

# Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA

## What We Believe

### 1. **Our Mission**

- a. It is the mission, the driving purpose, of Calvary Baptist Church to lead every person to become a fully-devoted follower of Christ.
- b. We understand that the local church should provide opportunities for members and guests to participate in five critical pursuits:
  - i. Worship
  - ii. Fellowship
  - iii. Discipleship
  - iv. Ministry
  - v. Evangelism

### 2. **Our Fundamental Beliefs**

#### a. **Concerning Jesus Christ**

- i. Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God, born of a virgin, who lived a sinless life. He stated that His reason for coming to the earth is to provide salvation for sinful man.
- ii. Jesus Christ died on a cross, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.
- iii. Jesus Christ is the one and only way for a person to receive forgiveness for his/her sins.

#### b. **Concerning Sin and Salvation**

- i. Sin exists in our world. Sin is a willful disobedience of man to the will of God in his/her life.
- ii. The result of sin in a person's life is complete separation from God, both in this world and in eternity.
- iii. It is necessary that a person recognize his/her personal sin and his/her need for a savior.
- iv. Jesus Christ is the provision of God for the forgiveness of sin.
- v. A person may receive the gift of salvation by placing his/her faith in the power of Jesus Christ to save him/her.

#### c. **Concerning the Bible**

- i. The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God.
- ii. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man.
- iii. The Bible is completely true and trustworthy.
- iv. The Bible is God's truth without any mixture of error.
- v. The Bible is the one standard by which all of human conduct should be tested.

#### d. **Concerning Baptism**

- i. Baptism is the act of being immersed in water as a symbol of the "death to the power of sin" and the "rebirth" into a life of faith.

ii. Baptism is an act of submission to the express wishes of Jesus Christ. It is not a requirement of salvation.

e. **Concerning Membership**

We believe that the church has 5 expectations of members. These are:

- i. A member should have a PERSONAL salvation experience.
- ii. A member should have a PASSION for spiritual growth.
- iii. A member should have a POSITIVE spirit toward the leadership and the vision of the church.
- iv. A member should have a PATTERN of systematic giving.
- v. A member should have a PLACE of ministry.