

Teaching Position

Although we recognize the following matters have been subject to varying interpretations by evangelical denominations, Calvary Bible Church understands Scripture to teach the following. We faithfully adhere to these understandings and teach them in the exercise of our ministry.

WE BELIEVE

- I. Because salvation is wholly of God, man who appropriates it by faith is eternally secure. A son of God may be disciplined by His loving Father, but he rests secure in God's grace forever (John 10:28, 14:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 7:25, 12:5-11; 1 John 2:1-2, 5:13; Jude 1:24).
- II. There is only one baptism and one indwelling of the Holy Spirit which occurs at the time of salvation, but there may be many fillings — moments of greater control which happen subsequent to that initial indwelling. The Holy Spirit is free to show Himself however He may choose in the life of a believer. However, it appears present day phenomena represented as “charismatic manifestations” do not represent genuine manifestations of the first century because of their often divisive and confusing results, or the manner by which those manifestations (i.e. tongues and healings) are used as so called measures of the true spirituality (John 7:37-39; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 13:1-13; Ephesians 5:18-20; Galatians 5:22-25).
- III. The next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy is the coming of the Lord in the air to receive His own to Himself in Heaven. This is known as the Rapture. This will be a signless and imminent event preceding the Tribulation. It will entail completion of the body of Christ, His Church (Matthew 24:14-21; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 3:7-10). Translation of the Church will be followed by the fulfillment of Israel's seventieth week — a seven-year period which involves severe and just judgments of God upon an apostate worldwide religious system via the kingdom of the Antichrist. At the end of the Tribulation, the times of the Gentiles will be brought to a close (Daniel 9:24-27; Jeremiah 30:7-8; Zechariah 12:2, 14:2-3; Matthew 24:15-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Revelation 6:1-17, 13:1-18 and 19:17-21). The Tribulation will be climaxed by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to Earth, just as He departed — in person, visibly, and bodily. With power and glory He will bind Satan and place him in the abyss, lift the curse which now rests upon creation, restore Israel to her own land (fulfilling God's covenant promises), and establish His millennial reign upon the earth (Ezekiel 37:21-28; Matthew 24:15-25 and 46; Acts 1:11, 15:16-17; Romans 11:19-27; Revelation 20:1-3).
- IV. In life beyond earth, the body, soul, and spirit of the Christian shall be united with God forever in glory; the spirit and soul of the unbeliever will remain conscious of condemnation after death and in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne at the close of the millennium when the unbeliever shall be reunited with his body and cast into the lake of fire; these will not be annihilated, but punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power (Luke 16:19-26; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 1:6-7; Revelation 20:11-15).