

# HILLS CORNERS BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

### **The Holy Scriptures**

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God breathed. The sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the complete, sufficient, and divine revelation of God to man. (II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Pet. 1:20, 21; Matt. 5:18)

### **The Godhead**

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit-- co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory and having the same attributes and perfections and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (Deut. 6:4; I John 5:7; John 1:1,14b)

### **God the Father**

We believe that God is a Spirit, eternal, infinite and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. (John 4:24; Psa.27:13; 90:2; 147:5; James 1:17; Isa. 6:3; Deut.32:4; Titus 1:2)

### **God the Son**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (Phil. 2:6-8; Luke 1:35; John 1:1, 2,14)

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Rom. 3:24,25; Eph. 1:7; I Peter 1:3-5; 2:24)

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. (Acts 1:9,10; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I John 2:1,2)

### **God the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:7-11; Titus 3:5; I Cor. 3:16; 12:12,13; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13,14)

We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth and that it is the privilege of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. (John 16:13; I John 2:20-27)

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of spiritual gifts to every believer. God uniquely uses evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip believers in the assembly in order that they can do the work of the ministry. (Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:7-12)

## **Satan**

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall of man; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire. (Job 1:6,7; Is. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11; 25:41; Rev. 12:10; 20:10)

## **Man**

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; but in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Man is totally depraved and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26, 27; Rom. 3:10, 11, 22, 23; Eph. 2:1-3,12)

## **Salvation**

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life. (John 3:3-7; I John 5:1a; Rom. 6:23; 10:9,10; Acts 16:30,31; Eph. 2:8,9; II Cor. 5:17,19; I Peter 1:18,19,23)

## **Eternal Security and Assurance**

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1,35-39; I Peter 1:4,5)

We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:13; Titus 2:12)