

Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

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- that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem;
- while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse;
- and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

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- Malachi 3:18 => So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.
- Isaiah 5:20 => Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!
- Genesis 18:23 => Abraham came near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"
- Jeremiah 15:19 => Therefore, thus says the LORD, "If you return, then I will restore you-- Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman. They for their part may turn to you, But as for you, you must not turn to them.
- Acts 10:34-35 => Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.
- Romans 6:16 => Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

Deeper Look: Wicked vs. Righteous – Psalm 5

- Psalms 5:1-6 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.
Give heed to the voice of my cry,
My King and my God,
For to You I will pray.
My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning I will direct it to You,
And I will look up.

For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.
The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.
You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

Deeper Look: Wicked vs. Righteous – Psalm 11

- Psalms 11

In the LORD I put my trust;
How can you say to my soul,
“Flee as a bird to your mountain”?
For look! The wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow on the string,
That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.
If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD’s throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold,
His eyelids test the sons of men.

The LORD tests the righteous,
But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.
Upon the wicked He will rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind
Shall be the portion of their cup.
For the LORD is righteous,
He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright.

Deeper Look: Wicked vs. Righteous – The LAW

- Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
- Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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- Romans 1:17 => For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."
- Romans 7:6 => But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.
- Romans 6:18-22 => and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

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- 1 John 2:29 => If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.
- 1 John 3:7 => Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;
- 1 Corinthians 11:32 => But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.
- Proverbs 11:31 => If the righteous will be rewarded in the earth, How much more the wicked and the sinner!
- 1 Peter 4:17-18 => For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse;

- 1 John 5:19 => We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.
- Galatians 3:10 => For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."
- John 3:36 => "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- Isaiah 55:6-7 => Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.
- Isaiah 57:21 => "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."
- Psalms 10:4 => The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are, "There is no God."

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- Proverbs 10:24 => What the wicked fears will come upon him, But the desire of the righteous will be granted.
- Proverbs 14:32 => The wicked is thrust down by his wrongdoing, But the righteous has a refuge when he dies.
- Luke 9:23-26 => And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.
- Luke 12:4-5 => "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. "But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!
- John 8:21-24 => Then He said again to them, "I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come." So the Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."
- Ecclesiastes 3:17 => I said to myself, "God will judge both the righteous man and the wicked man," for a time for every matter and for every deed is there.
- Matthew 7:13-14 => "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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