

# Brandon Baptist Church

## Statement of Faith

Article 4 – OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

# Statement of Faith Topics

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# Of the WAY OF SALVATION

## **We believe that**

- the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace,
- through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God,
- who took upon Him our nature, yet without sin,
- honored the law by His personal obedience,
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- being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven;
- and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

# the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace

- even when we were **dead in trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved); For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:5;8;10
- For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. Matthew 18:11
- In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10
- For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? 1 Corinthians 4:7
- 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.” Acts 15:11

# Deeper Look: What is God's Grace?

What is the dominant characteristic of a dead person?

1. Can they do work?
2. Can they grow and improve?
3. Can they make atonement?

Death is the time for judgement, because all deeds are complete. Our deeds: Trespasses

We were created for good works, but who planned the work?

So...

- a. We were loved by grace while we were sinners
- b. We were saved by grace through the gift of God's son's payment for our sins
- c. We were made of value by grace, by being recreated in Christ for Good Works
- d. We were given Good Works to do by grace by God's preparation beforehand

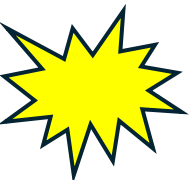
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# through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God;

- <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were **made through Him**, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the **light of men**. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup> That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.  
<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-14

# through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God;

- <sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have **a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16
- to Jesus the **Mediator of the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:24



# who took upon Him our nature, yet without sin

- <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:6-7
- <sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:9
- <sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, Hebrews 2:14

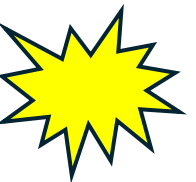
# honored the law by His personal obedience

- <sup>21</sup> The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable. Isaiah 42:21
- <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8
- <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5
- <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets Romans 3:21

# Deeper Look: The Law

<sup>19</sup> What purpose then does the law serve? It was added **because of transgressions**, **till the Seed** should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. <sup>20</sup> Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup> Is the law then against the **promises** of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a **law given which could have given life**, truly righteousness would have been by the law. <sup>22</sup> But the Scripture has **confined all under sin, that the promise** by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. <sup>23</sup> But before faith came, we were **kept under guard by the law**, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was **our tutor to bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> **But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.** Galatians 3:19-25



# and made atonement for our sins by His death

- <sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5
- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28
- who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. Romans 4:25
- <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,  
<sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:21-26

# and made atonement for our sins by His death (cont.)

- For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? <sup>15</sup> And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. Hebrews 9:13-15

# being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven

- who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high Hebrews 1:3
- But to the Son He says:  
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;  
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. Hebrews 1:8
- Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup> a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. Hebrews 8:1-2
- <sup>1</sup> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior

- <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.  
<sup>26</sup> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens Hebrews 7:25-26
- <sup>9</sup> For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.  
Colossians 2:9-10

# Psalm 45

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