

Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

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- Matthew 28:1 => Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.
- Mark 16:1-7 => When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'"
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- Luke 24:33-36 => And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread. While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you."
- John 4:21-24 => Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. "You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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- Colossians 3:16 => Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with **all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**
- Revelation 1:10 => I was **in the Spirit on the Lord's day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,
- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 => Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. On **the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save**, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

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- Joel 3:14-17 Multitudes, **multitudes in the valley of decision!**

For the **day of the LORD** is **near in the valley of decision.**

The sun and moon grow dark

And the stars lose their brightness.

The LORD roars from Zion

And utters His voice from Jerusalem,

And the heavens and the earth tremble.

But the LORD is a refuge for His people

And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

Then you will know that I am the LORD your God,

Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain.

So Jerusalem will be holy,

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- Romans 14:5-10 => One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God. For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
- Colossians 2:16 => Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—

Deeper Look: Sabbath Rest – A Promise

- Exodus 31:13 Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, **that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.**
- Exodus 33:14 And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you **rest.**”
- 1 Chronicles 22:7-10 And David said to Solomon: “My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God; but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of **rest**; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’

Deeper Look: Sabbath Rest – Jesus

- Matthew 11:28 - 12:8 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”

But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. **For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**”

Deeper Look: Sabbath Rest – Hebrews

- Hebrews 3:16 - 4:13 =>

For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His **rest**, but to those who did not obey?

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His **rest**, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that **rest**, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My **rest**,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God **rested** on the seventh day from all His works”; and again in this place: “They shall not enter My **rest**.” Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them **rest**, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a **rest** for the people of God. For he who has entered His **rest** has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that **rest**, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Deeper Look: Sabbath Rest - Easter

- Leviticus 16:29-31 “This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It is a **sabbath of solemn rest for you**, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

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