

## The Doctrinal Statement of Adam Young

1. The Inspiration of the Bible: I believe the writings of the Old and New Testaments are fully God-breathed to the extent that the very words were chosen by God from the human writers vocabulary so that the Bible is the very Word of God inerrant in all its assertions and teachings. The Bible is therefore the only infallible authority for both doctrine and life. Since this is true, it the special revelation of God to man and the only basis for true Christian unity. I believe that whereas there may be several applications of any passage of Scripture, there is but one true interpretation, and it is to be found as one diligently applies the grammatical-historical method of interpretation under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. I believe that the written Word of God is not only settled in Heaven, but is also accessible to us on earth. The King James Bible 1611 is the Word of God for the English-speaking people.

- a. II Timothy 3:16-17
- b. Matthew 5:18
- c. Acts 1:16
- d. John 10:35, 16:16, 13; 17:17
- e. II Peter 1:19-21
- f. Hebrews 4:12
- g. Mark 12:36
- h. I Cor 2:7-15
- i. Psalm 12:6-7, 119:9-11, 89
- j. Proverbs 30:5

2. The Person of God: I believe in one triune God, the Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe that in the unity of the Godhead there are three distinct persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost which are equal in power and glory. God is personal, spirit, omniscient, sovereign,

perfect, immutable, eternal in His being, holiness, love, wisdom, and power. I believe that God is absolutely separate and above the world as its Creator, yet everywhere present in the world as the sustainer all things. God is self-existent and self-revealing in His relationship with His creation.

- a. Genesis 1:1
- b. Matthew 28:19
- c. Deuteronomy 4:35; 6:4
- d. I Corinthians 8:6
- e. John 1:1-3
- f. Romans 1:2-4
- g. Ephesians 4:3-6

3. The Person of Jesus Christ: I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Godhead, God in the flesh, virgin born as no other man has ever been born nor ever will be born. At the time of His incarnation, He was 100% God and 100% Man. While he emptied himself of the prerogative of deity when He took upon Himself the form of a man, His divine essence was not changed. He lived an absolutely sinless life and became the sinner's voluntary substitute on the Cross by His vicarious death for man's sin. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day, giving eternal assurance of redemptions' full payment and the satisfaction of God's righteous indignation toward sin. He ascended bodily into Heaven and He will come to Rapture His saints to be with Himself. His coming for His saints is imminent and will be personal Pretribulational, and Premillennial.

- a. Isaiah 7:14
- b. Matthew 1:18
- c. Philippians 2:5-8
- d. John 1:1, 14:3
- e. I Thessalonians 4:16
- f. Luke 1:35
- g. I Peter 2:22; 3:18

4. The Person of the Holy Spirit: I believe the Holy Spirit is a person possessing all the attributes of Deity. He convicts the unbelieving world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He regenerates, seals, indwells, fills the believer and bestows gifts upon believers for service. In the age in which we live, this indwelling happens at the moment of salvation. He teaches the believer and sets him apart for a holy life. I believe the Bible repudiates the charismatic emphasis upon the experiential oriented tongues and ecumenical practices as any ministry of the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Holy Spirit testifies not of Himself, but of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the redemptive truths found in Him.

- a. John 14:16-17: 16:8
- b. I Corinthians 3:16
- c. Romans 8:9
- d. Ephesians 1:13-14
- e. Acts 5:3-4

5. The Fall of Man: I believe that man was created by a direct act of God in the image and likeness of his Creator. By disobedience to the revealed will of God, man forfeited his reign over the earth and fell from his created state and standing with God. Therefore, all men are universally sinful both by nature and by choice and devoid of the righteousness required by the law. All men are thus alienated from the life and family of God, without excuse, under the righteous judgment and wrath of God, and has within himself no possible means of salvation.

- a. Genesis 1:27
- b. Isaiah 53:6
- c. Romans 3:23; 5:12-19
- d. Ephesians 2:1-3

6. The Salvation of Sinners: I believe in the salvation of man by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross. I believe

that salvation is the free gift of God, neither merited nor secured in part nor in whole by any virtue or work of man, but received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom all true believers have as a present possession of the gift of eternal life, a perfectly righteous standing, sonship in the family of God by a new birth. I believe that the Cross of Christ is redemptive, substitutionary, propitiatory and the only basis of reconciliation for all lost men and that there is no possible salvation outside of Jesus Christ and His shed blood.

- a. John 3:3-6; 16 10:28-29
- b. Ephesians 2:8-10
- c. I Peter 1:18-23
- d. Acts 16:31
- e. I Timothy 2:5-6

7. The Freeness of Salvation: I believe that salvation was accomplished on the Cross by Jesus Christ and is extended to all men as a gift to be received by faith. The basis of this salvation is totally the grace that provided the Cross. Although all are responsible to receive the gift of salvation in Christ, only those who do respond to the ministry of the Spirit of God in the presentation of the Gospel will be saved. Salvation is the free and completed gift of God to all who will believe. It is true that good works are a proper evidence of salvation to the extent that the believer yields himself to the Holy Spirit through the teaching of the word of God.

