



Doctrinal Distinctives

We Teach:

- 1)** The observance of Believer's baptism after personal confession of faith
- 2)** The regular commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection in communion, at which all recognised Christian believers can share the bread and the wine.
- 3)** The conducting of meetings for worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with opportunity for the exercise in these meetings of all true gifts for edification, subject to the Lordship of Christ.
- 4)** That God is sovereign in the salvation of men and women. Those persons who exercise genuine repentance and true faith in Jesus Christ do so because they have been chosen by God.
- 5)** That the local church is led by elders who are men. These men bear the responsibility for leading the church through sound teaching and the refutation of error. In accordance with the scriptures, this is a model of the relationship within a family, and therefore a model of the relationship between Christ and the Church, and the role of elder is therefore one held by men.
- 6)** That marriage was designed by God to be a union between one man and one woman for life. This union is a picture of the union between Christ and the Church.
- 7)** That scripture contained all the words of God that that he intended his people to have at each stage of redemptive history, and that it now contains all the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly. When scripture is read, either publicly or privately, God speaks by his spirit. Since scripture is entirely sufficient in this regard, no additional word or revelation from God is required to enable a person to know God.

Where to find this in the Bible:

- Matt 28:18-20, Acts 2:41, 8:36-38, 10:47-48
- Luke 22:19-20, 2:42, 20:7, Rom 15:7, 1 Cor 5:6-8,
- Rom 12:6-8, 1 Cor 12, 13, 14, 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Rom 8:28-30, 9:11-13, Eph 1:4-6, 1 Thess 1:4-5, 2 Thess 2:13, 2 Pet 1:10, Rev 13:7-8
- 1 Tim 2:11-12, 3:1-7, 2 Tim 4:2, Tit 1:6-9, 1 Pet 5:1-4
- Gen 2:20-24, Mat 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9, Eph 5:22-33
- Deut 4:2, 12:32, Prov 3:5-6, 2 Tim 3:15-17, James 3:2, Rev 22:18-19