

Chase Snyder Doctrinal Beliefs

God the Father: God is the One true God who is the Creator of all. He is co-equal with the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. He is before all things and above all things. He is perfectly holy in practice, knowledge, and power. He has no gaps. He is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. He always has and always will be. (Genesis 1:1, 1 Timothy 1:17, Ephesians 4:6)

Jesus Christ: Jesus is the living Word of God, the Eternal Son, and Savior of humanity. He is co-equal with the Father and Spirit. Jesus is fully God and fully human. He is the one and only mediator between God and man. He was born of the Virgin Mary, fulfilled the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, lived a perfect and blameless life, died on the cross, was buried, and rose on the third day – defeating death and sin. He has ascended into Heaven and is coming back to bring His people home. (John 1:1-18, Philippians 2:5-11, Romans 5:6-21)

The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is simply God's presence on Earth and in His people. The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He empowers believers and goes before him to intercede to the Father. The Spirit is alive and active in the salvation, regeneration, and sanctification processes of a believer as well as our assurance that we are adopted into God's family. (Romans 8, 1 Corinthians 2: 10-14, 1 John 4:13)

Satan: Satan is a fallen angel who is not omnipresent, not omnipotent, and not omniscient. He and his demons are evil angels who have sinned against God and who work evil. Satan's aim is to pervert creation and pull people away from God. He is a thief and liar who will be dealt with by Jesus during the second coming of Christ. (Isaiah 14, Genesis 3, 1 John 3:8)

Salvation: Salvation is by grace, through faith alone. Salvation comes only through repentance of sin and acceptance of Jesus' free gift of redemption. Jesus offered His own blood as the atonement for sin. There is no other way to receive salvation than through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:7, Romans 3:23-25, Romans 6)

Mankind: Mankind has been created in the image of God. Through free choice man brought sin into the world and has separated mankind from the holiness of God. There is no one who is good except Jesus. It is only by grace that mankind can be redeemed. Because mankind is created in the image of God, all men, regardless of social class, race, age, nationality, or education, are God's special creation and possess full dignity and are in need of the love of Jesus. (Ephesians 2, Romans 3:10-12)

The Scriptures: Men who were inspired by the Spirit of God wrote the Bible. The Bible literally contains the words of God. All of the Bible is true and is useful for teaching, rebuking, and instruction. It is infallible and inerrant. It reveals the characteristics of God, humanity, the history of the world, and the Scriptures testify about our Savior Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21, John 5:39)

The Church: The church is the bride of Jesus Christ and the body of His believers. Jesus is the head of the church and is the one who builds the church. The church is both local and global. Congregations have autonomy to observe the ordinances, worship, serve, and develop disciples locally, nationally, and internationally. The church (all believers) has been commissioned by Jesus to go and make disciples. (Acts 2:41-42, Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18, Matthew 16:18)

The Virgin Birth: The virgin birth was a true account that is essential for Jesus to fulfill the Messianic prophecy in Isaiah 7:14. Mary was promised to be married to Joseph but was chosen by God to give birth to the Savior (Luke 1:35) before she had sex with Joseph.

The accuracy of the Protestant Bible compared to the bibles or scriptures of other religions: Since the canonicity of the Bible has been completed there are no new additions to Scripture. Any additions or subtractions to the Protestant Bible are heretical. Holding any other text as more authoritative than the Protestant Bible is also heretical. We have assurance and trust that the Holy Spirit worked through the canonization process to protect His Words.

How can God be good and loving if he allows suffering and has created some for destruction? Every inclination of God is love (1 John 4:8) and God wills that every person be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). The presence of evil and destruction cannot be blamed on God, but man. In fact, this question assumes that there is “good” and we know that good only comes from God. God gives grace upon grace, both common grace to all humanity, and salvation to believers. God is good and loving because He has made a way to salvation, through Jesus Christ, in the midst of the sting and destruction of sin. He has continually searched after humanity even when humanity has run from Him.

Substitution: Substitution deals with the atonement for sins. Jesus died as a blood substitute for humanity’s sins. Jesus is the Most High Priest who not only made an offering for sins, but also made a perfect offering of His blameless life that serves as the substitutionary atonement for those who repent of their sins. (Ephesians 2) Justification: Justification is our right standing in the presence of God. This involves the forgiveness

of sins and imputation of Jesus' righteousness. God thinks of Jesus' righteousness as belonging to believers. Justification is the work of God in the life of a believer and happens at the moment of regeneration. (Romans 3:23-26)

Sanctification: Sanctification is the process of spiritual maturity during a believer's life. The Holy Spirit and believer work through spiritual disciplines, life circumstances, and worship to make the believer more like Christ in their actions. Sanctification begins at regeneration and ends when a believer dies and enters into glorification. Believers have different levels of spiritual maturity even though they are all adopted into the family of Christ. (Romans 6:11-4)

Chase Snyder Testimony: I grew up in a Christian home and attended a summer camp when I was 9 years old. During that week of camp I gave my heart to Jesus and was baptized at my home church a few weeks later. My faith started to become my own when I transitioned from middle school into high school. While I was never a "bad kid" I knew that I needed to get connected to a group of Christians who were going to encourage me to grow in my faith. My home church gave me opportunities to serve inside and outside of the church, which led to tremendous spiritual growth. After high school I attended a Christian university (Johnson University). There I started to dive deep into my theology and faith because the university was a non-denominational school that differed in some of my Southern Baptist upbringing. I was able to understand why I believed what I believe and discovered the gifts that God had blessed me to serve Him with. I would say my relationship with Christ is constantly growing in faith and prayer. I continue to see that when I am obedient to God's Word and faithful to pray, God blesses me as well as my efforts to serve Him.