



SAN JACINTO BAPTIST CHURCH

(Hereafter referred to as *San Jacinto Church* or *Church*)

Statement of Beliefs and Teachings

Preamble

San Jacinto Church leadership endeavors to minister in a manner that maximizes every resource that God has so faithfully entrusted to this body for its use. Therefore, all organizational and operational ministry plans, whether programming, staffing or spending of finances, will be developed with consideration of accomplishing each of the Articles as outlined in this Doctrinal Statement of Beliefs and Teachings.

Article I

Mission Statement

We are a *Christ Centered . . . Biblically Based . . . Praying Church* focused on bringing in, building up and sending out disciples by proclaiming, teaching, and living-out the Word of God.

Article II

Purpose & Vision Statement

The purpose of San Jacinto Church is

TO BRING IN: To actively be His “*Church on the Corner*” that symbolizes the open invitation for anyone to come join our fellowship and encourage all to experience God’s *Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness* and His opportunities for *New Beginnings*.

TO BUILD UP: To provide Christ focused, biblically sound preaching and teaching so that we may continually mature and grow as *Devoted Disciples of Christ* for His purposes!”

TO SEND OUT: To go out and be the *Hands & Feet of Jesus*, shining *His Light* to our neighbors, the community, the world, and to all whom we encounter.

*Our Vision is to **Bring In . . . Build Up . . . Send Out!***



This congregation is organized as a Church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building, maintaining and operating of churches, parsonages, schools, colleges, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, crisis pregnancy centers, missionary auxiliaries, print shops, day care centers, camps, nursing and retirement homes, cemeteries, and any other ministries that the elders may be led of God, all of which are established for the benefit of the members of San Jacinto Church by providing opportunities for spiritual, physical, intellectual, social and cultural development.

Article III

Doctrinal Statement

San Jacinto Church proclaims its fundamental belief in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Holy Bible. As a basic statement of our Christian and Baptist beliefs, this Church largely affirms its acceptance of the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. The following are the doctrinal statements, which each member of San Jacinto Church shall believe and support:

THE SCRIPTURES:

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.

“The Scriptures” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Exodus 24:4](#), [Deuteronomy 4:1-2](#), [Deuteronomy 17:19](#), [Joshua 8:34](#), [Psalm 19:7-10](#), [Psalm 119:11](#), [Psalm 119:89](#), [Psalm 119:105](#), [Psalm 119:140](#), [Isaiah 34:16](#), [Isaiah 40:8](#), [Jeremiah 15:16](#), [Jeremiah 36:1-32](#), [Matthew 5:17-18](#), [Matthew 22:29](#), [Luke 21:33](#), [Luke 24:44-46](#), [John 5:39](#), [John 16:13-15](#), [John 17:17](#), [Acts 2:16-47](#), [Acts 17:11](#), [Romans 15:4](#), [Romans 16:25-26](#), [2 Timothy 3:15-17](#), [Hebrews 1:1-2](#), [Hebrews 4:12](#), [1 Peter 1:25](#); [2 Peter 1:19-21](#)



GOD

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.

A. God the Father

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.

“God the Father” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 1:1](#), [Genesis 2:7](#), [Exodus 3:14](#), [Exodus 6:2-3](#), [Exodus 15:11-27](#), [Exodus 20:1-26](#), [Leviticus 22:2](#), [Deuteronomy 6:4](#), [Deuteronomy 32:6](#), [1 Chronicles 29:10](#), [Psalm 19:1-3](#), [Isaiah 43:3](#), [Isaiah 43:15](#), [Isaiah 64:8](#), [Jeremiah 10:10](#), [Jeremiah 17:13](#), [Matthew 6:9-34](#), [Matthew 7:11](#), [Matthew 23:9](#), [Matthew 28:19](#), [Mark 1:9-11](#), [John 4:24](#), [John 5:26](#), [John 14:6-13](#), [John 17:1-8](#), [Acts 1:7](#), [Romans 8:14-15](#), [1 Corinthians 8:6](#), [Galatians 4:6](#), [Ephesians 4:6](#), [Colossians 1:15](#), [1 Timothy 1:17](#), [Hebrews 11:6](#), [Hebrews 12:9](#), [1 Peter 1:17](#), [1 John 5:7](#)

