board (IMB), headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, sends thousands of missionaries (long-, mid-, and short-term) to nearly every country in the world. The IMB is the largest denominational mission-sending agency in the world."<sup>16</sup>

Southern Baptists as the "people of God" strive to love the Lord by holding on to His Word and to love neighbors as themselves by sharing the love of Christ verbally and in actions. God has used Southern Baptists over the years to reach the lost through intentional gospel sharing, church planting and making disciples of all nations. It is imperative to continue to carry this calling to make disciples of all nations over the denomination to advance God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.



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SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

### 1. Who is God?

#### A. God the Father

1. Exodus 20:2 — “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”
2. Isaiah 43:3 — For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Sheba in exchange for you.
3. Isaiah 64:8 — But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
4. Romans 8:15 — For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
5. 1 Corinthians 8:6 — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
6. 1 Timothy 1:17 — To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
7. Hebrews 12:9 — Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

#### B. God the Son

1. Matthew 3:17- and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
2. Luke 24:46 — and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
3. John 1:1-3 — In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
4. John 11:25 — Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
5. 1 Timothy 2:5 — For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
6. 1 Corinthians 1:30 — And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
7. Hebrews 12:2 — looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



## **C. God the Spirit**

1. John 14:16-17 — And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth.
2. Acts 1:8 — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
3. Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
4. Romans 8:9 — You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
5. Romans 8:26 — Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
6. 1 Corinthians 12:3 — Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.
7. 1 John 5:6 — This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

## **2. What is God’s Word?**

### **A. Who wrote Scripture and is Scripture trustworthy?**

1. Exodus 24:4 — And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.
2. Deuteronomy 4:1 — “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
3. Proverbs 30:5 — Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
4. Isaiah 34:16 — Seek and read from the book of the LORD: Not one of these shall be missing; none shall be without her mate. For the mouth of the LORD has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them.
5. Isaiah 40:8 — The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
6. Matthew 5:18 — For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
7. 2 Timothy 3:16 — All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

### **B. What is the purpose and content of Scripture?**

1. Deuteronomy 17:19 — And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them.

2. Psalm 19:7 — The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
3. Psalm 119:11 — I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
4. Luke 24:27 — And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
5. John 5:39 — You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.
6. John 17:17 — Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
7. Romans 15:4 — For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

### **C. How should we treat Scripture?**

1. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 — And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
2. Psalm 119:97 — Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.
3. Ezra 7:10 — For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.
4. Isaiah 34:16 — Seek and read from the book of the LORD: Not one of these shall be missing; none shall be without her mate. For the mouth of the LORD has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them.
5. Acts 17:11 — Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.
6. 1 Corinthians 15:2 — and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.
7. 2 Timothy 3:15 — and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## **WHO WE ARE**

### **A. Sinner**

1. Genesis 6:5 — The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
2. Isaiah 59:2 — but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.
3. Matthew 25:46 — And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

4. John 3:19 — And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
5. Romans 3:10 — as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;
6. Romans 5:19 — For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
7. Colossians 3:6 — On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

## **B. Saved**

1. Luke 5:32 — I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.
2. John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
3. Acts 2:21 — And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'
4. Acts 4:12 — And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
5. Romans 1:16 — For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
6. Romans 10:9 — because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
7. Ephesians 2:8-9 — For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast

## **C. Secured**

1. Matthew 16:18 — And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
2. Matthew 24:13 — But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
3. John 6:44 — No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.
4. John 10:28 — I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
5. Romans 8:30 — And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.
6. Romans 8:39 — nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
7. 1 Peter 1:5 — who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

#### **D. Servant**

1. Exodus 19:6 — and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”
2. Mark 10:45 — For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
3. Romans 1:1 — Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
4. Romans 15:16 — to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
5. 2 Corinthians 5:20 — Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
6. Ephesians 2:10 — For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
7. 1 Peter 2:9 — But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

#### **E. Church**

1. Acts 2:42 — And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
2. Acts 2:44 — And all who believed were together and had all things in common.
3. Acts 2:46-47 — And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
4. Romans 12:5 — so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
5. Ephesians 1:23 — which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
6. Ephesians 2:21 — in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
7. Ephesians 5:23 — For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

#### **ORDINANCES**

1. Matthew 3:16 — And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;
2. Luke 22:19 — And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

3. Acts 2:38 — And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
4. Acts 20:7 — On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.
5. Romans 6:4 — We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
6. 1 Corinthians 10:16 — The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
7. 1 Corinthians 11:25 — In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## WHAT WE DO

### A. Reach the lost

1. Matthew 10:6 — but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
2. Matthew 24:14 — And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
3. Matthew 28:18-20 — And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
4. Acts 1:8 — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
5. Romans 10:14 — How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
6. Romans 15:20 — and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,
7. 2 Timothy 4:5 — As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

### B. Build family in God's Word

1. Deuteronomy 6:7 — You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
2. Joshua 24:15 — And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
3. Psalm 78:4 — We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.



