

# The Doctrinal basis of Uxbridge Baptist Church are the fundamental truths of Christianity as revealed in Holy Scripture, including the following:

#### 1. THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. The Holy Scriptures, as set forth in the original writings of the Old and New Testaments, are divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible, and the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

Matt. 5:18; John 10:35; II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:19-21.

#### 2. THE TRIUNE GOD

We believe that there is but one living and true God, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, who is Spirit, infinite in being, and in all perfections. The one God exists eternally in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three Persons have the same nature, attributes and perfections, but each executes distinct but harmonious operations in the work of creation and redemption.

Deut.6:4; I Cor.8:4; Gen.1:1; Heb.11:3; Neh.9:6; Heb.1:3; Ps. 104:24-33; Matt.10:29; John 4:24; I Kings 8:27; Matt.28:19; John 14:16; I Cor.12:4-6; II Cor.13:14; Col.1:12-17; I Peter 1:1-2; Eph.2:18; Jude 20,21.

#### **3. GOD THE FATHER**

We believe that God the Father is the person of the Trinity who spoke all things into existence by His will. He is the Sustainer of all His creation and the provider, designer and initiator of the plan of salvation. God the Father gave His one and only Son to take away the sins of the world. Through faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, an individual is adopted into God's spiritual family becoming His child and He their spiritual Father.

Gal. 1:1-4; Gen. 1:3-27; John 20: 17; 6: 33-40; I John 4: 9-10; John 3:16, 1:12; I John 3:1

#### 4. GOD THE SON

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who in His incarnation united to His divine nature a true human nature and so became both God and man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; He perfectly revealed God and perfectly fulfilled the law; He died for our sins and rose again bodily; He ascended to the Father's right hand where He now lives to make intercession for His people, and He will come again to complete God's purposes of judgement and salvation.

John 1:1-3,14,18; Phil.2:6-11; I John 1:1-3; I John 4:1-3; Rom.8:3; Col.2:9; Heb.2:9ff; Isa.7:14; Matt.1:18-25; Matt.3:15; John 8:46; Rom.5:12ff; Il Cor.5:21; Heb.4:15; Heb.7:26; Isa. 53:4-6; Matt.20:28; Rom.3:24-26; Gal.3:13; Rom.4:25; I Cor. 15:4,20; Acts 1:9-11; Heb.1:3; Heb.4:14,15; Heb.7:25; Rom. 8:34; Heb.8:1.

#### 5. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and the Son to make the death and resurrection of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance toward God, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the gift of Eternal Life. All who are born again have been baptized and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Also, God wills that all Christians should be filled constantly with the Spirit and should live, work, and witness in the power of the Spirit.

I Cor.2:14; Eph.2:1-6; Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 3:1-12; I Cor.12:13; Eph.5:18; Gal.5:22-23; Acts 1:8.

## 6. MAN AND SIN

We believe that man was created in the image of God but because he disobeyed God, sin entered into the world, with the result that, outside of Christ, all men are now sinners by nature and by practice, devoid of all spiritual life and corrupted in every part of their being, guilty and condemned, and destined to the total and permanent exclusion from the presence of God, in Hell.

Gen.1:26,27; Gen. 2:7; Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:6-24; Gen. 5:12ff\*; I Cor.15:21,22; Rom.3:9-23; Eph.2:1-3.

## 7. ELECTION

We believe that, according to His foreknowledge and Sovereign will, God has from all eternity chosen a vast multitude in Christ and predestined them unto salvation through the effectual calling of His Spirit. This election does not violate the will of man nor does it annul the responsibility of every sinner to repent and to receive Jesus as their Saviour and to acknowledge Him as their Lord.

John 15:16; Rom.8:28-30; Eph.1:4-5; II Thess.2:13; II Tim.1:9; Heb.2:3 Heb.12:25; II Peter 1:10.

## 8. SALVATION

We believe that God, by His grace, saves all those who turn from their sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, justifying them through their faith in the Saviour and giving them new life by the Holy Spirit. True believers are kept by the power of God so that none are lost; but the idea that this secure position in Christ entitles one to sin with impunity is false and destructive.

Eph.1:13-14; Eph.2:4-10; Titus 3:4-7; Acts 2:28; Acts 16:31; Rom.3:22; Rom.4:5; Rom.5:1; John 3:3,16,36; John 5:24; I Cor.12:13; Eph.5:18; II Peter 3:18; John 17:12,17; II Cor.3:18; John 6:37-40; John 10:28,29; Rom.5:9-10; Rom.8:1,30,38,39; Phil..1:6; I Peter 1:4,5; I John 2:19; Rom.6:1; Col.1:23; Heb.3:14; John 15:6; I John 3:4-10

## 9. SANCTIFICATION

We believe that members of the Body of Christ are perfected as to their standing before God forever by the one offering of the blood of Christ, and are one with Christ in sanctification. As to their state, they may be sanctified with the constant washing of water by the Word, by the blood of Christ, and by the inner working presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, believers can experience victory over the power of sin and are enabled to live a life of increasing holiness resulting in the fruits of righteousness.

Gal.5:16-25; Eph.4:22-24; John 17:17-19; Rom.15:16; I Cor.6:11; Eph.5:25-27; Heb.2:11; 10:10; 13:12; I John 1:7-9; Jude 1:24; I Thess.4:3; I Peter 4:2.

## **10. THINGS TO COME**

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ will return in person and with great glory to take His Church unto Himself and to fully establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace. There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust resulting in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal punishment of the unjust.

Mark 13:32; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Rev.1:7; Matt.24:27,30,36-39; I Cor.15:1; I Thess.4:13-18; Titus 2:13; John 5:28; Acts 24:15; Matt.25:46; John 3:36; Rev.20; Rev.22:20.

#### **11. THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ made up of all who are truly united by the Holy Spirit to the risen and ascended Son of God; thus, we are members one of another and are knit together in Christian love. As the Church, we exist to bring glory to God through our obedience to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rom.12:5; I Cor.12:12-27; Eph.4:3--10; Col.2:19

## **12. BAPTISM**

We believe that, in obedience to the command of Christ, believers should be baptized into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This, we believe, should be done by immersion upon profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, not as the means for personal salvation but as a public declaration of one's intention to walk in the newness of life.

Matt.28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12; 10:47-48; 16:32-33; 19:4-5; Rom.6:4-6; Col.2:12.

## **13. THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We believe that all true believers in Christ should observe regularly with the Body of Christ the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as a memorial of the finished work of our Lord, made possible through the shedding of His blood and the breaking of His body. It is the responsibility of each believer to eat and drink worthily at His Table.

Luke 22:19; Acts 2:42; I Cor.11:23-30.