B. God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

“God the Son” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 18:1-33](#), [Psalms 2:7-12](#), [Psalms 110:1-7](#), [Isaiah 7:14](#), [Isaiah 53:1-12](#), [Matthew 1:18-23](#), [Matthew 1:23](#), [Matthew 3:17](#), [Matthew 11:27](#), [Matthew 14:33](#), [Matthew 16:16](#), [Matthew 16:27](#), [Matthew 17:5](#), [Matthew 17:27](#), [Matthew 28:1-6](#), [Matthew 28:19](#), [Mark 1:1](#), [Mark 3:11](#), [Luke 1:35](#), [Luke 4:41](#), [Luke 22:70](#), [Luke 24:46](#), [John 1:1-18](#), [John 1:29](#), [John 10:30](#), [John 10:38](#), [John 11:25-27](#), [John 12:44-50](#), [John 14:7-11](#), [John 16:15-16](#), [John 16:28](#), [John 17:1-5](#), [John 17:21-22](#), [John 20:1-20](#), [John 20:28](#), [Acts 1:9](#), [Acts 2:22-24](#), [Acts 7:55-56](#), [Acts 9:4-5](#), [Acts 9:20](#), [Romans 1:3-4](#), [Romans 3:23-25](#), [Romans 5:6-21](#), [Romans 8:1-3](#), [Romans 8:34](#), [Romans 10:4](#), [1 Corinthians 1:30](#), [1 Corinthians 2:2](#), [1 Corinthians 8:6](#), [1 Corinthians 15:1-8](#), [1 Corinthians 15:24-28](#), [2 Corinthians 5:19-21](#), [2 Corinthians 8:9](#), [Galatians 4:4-5](#), [Ephesians 1:20](#), [Ephesians 3:11](#), [Ephesians 4:7-10](#), [Philippians 2:5-11](#), [Colossians 1:13-22](#), [Colossians 2:9](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:14-18](#), [1 Timothy 2:5-6](#), [1 Timothy 3:16](#), [Titus 2:13-14](#), [Hebrews 1:1-3](#), [Hebrews 4:14-15](#), [Hebrews 7:14-28](#), [Hebrews 9:12-15](#), [Hebrews 9:24-28](#), [Hebrews 12:2](#), [Hebrews 13:8](#), [1 Peter 2:21-25](#), [1 Peter 3:22](#), [1 John 1:7-9](#), [1 John 3:2](#), [1 John 4:14-15](#), [1 John 5:9](#), [2 John 7-9](#), [Revelation 1:13-16](#), [Revelation 5:9-14](#), [Revelation 12:10-11](#), [Revelation 13:8](#), [Revelation 19:16](#)



C. God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration, He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His Church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the Church in worship, evangelism, and service.

“God the Holy Spirit” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 1:2](#), [Judges 14:6](#), [Job 26:13](#), [Psalms 51:11](#), [Psalms 139:7-24](#), [Isaiah 61:1-3](#), [Joel 2:28-32](#), [Matthew 1:18](#), [Matthew 3:16](#), [Matthew 4:1](#), [Matthew 12:28-32](#), [Matthew 28:19](#), [Mark 1:10](#), [Mark 1:12](#), [Luke 1:35](#), [Luke 4:1](#), [Luke 1:18-19](#), [Luke 11:13](#), [Luke 12:12](#), [Luke 24:49](#), [John 4:24](#), [John 14:16-17](#), [John 14:26](#), [John 15:26](#), [John 16:7-14](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [Acts 2:1-4](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Acts 4:31](#), [Acts 5:3](#), [Acts 6:3](#), [Acts 7:55](#), [Acts 8:17](#), [Acts 8:39](#), [Acts 10:44](#), [Acts 13:2](#), [Acts 15:28](#), [Acts 16:6](#), [Acts 19:1-6](#), [Romans 8:9-11](#), [Romans 8:14-16](#), [Romans 8:26-27](#), [1 Corinthians 2:10-14](#), [1 Corinthians 3:16](#), [1 Corinthians 12:3-11](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#), [Galatians 4:6](#), [Ephesians 1:13-14](#), [Ephesians 4:30](#), [Ephesians 5:18](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:19](#), [1 Timothy 3:16](#), [1 Timothy 4:1](#), [2 Timothy 1:14](#), [2 Timothy 3:16](#), [Hebrews 9:9](#), [Hebrews 9:14](#), [2 Peter 1:21](#), [1 John 4:13](#), [1 John 5:6-7](#), [Revelation 1:10](#), [Revelation 22:17](#)

MAN

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.