- a. John 1:12; 3:16, 5:24; 12:46
- b. Romans 10:11-13
- c. Acts 16:31
- d. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- e. Ephesians 2:10

8. The Security of the Believer: I believe that the true believer is forever secure as a

redeemed possession of God. This security is founded on the full payment of the believer's sin by the Cross of Christ in His substitutionary atonement and God's proof of receipt of that payment in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The sole condition of salvation is faith in Jesus Christ and His redemptive work. This positive expression of faith has as its negative side repentance and rejection of any other basis of salvation. Therefore, the security of the believer is not conditioned upon his circumstances or emotional experiences or strength but it is an acceptance of that basis of reconciliation, which has already been accepted by God. The believer is in the possession of God, which is the opposite of lost. He is secure because God has taken the responsibility for His own.

- a. John 10:27-30
- b. Romans 8:31-34; 38-39
- c. Hebrews 2:10; 7:25
- d. 1 John 2:1-2
- e. I Corinthians 6:19
- f. Philippians 1:6
- g. II Timothy 1:12

9. The Doctrine of the Church: I believe that a local visible church is an organized body of believers immersed upon credible confession of faith in Jesus Christ, recognizing only two offices (filled by pastor and deacon), sovereign in polity, and bonded together for work, worship., mutual edification, observance of the two ordinances (which are baptism and the Lord's table) and the world wide proclamation of the Gospel. The church is distinct from Israel in the Old Testament, autonomous, with Christ as its head.

- a. Matthew 28:19-20
- b. Acts 2:41-47
- c. I Corinthians 12

d. Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:11-13

10. The Doctrine of Angels: I believe that angels are created beings, and therefore are not to be worshiped, although they are a higher order of creation than man, created to serve God and to worship Him. I believe that Satan is a created angel and the author of sin. He incurred the judgment of God by rebelling against his Creator, involving numerous angles in his fall, and introducing sin into the human race by his temptation of Eve. I believe that he is the enemy of God and man, and shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire.

a. Luke 2:9-14

b. Hebrews 1:6, 7, 14, 2:6-7

c. Revelation 5:11

d. Job 1:6-7

e. Isaiah 14:12-17

f. Ezekiel 28:11-19

11. The Doctrine of the Last Things:

a. Death of the Saved: I believe that physical death involves no loss of consciences, that the souls of the redeemed pass immediately in to the presence of Christ, that there is a separation of soul and body, and that such separation will continue until the first resurrection, when spirit, soul and body will be reunited to be glorified for ever with the Lord. Until that time, the souls of the redeemed in Christ remain in joyful fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ

i. II Corinthians 5:8

ii. Revelation 6:9-11

iii. Matthew 10:28

b. Death of the Unsaved: I believe that the souls of the unsaved at death descend immediately into Hades, where they are kept under punishment until the second resurrection, when the soul and the resurrection body are united. They shall then appear at the Great White Throne judgment,

and shall be cast into the lake of fire cut off from the life of God forever.

- i. Luke 16:19-26
- ii. Revelation 20:5-15
- iii. Matthew 25:41-46
- iv. Daniel 12:2

c. The Rapture of the Family of God: I believe the personal bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ, to translate all saved people dead or alive from this earth, and will then reward them according to their works.

- i. I Thessalonians 4:16-5:11
- ii. I Corinthians 3:11-15; 15:51-53
- iii. II Corinthians 5:10
- iv. Daniel 9:24-27
- v. Romans 14:10-12

d. The Tribulation: I believe that soon following the removal of the family of God from the earth, the righteous judgments of God will be poured out upon an unbelieving world. These judgments will be climaxed by the return of Christ in glory to the earth, at which time the tribulation saints will be raised and rewarded according to their works.

- i. I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- ii. Jeremiah 30:7
- iii. Daniel 9:27; 12:1
- iv. II Thessalonians 2:7-12
- v. Revelation 20:4-6

e. The Second Coming and the Millennial Reign: I believe that after a seven year tribulation period, Christ will come to earth to occupy the throne of David and establish His Messianic kingdom for a thousand years on the earth. During this time, the resurrected saints will reign with Him over Israel and all the nations of the earth. The reign will be preceded by the removal of Satan from the world. The kingdom itself will be the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

- i. Ezekiel 37:21-28
- ii. Daniel 7:17-22
- iii. Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4-6
- iv. Romans 11:1-29
- v. Acts 1:10; 2:29-30
- f. Eternity: Satan will be cast into the lake of fire along with Death, unbelievers, and Hell at the Great White Throne judgment, which is a place of eternal conscious punishment. The earth and the Heavens will be dissolved and a New Earth and a New Heaven will be created. All the saints of all the ages will enjoy fellowship forever in the New Jerusalem with God.
- i. Revelation 14:9-11; 20:11-15; 21:1
- ii. II Peter 3:10-12
- iii. Psalm 23