

T.L.C.C. Doctrinal Affirmation for Teachers

A review of personal convictions regarding the doctrinal teachings to be promoted at Timber Lake Christian Church

The following list of ten key doctrinal statements outline convictions about the interpretation of Scripture commonly held at Timber Lake Christian Church. They are not to be regarded as a human creed of what can and can't be believed but rather as a means of outlining affirmations of what can and cannot be taught in T.L.C.C.'s pulpit, classrooms and small groups. As a general rule these statements help us define what interpretations can and cannot be taught in our church for the sake of unity. (Titus 1:9; 3:8; 1 Tim. 6:3-5)

1. The one God exists eternally in the three persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14).

Affirmed Agreed Not Convinced Disagree Strongly Disagree
Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

2. Scripture is inspired, wholly without error in the original manuscripts, and the sole authority for the Christian's faith and practice (1 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21; Jn 10:35, 17:17; 1 Cor 2:12-13). (see Leadership Class 401 question # 6)

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

3. All that exists was created by God; He made humanity in His own image (Gen 1:1-27; Matt 19:4).

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

4. Adam and Eve's disobedience introduced sin and death to all mankind, who fall short of God's glory because of their own sin (Gen 3:1-19; Rom 3:23; 5:12-14). (see Good News, Bad news & Bible Truths for more information)

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

5. Jesus Christ, God incarnate, was born of a virgin, tempted but without sin, fully human and fully divine (Phil 2:5-11; Jn 1:1-15; Isa 7:14; Lk 1:26-35; Heb 4:15).

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement: **Affirmed:** I agree with this statement, understand the Scriptures cited and can confidently explain them to other people. **Agreed:** I agree with this statement and am familiar with these Scriptures. **Unconvinced:** I do not disagree with this statement. **Disagree:** I don't agree with this statement completely but I am comfortable teaching a class as I can avoid this topic. (please give Scriptural reasoning) **Strongly Disagree:** I cannot in good conscious teach a class and not refute this statement if it is brought up in my class. (please give Scriptural reasoning)

6. The atoning death of Christ on the cross and His bodily resurrection from the grave demonstrate God's love and provide forgiveness and eternal life (Rom 5:6-11, 1 Cor 15:3-11).

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

7. Salvation is available to all people by God's grace, through personal faith in Christ, at the immersion of a penitent believer (Rom 3:21-25, 6:1-14; Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:8-10; Acts 2:38).
(see Leadership Class 401 questions # 2A,B&3)

Affirmed Agreed Not Convinced Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

8. The Holy Spirit inspired the authors of Scripture and miraculously empowered apostles and prophets to be the foundation of the church. Today, the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, regenerates and comforts believers, and indwells them for service in Christ's kingdom (2 Pet 1:19-21; John 3:5-8; 16:8-11; Titus 3:5-7; Gal 5:16-25; 1 Cor 12:4-7; Eph 2:20).

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

9. The bodily return of Christ will bring the resurrection of the dead and the final judgment of the righteous to eternal life and the wicked to everlasting destruction (Mt 24:29-51; 1 Cor 15:50-58; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 20:7-15).

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Comments or Scriptural reasons for disagreement:

10. Christ has called the church to be holy, to carry out His Great Commission, and to build up all Christians. Each local congregation should be autonomous and unified, following the model of the New Testament church in government and practice (Mt 16:18, 19, 28:18-20; Eph 4:16ff.).

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The following are four key doctrinal discussions that may be described as being held by some Christians through church history, but not taught as biblical truths necessary for salvation nor accepted at Timber Lake Christian Church as true.

1. Teachings regarding baptism:

- a. **Modes of baptism** - "Sprinkling" or "pouring" are acceptable modes for baptism.
 - b. **Infant baptism** – Infants are saved from eternal punishment by baptism after birth.
 - c. **Symbolic meaning** – The main purpose of baptism is to show "*an outward sign of an inward work.*"
 - d. **Baptismal regeneration** – The act of baptism saves anyone who experiences it.
- I do not believe any of the above teachings to be biblical.
 I believe one of these positions but I do not view it as necessary to be taught.
 I affirm one of these teachings and am convicted to teach it as clearly scriptural whenever the topic is mentioned.

2. Teachings regarding the security of the believer.

- a. **"Once saved, always saved"** – that obedience and faithfulness to Christ have no bearing on one's salvation.
 - b. **A works-based salvation** – that perfect obedience and righteous living is the standard of and reason for one's salvation.
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3. Teachings regarding the present-day work of the Holy Spirit.

- a. **Seeking miraculous sign gifts** - The miraculous sign gifts are prevalent today for the purpose of supporting Christians in their daily walk and should be sought after by Christians.
 - b. **Holy Spirit works only through the Word** - The personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit was only for Christians in the first century, while present Christians only benefit from the Holy Spirit directly through the Word of God.
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4. Teachings regarding eschatology.

- a. **Dispensational Pre-millennialism** – The 1,000 year reign of Christ as mentioned in Revelation 20 is to be interpreted literally and that individuals will have an opportunity to accept Christ after the secret rapture of the church.
 - b. **Preterism** – The prophecies of the New Testament concerning the kingdom, judgment, and return of Christ were fulfilled by events in the immediate future of the writers with no end-times fulfillment to be expected.
 - c. **Dominion or Liberation Theology** – The kingdom is ushered in on earth due to the efforts of the church in undermining human systems of government through either legislation of Mosaic law expectations or revolutionary behavior against oppressive rulers.
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