

Doctrinal Distinctives

The following statements are the doctrinal distinctives of Collierville Bible Church and specify our teaching position in areas about which true believers hold differing understandings.

1. We believe that all believers are enabled by the Holy Spirit for various works of ministry. We believe that all believers have been identified with Christ through the Spirit's ministry of baptism. Baptism with the Spirit is something that occurs at salvation and may occur without any external evidence.
2. We believe that the local church is to be led by a plurality of godly elders who share responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the fellowship.
3. We believe that the order of headship and submission is God's design for male-female relationships in the home and in the church. In the church, this order prohibits women from becoming elders/pastors or from teaching men in assemblies of believers.
4. We believe that God intended marriage to be a permanent, singular commitment between a man and a woman.
5. We believe that the church has not replaced Israel in God's plan and the promises made to Abraham and David await a future fulfillment. We believe that the church does, however, receive benefits which are associated with these promises by right of her association with Christ. We believe that there will be a literal, future, earthly kingdom established when Christ returns and that this kingdom will last for a thousand years. Prior to the establishment of this kingdom, believers will be supernaturally protected from the wrath of God.
6. We believe that our most fundamental responsibilities are to grow in our conformity to Jesus' likeness, to convey the good news of salvation to a lost world, and to encourage others to do likewise.
7. We believe that the process of being conformed to Jesus' likeness is only realized as we, through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, make earnest use of the resources He places at our disposal – study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers.
8. We believe that water baptism serves as the means by which one publicly identifies himself as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Baptism does not save (wholly or in part) but represents an act of obedience enjoined upon all those who would follow Jesus and declare their trust in Him for salvation.