4. Proverbs 22:6 — Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
5. Mark 10:8 — and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh.
6. Ephesians 5:22 — Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
7. Ephesians 6:4 — Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

### **C. Equip the disciples**

1. Luke 9:1 — And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,
2. Luke 9:23 — And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
3. John 8:31 — So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
4. Ephesians 4:12 — to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
5. Ephesians 6:11 — Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
6. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 — All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
7. Hebrews 13:21 — equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **D. Multiply disciples**

1. Genesis 1:22 — And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
2. Genesis 12:1-3 — Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
3. Leviticus 26:9 — I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you.
4. Matthew 9:38 — therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
5. Acts 6:1 — Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

6. Acts 12:24 — But the word of God increased and multiplied.
7. 2 Timothy 2:2 — and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

#### **E. Cooperate for the Great Commission**

1. John 13:34-35 — A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
2. Acts 1:14 — All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.
3. 1 Corinthians 1:10 — I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.
4. Galatians 3:28 — There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
5. Colossians 3:14 — And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
6. Philippians 2:2 — complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
7. 1 Peter 3:8 — Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.



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WHAT SOUTHERN BAPTISTS BELIEVE AND DO  
**ANSWER KEY**

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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### 1. Faith in God

1. one (Deuteronomy 6:4)
2. three, one, Son, Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7, Matthew 28:19)
3. holy, faithful, righteous, all-powerful, all-knowing, love, zealous, etc.
4. Holy Trinity

#### A. God the Father

1. Creator (Genesis 1:1)
2. Lord (Exodus 20:2)
3. works (Psalm 19:1)
4. Holy (Isaiah 43:3)
5. Father (Isaiah 64:8)
6. Abba Father (Romans 8:14-15)
7. from, for (1 Corinthians 8:6)
8. God (Galatians 4:6)
9. Father (Ephesians 4:6)
10. seek (Hebrews 11:6)
11. King, only (1 Timothy 1:17)
12. Father (Hebrews 12:9)

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#### B. God the Son

1. Jesus (Matthew 3:17)
2. Son, chooses to reveal (Matthew 11:27)
3. Christ (Matthew 16:16)
4. Father, Son, Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20)
5. Christ (Luke 24:46)
6. Word, God, God (John 1:1-3)
7. Lamb, sin (John 1:29)
8. resurrection, life (John 11:25)
9. light (John 12:46)
10. Me (Jesus), Father (John 14:7)
11. descendant of David (Romans 1:3)
12. mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6)
13. Son, die (Romans 5:8)
14. law, believes (Romans 10:4)
15. wisdom, sanctification, holiness, redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30)
16. him (Christ) (Colossians 2:9)
17. priest (Hebrews 4:15)
18. faith (Hebrews 12:2)
19. sin (1 Peter 2:22)

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### C. God the Spirit

1. spirit, spirit (John 4:24)
2. Spirit (Genesis 1:2)
3. good news (Isaiah 61:1)
4. Spirit (Joel 2:28-32)
5. Spirit, Jesus (Matthew 3:16)
6. Spirit (Matthew 12:28)
7. Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)
8. teach (Luke 12:12)
9. sending (Luke 24:49)
10. Helper (John 14:16-17)
11. convict (John 16:8)
12. witnesses (Acts 1:8)
13. Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
14. Holy Spirit (Acts 7:55)
15. Holy Spirit (Acts 16:6)
16. Holy Spirit (Acts 19:2)
17. Spirit of Christ, him (Romans 8:9)
18. Spirit (Romans 8:14)
19. intercedes (Romans 8:26)
20. lives (1 Corinthians 3:16)
21. Lord, Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3)
22. truth (1 John 5:6)

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## 2. Faith in God's Word

### A. Who wrote Scripture?

1. God (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. Moses (Deuteronomy 4:1)
3. servant (Moses) (Exodus 24:4)
4. Lord, mouth, Spirit (Isaiah 34:16)
5. Spirit of truth (John 16:13)

### B. Is Scripture trustworthy?

1. true (Proverbs 30:5)
2. missing, mate (Isaiah 34:16)
3. forever (Isaiah 40:8)
4. accomplished (Matthew 5:18)

### C. What is the purpose of Scripture?

1. believe (John 20:31)
2. sin (Psalm 119:11)
3. teach, reproof, correct and train (2 Timothy 3:16)
4. fear, keep (Deuteronomy 17:19)
5. sanctify (John 17:17)
6. hope (Romans 15:4)

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**D. What is the content of Scripture?**

1. Jesus (Luke 24:27)
2. Jesus (John 5:39)
3. law, testimony, precepts, commandment (Psalm 19:7-8)
4. created (Genesis 1)
5. all, glory (Romans 3:23)
6. died, rose (Romans 4:25)
7. new (Revelation 21:5)
8. saved (John 3:16)

