

## **Guisborough Bible Baptist Church Constitution “for such a time as this” Esther 4:14**

### **The Holy Scriptures**

The final authority for what God said and where His words are found for all matters of faith, practice and fruitfulness is the 1611 Holy Bible King James Authorized Version finally perfected as the 1769 Edition of Dr Benjamin Blayney. It is *“the book of the LORD”* Isaiah 34:16 *“the scripture of truth”* Daniel 10:21 *“the royal law”* James 2:8 and *“All scripture”* that *“is given by inspiration of God”* 2 Timothy 3:16. *“for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”* Psalm 138:2.

### **The Godhead**

The Godhead is three Persons each of Whom is individually God. *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one”* 1 John 5:7.

### **God**

God is *“I AM THAT I AM...by my name JEHOVAH”* Exodus 3:14, 6:3, Self-existent, ever-existent, Creator, Sustainer, Source of life, Redeemer, Judge of all, immutable, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient in that *“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God...the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary...there is no searching of his understanding...the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy”* Psalm 90:2, Isaiah 40:28, 57:15.

### **The Lord Jesus Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ is *“the Word”* and *“God...manifest in the flesh”* 1 Timothy 3:16 in that *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”* John 1:1.

### **The Holy Ghost**

The Holy Ghost is Himself God in which Person He permanently indwells the Christian exclusively as in 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19 *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?...your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own”* i.e. the Christian submits to *“the book of the LORD”* Isaiah 34:16. He has no ‘preference.’

### **Salvation**

Salvation is solely through the Lord Jesus Christ in that *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”* Acts 4:12 and is a free gift available to all willing to receive it *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”* Ephesians 2:8-9. Calvin’s TULIP is the spawn of *“seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”* 1 Timothy 4:1.

### **Redemption**

Redemption as an essential component of salvation is solely through *“the precious blood of Christ”* *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* 1 Peter 1:18-19.

### **Eternal Security**

The Christian has eternal security or assurance of salvation *“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones”* Ephesians 5:30.

### **The Church**

Christians *“are the body of Christ, and members in particular”* 1 Corinthians 12:27 and the Lord Jesus Christ *“is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence”* Colossians 1:18. The Lord will one day come for His Church according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

### **Church Officers**

The Church as fellowships of local believers as designated in Romans 16:16 *“The churches of Christ”* is overseen as such by two varieties of officers as in Philippians 1:1 *“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons”* where a bishop is an elder according to 1 Timothy 3:2, 5:17 *“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach...Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.”* An elder may be

appointed a pastor of a local fellowship according to Jeremiah 3:15 *“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”*

### **Church Ordinances**

The Church as fellowships of local believers should observe two ordinances; believers' baptism by immersion as in Mark 1:9-10 *“And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him”* and communion which depicts the communion of *“the body of Christ”* 1 Corinthians 12:27 by means of elements unchanged in substance as in 1 Corinthians 10:16 *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”* The cup should contain *“the fruit of the vine”* Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18 unfermented and the bread should be *“the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”* 1 Corinthians 5:8.

### **The Great Commission**

The Great Commission is the Lord's command *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* Mark 16:15-16 in that *“the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”* Revelation 21:8.

### **Satan the Devil**

Satan the devil is not a fallen angel though *“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light”* 2 Corinthians 11:14. He is a created being originally a cherub but cast out of heaven as stated in Ezekiel 28:14-16 *“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.”* Satan is now *“that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...the accuser of our brethren...which accused them before our God day and night”* Revelation 12:9-10. His end is according to Revelation 20:10 *“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*

### **Mystery Babylon**

*“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth”* Revelation 17:5-6, 18:24 is the Catholic Church. Her abominations include Mohammedanism, Freemasonry, Communism, Nazism, ecumenism and Darwinism. In the Church *“the leaven of malice and wickedness”* 1 Corinthians 5:8 from her has spawned 'originals-onlyism,' Hebrew/Aramaic/Greekolatry, anti-Israel Replacement Theology and the modern versions, all of which are satanic. Her end is in Revelation 18:8 *“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”*

### **The Nation of Israel**

*“the gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek”* Romans 1:16 but nevertheless *“the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure”* Psalm 135:4. Contrary to Replacement Theology, the Church has not replaced Israel and never will. You are *“ignorant...wise in your own conceits”* Romans 11:25 to think otherwise.

### **The Second Advent**

After the fulfilment of 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 *“Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him”* Jude 14-15. He will set up His worldwide rule as in Isaiah 2:2-3 *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”*

*“Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”* Revelation 22:20.