“Man” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 1:26-30](#), [Genesis 2:5](#), [Genesis 2:7](#), [Genesis 2:18-22](#), [Genesis 2:3](#), [Genesis 9:6](#), [Psalms 8:3-6](#), [Psalms 32:1-5](#), [Psalms 51:5](#), [Isaiah 6:5](#), [Jeremiah 17:5](#), [Matthew 16:26](#), [Acts 17:26-31](#), [Romans 1:19-32](#), [Romans 3:10-18](#), [Romans 3:23](#), [Romans 5:6](#), [Romans 5:12](#), [Romans 5:19](#), [Romans 6:6](#), [Romans 7:14-25](#), [Romans 8:14-18](#), [Romans 8:29](#), [1 Corinthians 1:21-31](#), [Romans 15:19](#), [Romans 15:21-22](#), [Ephesians 2:1-22](#), [Colossians 1:21-22](#), [Colossians 3:9-11](#)



SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, 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.

A. 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.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.

B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.

C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.

D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

“Salvation” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 3:15](#), [Exodus 3:14-17](#), [Exodus 6:2-8](#), [Matthew 1:21](#), [Matthew 4:17](#), [Matthew 16:21-26](#), [Matthew 27:22-28:6](#), [Luke 1:68-69](#), [Luke 2:28-32](#), [John 1:11-14](#), [John 1:20](#), [John 3:3-21](#), [John 3:36](#), [John 5:24](#), [John 10:9](#), [John 10:28-29](#), [John 15:1-16](#), [John 17:17](#), [Acts 2:21](#), [Acts 4:12](#), [Acts 15:11](#), [Acts 16:30-31](#), [Acts 17:30-31](#), [Acts 20:32](#), [Romans 1:16-18](#), [Romans 2:4](#), [Romans 3:23-25](#), [Romans 4:3-25](#), [Romans 5:8-10](#), [Romans 6:1-23](#), [Romans 8:1-18](#), [Romans 1:29-39](#), [Romans 10:9-10](#), [Romans 10:13](#), [Romans 13:11-14](#), [1 Corinthians 1:18](#), [1 Corinthians 1:30](#), [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#), [1 Corinthians 15:10](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17-20](#), [Galatians 2:20](#), [Galatians 3:13](#), [Galatians 5:22-25](#), [Galatians 6:15](#), [Ephesians 1:7](#), [Ephesians 2:8-22](#), [Ephesians 4:11-16](#), [Philippians 2:12-13](#), [Colossians 1:9-22](#), [Colossians 3:1-25](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:23-24](#), [2 Timothy 1:12](#), [Titus 2:11-14](#), [Hebrews 2:1-3](#), [Hebrews 5:8-9](#), [Hebrews 9:24-28](#), [Hebrews 11:1-12](#), [Hebrews 11:8](#), [Hebrews 11:14](#), [James 2:14-26](#), [1 Peter 1:2-23](#), [1 John 1:6-2:11](#), [Revelation 3:20](#), [Revelation 21:1-22:5](#)



GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

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.

“God’s Purpose of Grace” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 12:1-3](#), [Exodus 19:5-8](#), [1 Samuel 8:4-7](#), [1 Samuel 8:19-22](#), [Isaiah 5:1-7](#), [Jeremiah 31:31-40](#), [Matthew 16:18-19](#), [Matthew 21:28-45](#), [Matthew 24:22](#), [Matthew 24:31](#), [Matthew 25:34](#), [Luke 1:68-79](#), [Luke 2:29-32](#), [Luke 19:41-44](#), [Luke 24:44-48](#), [John 1:12-14](#), [John 3:16](#), [John 5:24](#), [John 6:44-45](#), [John 6:65](#), [John 10:27-29](#), [John 15:16](#), [John 17:6](#), [John 17:12](#), [John 17:17-18](#), [Acts 20:32](#), [Romans 5:9-10](#), [Romans 8:28-39](#), [Romans 10:12-15](#), [Romans 11:5-7](#), [Romans 11:26-36](#), [1 Corinthians 1:1-2](#), [1 Corinthians 15:24-28](#), [Ephesians 1:4-23](#), [Ephesians 2:1-10](#), [Ephesians 3:1-11](#), [Colossians 1:12-14](#), [2 Thessalonians 2:13-14](#), [2 Timothy 1:12](#), [2 Timothy 2:10](#), [2 Timothy 2:19](#), [Hebrews 11:39-12:2](#), [James 1:12](#), [1 Peter 1:2-5](#), [1 Peter 2:13](#), [1 Peter 2:4-10](#), [1 John 1:7-9](#), [1 John 2:19](#), [1 John 3:2](#)

