

HILLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH DOCTRINAL POSITION

The following is a very concise statement of the doctrinal position of Hillview Baptist Church. It is not intended to be a comprehensive presentation of any of the doctrines, nor a defence of these biblical truths.

1. **Bible:** We believe the Bible comprises the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments (Genesis to Revelation). The entire Bible is inspired by God and is inerrant and completely trustworthy. The Bible is our guide for worship, faith and living. II Tim. 3:15-17, II Pet 1:21, Prov 30:5-6
2. **God:** We believe there is one God eternally existing in three coequal persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Isa 43:10-11; Matt 3:16-17; John 1:1; Acts 5:3-4
3. **Creation:** We believe that by a direct act of His will and through His spoken word, God created the entire universe (visible and invisible) out of nothing in six literal twenty-four hour days. Genesis Chapters 1&2
4. **Man:** We believe God created man as a sinless being in His own image, but by a conscious act of his own will, man chose to disobey God and plunged the entire human race into sin. Any person who does not repent of his sin will be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. Gen 1:26-27, 31; Gen 3; Rom 5:12; Rev 20:11-15
5. **Sin:** We believe sin is any act, attitude or thought that is in opposition to the will of God. I John 3:4; 5:17
6. **Salvation:** We believe a person is saved when he turns from his sin and places his faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation is solely a gift of God's grace. Eph 2:8-10; Rom 10:9-10
7. **Church:** We believe a church is an organized body of baptized believers, meeting regularly for fellowship, edification and evangelism. Acts 2:41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 12-13
8. **Satan & Demons:** We believe Satan and demons are spirit beings who rebelled against God and were consequently cast out of Heaven. They now actively seek to oppose the work of God in the earth. Eze 28:11-19; Isa. 14: 12-15, Jude v. 6
9. **Last Things:** We believe our Lord will return in the air to catch away His saints (both dead and living) before the period of great tribulation. Christ will eventually return bodily to earth, rule for one thousand years and, then having subdued all things unto Himself, establish the eternal state of bliss for the saved. I Thess 4:13-18; Rev 5 - 22
10. **Separation:** We believe the child of God must separate himself from persons, practices and institutions that undermine the testimony and programme of God. The church also needs to keep herself pure from any such alliance or influence. II Cor 6: 14-17; II John: 7-11; Rom 16: 17-18