

## Doctrinal Positions – Short

This list is meant to give you a very quick doctrinal overview. HOWEVER, there is a real danger in the brevity here that some people may attach false assumptions to these points. So please, let's talk about them if the information in the parentheses does not provide enough explanation. You may want to read the Doctrinal Statement – Long, which goes into much more detail.

- The Doctrines of Grace (Calvinistic, including Once Saved Always Saved)
- Pre-millennial (Christ returns before His 1,000 year-reign.)
- Cessationism (Non-Charismatic)
- Baptist or Believer's Baptism (Babies are not believers, therefore, no Paedo-Baptism.)
- Priesthood of the Believer (No church hierarchy / A fully independent church)
- Evangelical (We are saved by grace through faith, not church sacraments. The Bible, not the Church, is the Christian's final authority.)
- Fundamental (There are clear beliefs which identify true Christianity. Christianity is about orthodoxy, not just orthopraxy.)
- Biblical Gospel (Attaching things like circumcision, tongues, or social justice to the gospel is unbiblical and unacceptable.)
- Church Membership & Discipline (Christ gave the keys of His Church to His apostles and those elders who teach what they taught. We, therefore, have authority to say a professed and baptized believer is IN by using church membership. And we have authority to say an unbeliever or an unrepentant professed believer is OUT by way of Church Discipline. The goal of church discipline is not "ex-communication;" it is rather repentance and the restoration to fellowship with God and other believers.)
- Elder (pastor) led. (Pastors and elders are the same people. While a plurality of elders is preferred, approval only of elders with rich, deep, and thorough Bible knowledge is essential as are other biblical qualifications.)