THE CHURCH

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, elders and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the Church, the office of pastor and elder 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.

“The Church” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Matthew 16:15-19](#), [Matthew 18:15-20](#), [Acts 2:41-42](#), [Acts 2:47](#), [Acts 5:11-14](#), [Acts 6:3-6](#), [Acts 13:1-3](#), [Acts 14:23](#), [Acts 14:27](#), [Acts 15:1-30](#), [Acts 16:5](#), [Acts 20:28](#), [Romans 1:7](#), [1 Corinthians 1:2](#), [1 Corinthians 3:16](#), [1 Corinthians 5:4-5](#), [1 Corinthians 7:17](#), [1 Corinthians 9:13-14](#), [1 Corinthians 9:12](#), [Ephesians 1:22-23](#), [Ephesians 2:19-22](#), [Ephesians 3:8-11](#), [Ephesians 3:21](#), [Ephesians 5:22-32](#), [Philippians 1:1](#), [Colossians 1:18](#), [1 Timothy 2:9-14](#), [1 Timothy 3:1-15](#), [1 Timothy 4:14](#), [Hebrews 11:39-40](#), [1 Peter 5:1-4](#), [Revelation 21:2-3](#)



BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 Saviour, 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.

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.

“Baptism and the Lord’s Supper” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*
[Matthew 3:13-17](#), [Matthew 26:26-30](#), [Matthew 28:19-20](#), [Mark 1:9-11](#), [Mark 14:22-26](#), [Luke 3:21-22](#), [Luke 22:19-20](#), [John 3:23](#), [Acts 2:41-42](#), [Acts 8:35-39](#), [Acts 16:30-33](#), [Acts 20:7](#), [Romans 6:3-5](#), [1 Corinthians 10:16](#), [1 Corinthians 10:21](#), [1 Corinthians 11:23-29](#), [Colossians 2:12](#)

LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

“The Lord’s Day” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*
[Exodus 20:8-11](#), [Matthew 12:1-12](#), [Matthew 28:1-20](#), [Mark 2:27-28](#), [Mark 16:1-7](#), [Luke 24:1-3](#), [Luke 24:33-36](#), [John 4:21-24](#), [John 20:1](#), [John 20:19-28](#), [Acts 20:7](#), [Romans 14:5-10](#), [1 Corinthians 16:1-2](#), [Colossians 2:16](#), [Colossians 3:16](#), [Revelation 1:10](#)

THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come, and God's will be done on earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

“The Kingdom” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*
[Genesis 1:1](#), [Isaiah 9:6-7](#), [Jeremiah 23:5-6](#), [Matthew 3:2](#), [Matthew 4:8-19](#), [Matthew 4:23](#), [Matthew 12:25-28](#), [Matthew 13:1-52](#), [Matthew 25:31-46](#), [Matthew 26:29](#), [Mark 1:14-15](#), [Mark 9:1](#), [Luke 4:43](#), [Luke 8:1](#), [Luke 9:2](#), [Luke 12:31-32](#), [Luke 17:20-21](#), [Luke 23:42](#), [John 3:3](#), [John 18:36](#), [Acts 1:6-7](#), [Acts 17:22-31](#), [Romans 5:17](#), [Romans 8:19](#), [1 Corinthians 15:24-28](#), [Colossians 1:13](#), [Hebrews 11:10](#), [Hebrews 11:16](#), [Hebrews 12:28](#), [1 Peter 2:4-10](#), [1 Peter 4:13](#), [Revelation 1:6](#), [Revelation 1:9](#), [Revelation 5:10](#), [Revelation 11:15](#)



