

Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

Article 6 – OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

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Of the THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe that

- the blessings of salvation are made free to all men by the gospel;
- that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith;
- and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ;
- which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.
- We believe that no one would be saved apart from the sovereign grace of God.

The blessings of salvation are made free to all men by the gospel

- "Isaiah 55:1: Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price."
- "Revelation 22:17: And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."
- "Luke 14:17: And sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'"

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- "Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."
- "Mark 1:15: And saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"
- "Romans 16:25-26: Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—"

Nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary rejection of the gospel

- "John 5:40: But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."
- "Matthew 23:37: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"
- "Romans 9:32: Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone."
- "Proverbs 1:24: Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,"
- "Acts 13:46: Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.'"

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- "John 3:19: And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

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- "Romans 8:30: Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."
- "John 6:44: No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Closer Look: Predestination

- And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called **according to His purpose.** ²⁹ For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:28-29
- Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who **prophesied of the grace that would come to you,** ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but **to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which** angels desire to look into. 1 Peter 1:10-12

Closer Look: Predestination

- ⁶ “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the First and I am the Last;
Besides Me there is no God.
⁷ **And who can proclaim as I do?**
Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,
Since **I appointed the ancient people.**
And the things that are coming and shall come,

Let them show these to them.

⁸ **Do not fear, nor be afraid;**
Have I not told you from that time, and declared it?
You are My witnesses.

Is there a God besides Me?
Indeed there is no other Rock;
I know not one.’ ”

Isaiah 44:6-8

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