

Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

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OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

- We believe that in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again;
- that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;
- and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation
- by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel;
- and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

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- John 3:3 => Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- John 3:7 => "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be **born again**.'"
- Revelation 21:27 => and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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- 2 Corinthians 5:17 => Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the **old things passed away**; behold, **new things have come**.
- Deuteronomy 30:6 => "Moreover the LORD your God **will circumcise your heart** and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.
- Romans 2:28-29 => For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter**; and his praise is not from men, but from God.
- Romans 5:5 => and hope does not disappoint, because the **love** of God has been poured out within **our** hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to **us**.
- 1 John 4:7 => Beloved, let us **love one another**, for love is from God; and **everyone who loves is born of God and knows God**.

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- John 1:13 => who were born, **not of blood** nor of the **will of the flesh** nor of the **will of man**, but **of God**.
- John 3:8 => "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- James 1:16-18 => Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. **In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth**, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30 => But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,
- Philippians 2:13 => for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel;

- 1 Peter 1:22 => Since you have **in obedience to the truth purified your souls** for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,
- 1 John 5:1 => Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.
- Ephesians 4:20-24 => But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, **you lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- Colossians 3:9-11 => **Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices**, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him-- a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but **Christ is all, and in all**.

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- Ephesians 3:14-21 => For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**; and that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, may be able to **comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth**, and **to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge**, that you may be **filled up to all the fullness of God**. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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- Ephesians 5:9 => (for the fruit of the Light consists in **all goodness and righteousness and truth**),
- Galatians 5:16-23 => But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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