LAST THINGS

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

“Last Things” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Isaiah 2:4](#), [Isaiah 11:9](#), [Matthew 16-27](#), [Matthew 18:8-9](#), [Matthew 24:27](#), [Matthew 24:30](#), [Matthew 24:36](#), [Matthew 24:44](#), [Matthew 25:31-46](#), [Matthew 26:64](#), [Mark 8:38](#), [Mark 9:43-48](#), [Luke 12:40](#), [Luke 12:48](#), [Luke 16:19-26](#), [Luke 17:22-37](#), [Luke 21:27-28](#), [John 14:1-3](#), [Acts 1:11](#), [Acts 17:31](#), [Romans 14:10](#), [1 Corinthians 4:5](#), [1 Corinthians 15:24-28](#), [1 Corinthians 15:25-58](#), [2 Corinthians 5:10](#), [Philippians 3:20-21](#), [Colossians 1:5](#), [Colossians 3:4](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:14-18](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:1-28](#), [2 Thessalonians 1:7-12](#), [2 Thessalonians 1:2](#), [1 Timothy 6:14](#), [2 Timothy 4:1](#), [2 Timothy 4:8](#), [Titus 2:13](#), [Hebrews 9:27-28](#), [James 5:8](#), [2 Peter 3:7-18](#), [1 John 2:28](#), [1 John 3:2](#), [Jude 14](#), [Revelation 1:18](#), [Revelation 3:11](#), [Revelation 20:1-22:13](#)

EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

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.

“Evangelism and Missions” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 12:1-3](#), [Exodus 19:5-6](#), [Isaiah 6:1-8](#), [Matthew 9:37-38](#), [Matthew 10:5-15](#), [Matthew 13:18-30](#), [Matthew 13:37-43](#), [Matthew 16:19](#), [Matthew 22:9-10](#), [Matthew 24:14](#), [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Luke 10:1-18](#), [Luke 24:46-53](#), [John 14:11-12](#), [John 15:7-8](#), [John 15:16](#), [John 17:15](#), [John 20:21](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [Acts 1:2](#), [Acts 8:26-40](#), [Acts 10:42-48](#), [Acts 13:2-3](#), [Romans 10:13-15](#), [Ephesians 3:1-11](#), [1 Thessalonians 1:8](#), [2 Timothy 4:5](#), [Hebrews 2:1-3](#), [Hebrews 11:39-12:2](#), [1 Peter 2:4-10](#), [Revelation 22:17](#)



EDUCATION

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence and should receive along with these the liberal support of the Churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

“Education” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Deuteronomy 4:1](#), [Deuteronomy 4:5](#), [Deuteronomy 4:9](#), [Deuteronomy 4:14](#), [Deuteronomy 6:1-10](#), [Deuteronomy 31:12-13](#), [Nehemiah 8:1-8](#), [Job 28:28](#), [Psalms 19:7-14](#), [Psalms 119:11](#), [Proverbs 3:13-35](#), [Proverbs 4:1-10](#), [Proverbs 8:1-7](#), [Proverbs 8:11](#), [Proverbs 15:14](#), [Ecclesiastes 7:19](#), [Matthew 5:2](#), [Matthew 7:24-29](#), [Matthew 28:19-20](#), [Luke 2:40](#), [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#), [Ephesians 4:11-16](#), [Philippians 4:8](#), [Colossians 2:3](#), [Colossians 2:8-9](#), [1 Timothy 1:3-7](#), [2 Timothy 2:15](#), [2 Timothy 3:14-17](#), [Hebrews 5:12-6:3](#), [James 1:5](#), [James 3:17](#)

STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

“Stewardship” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 14:20](#); [Leviticus 27:30-32](#), [Deuteronomy 8:18](#), [Malachi 3:8-12](#), [Matthew 6:1-4](#), [Matthew 6:19-21](#), [Matthew 19:21](#), [Matthew 23:23](#), [Matthew 25:14-29](#), [Luke 12:16-21](#), [Luke 12:42](#), [Luke 16:1-13](#), [Acts 2:44-47](#), [Acts 5:1-11](#), [Acts 17:24-25](#), [Acts 20:35](#), [Romans 6:6-22](#), [Romans 12:1-2](#), [1 Corinthians 4:1-2](#), [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#), [1 Corinthians 6:12](#), [1 Corinthians 16:1-4](#), [Philippians 4:10-19](#); [1 Peter 1:18-19](#)



COOPERATION

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.

