

Shepparton Baptist Church

DOCTRINAL BASIS

The church subscribes to the following doctrinal basis.

- a. The Divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
- b. The existence of One God in Three Persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- c. The Deity and Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity.
- d. The fallen, sinful, and lost estate of all mankind.
- e. The salvation of men from the penal consequences and the power of sin through the perfect obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, His atoning death, His resurrection from the dead. His Ascension to the right hand of the Father and His unchanging Priesthood.
- f. The immediate work of the Holy Spirit in the regeneration of men, in their sanctification, and in their preservation to the Heavenly Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- g. The necessity, in order to salvation, of repentance towards God, and of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- h. The resurrection of the Dead, the final judgment of all men by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- i. The two ordinances of the Lord Jesus Christ, namely Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are of perpetual obligation: Baptism being the immersion of believers upon the profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a symbol of the fellowship of the regenerate in His Death. Burial and Resurrection; the Lord's Supper being a memorial until He comes, of the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- j. The Priesthood of all believers.
- k. The literal and personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.