

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

of
Houston, Texas
A Southern Baptist Convention Church

**By His Grace Alone,
For His Glory Alone**

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Soli Deo Gloria
For the Glory of God Alone

Sola Scriptura ♦
Authority in Scripture Alone

Sola Gratia
Saved by Grace Alone

Sola Fide ♦
Justified by Faith Alone

Solo Christo
By Christ's Work Alone

"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psalm 46:10

♦ **Worship**

We affirm the necessity of reverent, authentic worship of the one and only God. We believe our worship should reflect a Biblical view of the holy and transcendent God we are called and privileged to serve.

Scripture References: Psalm 22:22-23; 29:1-2; 34:1-3; 46:10; 73:25; John 4:24; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 12:18-29; Revelation 4:8-11; 5:12-14

let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." Revelation 4:8

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." Revelation 5:13

♦ **Evangelism and Missions**

We affirm the privilege and call of God to declare His glory among the nations. We believe that God has called us to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and globally – in order that He may receive all the glory.

Scripture References: Psalm 67:1-4; Psalm 97:1; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Acts 1:8

God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of his name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with his, and, for the sake of his name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts, and join his global purpose.
John Piper

What Does Grace Reformed Baptist Church Believe?

♦ A High and Exalted View of God

God is completely sovereign in all things. We affirm the Biblical truth of the one true and living God as inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love.

Scripture References: Psalm 22:8; 33:6-9; 115:3; Isaiah 6:1-4; 40:17-18; Romans 9:13-29; Hebrews 12:25, 28-29; Revelation 4:8-11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." Revelation 4:11

There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children ought more earnestly to contend than the doctrine of their Master over all creation, the Kingship of God over all the works of His own hands, the Throne of God and His right to sit upon that Throne.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Scriptures

The Word of God is our sole authority, governing all matters of faith (what we believe) and of practice (what we do). We unashamedly affirm the inerrancy and absolute sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures.

Scripture References: Deuteronomy 8:3; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:59-60, 111; Proverbs 30:5-6; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1:19-21

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
2 Timothy 3:16

Expository Teaching and Preaching

We affirm the preeminence of the faithful teaching and proclamation of the Word of God as central to our worship and all activities.

Scripture References: Colossians 1:28; 2 Timothy 3:13-4:5

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

♦ Discipleship

We affirm the Biblical commandment to teach and admonish fellow believers in sound theology and doctrine.

Scripture References: Matthew 28:18-20; John 8:31; Colossians 1:28

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.
Colossians 1:28

One of the greatest maladies that has befallen evangelical life in the last century is the church's abdication of the work of theology to the academy. But theology, sound doctrine, the Word, belongs to the church.
Tom Ascol, Founders Ministries

♦ The Doctrines of Grace

We rejoice in the glorious truths which uphold the sovereignty of God in the salvation of men by grace alone. By the doctrines of grace, we mean to say (1) man's total depravity apart from Jesus Christ, (2) God's unconditional election of His people, (3) Christ's perfect atoning work on the Cross for the elect, (4) the irresistible grace of God, and (5) the perseverance of the saints.

Scripture References: (1) Genesis 6:5; Psalm 7:11; 10:4; 51:5; Romans 3:10-18; 5:10, 12; 6:23; 8:5-8; 14:23; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1-3, 5; Colossians 1:21-22 (2) John 6:37-40, 44, 65; 10:14, 26-27; 15:16; Romans 8:28-30; 9:11; Ephesians 1:4-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Titus 1:1(3) Isaiah 53:11; Matthew 1:21; 20:28; Luke 19:10; John 10:11, 15; 15:13; 17:9; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 7:24-26; 9:11-12; 10:10-14; 1 Peter 2:24 (4) John 3:27; 6:37, 44; Romans 9:19-21; Ephesians 1:19-21; Ephesians 2:4-8 (5) John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 5:9-10; 6:15-22; 8:1, 31-39; 13:13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; Galatians 5:13, 16-17, 25-26; Ephesians 4:30; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 7:25; 13:5; 1 Peter 1:4-5; Jude 24

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace Ephesians 1:3,4-6a

Once I began to see the cogency of the doctrine (God's unconditional election), and its broader implications, my eyes were opened to the graciousness of grace and to the grand comfort of God's sovereignty. I began to like the doctrine little by little until it burst upon my soul that the doctrine revealed the depth and riches of the mercy of God...Now I rejoiced in a gracious savior who alone was immortal, invisible, the only wise God.
R.C. Sproul