“Cooperation” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Exodus 17:12](#), [Exodus 18:17-27](#), [Judges 7:21](#), [Ezra 1:3-4](#), [Ezra 2:68-69](#), [Ezra 5:14-15](#), [Matthew 10:5-15](#), [Matthew 20:1-16](#), [Matthew 22:1-10](#), [Matthew 28:19-20](#), [Mark 2:3](#), [Luke 10:1-42](#), [Acts 1:13-14](#), [Acts 2:1-47](#), [Acts 4:31-37](#), [Acts 13:2-3](#), [Acts 15:1-35](#), [1 Corinthians 1:10-17](#), [1 Corinthians 3:5-15](#), [1 Corinthians 3:12](#), [Galatians 1:6-10](#), [Ephesians 4:1-16](#), [Philippians 1:15-18](#).

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.

“The Christian and the Social Order” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Exodus 20:3-17](#), [Leviticus 6:2-5](#), [Deuteronomy 10:12](#), [Deuteronomy 27:17](#), [Psalm 101:5](#), [Micah 6:8](#), [Zechariah 8:16](#), [Matthew 5:13-16](#), [Matthew 5:43-48](#), [Matthew 22:36-40](#), [Matthew 25:35](#), [Mark 1:29-34](#), [Mark 2:3-28](#), [Mark 10:21](#), [Luke 4:18-21](#), [Luke 10:27-37](#), [Luke 20:25](#), [John 15:12](#), [John 17:15](#), [John 17:9](#), [Colossians 3:12-17](#), [1 Thessalonians 3:12](#), [James 1:27](#), [James 2:8](#)



PEACE AND WAR

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

“Peace and War” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Isaiah 2:4](#), [Matthew 5:9](#), [Matthew 5:38-48](#), [Matthew 6:33](#), [Matthew 26:52](#), [Luke 22:36](#), [Luke 22:38](#), [Romans 12:18-19](#), [Romans 13:1-7](#), [Romans 14:19](#), [Hebrews 12:14](#), [James 4:1-2](#)

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every Church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The Church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free Church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

“Religious Liberty” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 1:27](#), [Genesis 2:7](#), [Matthew 6:6-7](#), [Matthew 6:24](#), [Matthew 16:26](#), [Matthew 22:21](#), [John 8:36](#), [Acts 4:19-20](#), [Romans 6:1-2](#), [Romans 13:1-7](#), [Galatians 5:1](#), [Galatians 5:13](#), [Philippians 3:20](#), [1 Timothy 2:1-2](#), [James 4:12](#), [1 Peter 2:12-17](#), [1 Peter 3:11-17](#), [1 Peter 4:12-19](#)



THE FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

We affirm there are two sexes as created by God at birth, a male and a female. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His Church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the Church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the Church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

“The Family” Biblical Support Links: *Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)*

[Genesis 1:26-28](#), [Genesis 2:15-25](#), [Genesis 3:1-20](#), [Exodus 20:12](#), [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#), [Joshua 24:15](#), [1 Samuel 1:26-28](#), [Psalms 51:5](#), [Psalms 78:1-8](#), [Psalms 78:72](#), [Psalms 139:13-16](#), [Proverbs 1:8](#), [Proverbs 5:15-20](#), [Proverbs 6:20-22](#), [Proverbs 12:4](#), [Proverbs 13:24](#), [Proverbs 14:1](#), [Proverbs 17:6](#), [Proverbs 18:22](#), [Proverbs 22:6](#), [Proverbs 22:15](#), [Proverbs 23:13-14](#), [Proverbs 24:3](#), [Proverbs 29:15](#), [Proverbs 29:17](#), [Proverbs 31:10-31](#), [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#), [Ecclesiastes 9:9](#), [Malachi 2:14-16](#), [Matthew 5:31-32](#), [Matthew 18:2-5](#), [Matthew 19:3-9](#), [Mark 10:6-12](#), [Romans 1:18-32](#), [1 Corinthians 7:1-16](#), [Ephesians 5:21-33](#), [Ephesians 6:1-4](#), [Colossians 3:18-21](#), [1 Timothy 5:8](#), [1 Timothy 5:14](#), [2 Timothy 1:3-5](#), [Titus 2:3-5](#), [Hebrews 13:4](#), [1 Peter 3:1-7](#)