**E. How should we treat Scripture?**

1. handle (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. read (Isaiah 34:16)
3. Love (Psalm 119:97)
4. Study, teach (Ezra 7:10)
5. Examine (Acts 17:11)
6. Hold fast (1 Corinthians 15:2)

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**WHO WE ARE**

**A. Sinner**

1. image (Genesis 1:26)
2. evil (Genesis 6:5)
3. Sin (Isaiah 59:2)
4. unclean (Isaiah 6:5)
5. eternal (Matthew 25:46)
6. darkness, light (John 3:19)
7. righteous, seeks (Romans 3:10-11)
8. ungodly (Romans 5:6)
9. disobedience, sinners (Romans 5:19)
10. Sin (Romans 6:6)
11. kingdom (Galatians 5:19-21)
12. wrath (Colossian 3:5-6)
13. deceive (1 John 1:8)

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**B. Saved**

1. Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
2. Repent, heaven (Matthew 4:17)
3. repent (Luke 5:32)
4. born (John 3:3)
5. believes, him, everlasting (John 3:16)
6. calls, Lord, saved (Acts 2:21)
7. Repent, God (Acts 3:19)
8. only, salvation (Acts 4:12)
9. salvation, believes (Romans 1:16)
10. love, Christ, sinners (Romans 5:8)
11. free (Romans 8:2)
12. confess, Lord, raised, saved (Romans 10:9)

13. grace, faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
14. Christ, new (2 Corinthians 5:17)
15. God (Romans 8:14-15)
16. Christ Jesus, flesh (Galatians 5:24)
17. workmanship, good (Ephesians 2:10)
18. salvation, obey (Hebrews 5:9)

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**C. Secured**

1. church, church (Matthew 16:18)
2. endures, saved (Matthew 24:13)
3. God (John 1:13)
4. believes, perish, everlasting life (John 3:16)
5. judgment (John 5:24)
6. raise (John 6:44)
7. snatch (John 10:28)
8. called, justified, glorified (Romans 8:30)
9. No one, love (Romans 8:35-39)
10. chose (Ephesians 1:4)
11. power, faith (1 Peter 1:5)

**D. Servant**

1. nation (Exodus 19:6)
2. serve (Mark 10:45)
3. priestly (Romans 15:16)
4. Living God (1 Corinthians 3:16)
5. ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20)
6. workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
7. people (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
8. priest (1 Peter 2:9)
9. enter, blood (Hebrews 10:19-20)
10. sacrifice (Hebrews 13:15)

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**E. Church**

1. apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayers (Acts 2:42)
2. Awe (v43)
3. shared (v44)
4. temple, homes (v46)
5. Praising, favor (v47)
6. The Lord, number, saved (v47)
7. one (Romans 12:5)
8. fullness (Ephesians 1:23)
9. Christ (Ephesians 2:21)
10. head, submits (Ephesians 5:23-24)
11. equip, unity, knowledge, manhood, fullness (Ephesians 4:12-13)

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## ORDINANCES

### A. Believer's baptism

1. baptized (Acts 2:41-42)
2. water (Matthew 3:16)
3. buried, are (Romans 6:3-6)

### B. The Lord's Supper

1. body, blood (1 Corinthians 10:16)
2. remembrance (1 Corinthians 11:25)

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## WHAT WE DO

### A. Reach the lost

1. lost sheep (Matthew 10:6)
2. good, end (Matthew 24:14)
3. disciples, all (Matthew 28:18-20)
4. witnesses, Holy (Acts 1:8)
5. him, hearing (Romans 10:14)
6. Christ (Romans 15:20)
7. Endure, evangelists (2 Timothy 4:5)

### B. Discipleship starts in family

1. Teach, Word (Deuteronomy 6:7)
2. Lord (Joshua 24:15)
3. coming (Psalm 78:4)
4. Train (Proverbs 22:6)
5. one (Mark 10:8)
6. husbands, wives (Ephesians 5:22-25)
7. discipline, instruction, Lord (Ephesians 6:4)

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## C. Equip the disciples

1. power (Luke 9:1)
2. deny, cross, Jesus (Luke 9:23)
3. Jesus', disciples (John 8:31)
4. ministry (Ephesians 4:12)
5. spiritual (Ephesians 6:11)
6. Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
7. will (Hebrews 13:21)

## D. Multiply disciples by making disciple-makers

1. multiply (Genesis 1:22)
2. multiply and bless (Genesis 12:1-3)
3. multiply (Leviticus 26:9)
4. laborers (Matthew 9:38)
5. number (Acts 6:1)
6. Word, multiplies (Acts 12:24)
7. Entrust, others (2 Timothy 2:2)

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## E. Cooperation for the Great Commission

1. together (Nehemiah 4)
2. disciples (John 13:34-35)
3. Christ (Acts 1:14)
4. united (1 Corinthians 1:10)
5. one (Galatians 3:28)
6. love, harmony (Colossians 3:14)
7. the same (Philippians 2:2)
8. unity (1 Peter 3:8)



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