

Doctrinal Distinctives of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith

Doctrinal Distinctive	Opposing Error	Chapt.Para	Major Scriptural Support
1. Christian (Orthodox)	Damning Heretical Doctrines		
1.1 re: Scripture	Liberal; Neo-Orthodox	Ch. 1	1Jn 4:6
1.2 re: God	Jehovah Witness	Ch. 2	1Jn 5:12; 2Jn 7-11
1.3 re: Creation & Providence	Evolution, Chance	Ch. 4, 5, 6	Ac 17:30-31
1.4 re: Christ	Liberal; Neo-Orthodox Jehovah Witness	Ch. 8	Ro 10:9-10
1.5 re: The Gospel	Roman Catholic	Ch. 11	Gal 1:6-10
1.6 re: The Christian Life	Easy Believism	Ch. 11.2, 13	1Co 6:9-10
1.7 re: The World to Come	Universalism Annihilationism	Ch. 31, 32	2Ti 2:16-18; Re 22:19; 20:15; 14:9-11
2. Covenantal	Dispensational	Ch. 7	Ac 4:12; Jer 31:31-34; 1Co 11:25; Ro 9:6; Gal 3:29; Php 3:3
3. Calvinistic (Following the cannons of the Synod of Dort)	Arminian (Hypercalvinist)		
3.1 The Planning of Salvation: Unconditional Election	Foreseen Merit	Ch. 3	Mt 11:20-28; Eph 1:4-5
3.2 The Accomplishment of Salvation: Definite Atonement	Universal Atonement	Ch. 8.5; 8.8	Ro 8:32
3.3 Conversion			
3.3.1 Total Inability (Depravity)	Prevenient Grace	Ch. 9 (Ch. 6)	Ro 8:7-8; Jer 13:23; Jn 6:44
3.3.2 The Free Offer of the Gospel	Hypercalvinism	Ch. 7.2, Ch. 20.3	Mt 28-30; 28:19; Jn 5:34

3.3.3 Irresistible Grace	Decisionism	Ch 10, Ch. 20.4	Ro 9:14-16
3.4 The Christian Life: Perseverance of the Saints	Falling from Grace	Ch. 17	Php 1:6
4. Puritan			
4.1 Liberty of Conscience	Legalism; Traditionalism; Catholicism; Anglicanism	Ch. 21	Ro 14:4; Mt 15:9
4.2 God-honoring Worship		Ch. 22; 23	
4.2.1 The Regulative Principle	Anglicanism; Sovereign Grace; Charismatic	Ch. 22.1	De 12:32
4.2.2 God's Designated Day: The Christian Sabbath	Libertarian, Sovereign Grace	Ch. 22.7, 22.8	Ex 20:8; 1Co 16:1-2; Is 58:13
4.3 The Priority of Experimental Religion: Scrupulous piety and devotion	Theonomy; Formalism; Health-Wealth; Charismatic; Sovereign Grace	Ch. 10 - 20	
4.3.1 Careful Consideration of the Blessings of Experimental Religion		Ch. 10 - 13	Calling, Justification, Adoption, Sanctification
4.3.2 Diligent Cultivation of the Graces of Experimental Religion		Ch. 14 - 18	Faith, Repentance, Good Works, Perseverance, Assurance
4.3.3 Conscientious Compliance with the Obligations of Experimental Religion: Evangelical Obedience to God's Law and Gospel		Ch. 19 - 20	Ro 2:14-15; 3:19-20, 31; 7:7-12, 25; 8:4, 7; 13:8-10; Ro 1:15-17; 2:16
4.4 The Propriety of Civic Duty	Anabaptists, Pietism	Ch. 24	Lk 3:14
4.5 The Propriety and Purity of Christian Marriage	Romanists, Asceticism	Ch. 25	Heb 13:4; 1Ti 4:3
5. Independent and Baptist			
5.1 re: separation of Church & State	Erastianism; established religion	Ch. 24 (deletion of WC paragraph)	Col 1:18; 1Co 12:27-28; Ac 16:4; 1Co 6:1

5.2 re: Universal Church Principles	Landmarkism; Roman Catholicism	Ch. 26.1 - 4	Heb 12:23; Eph 3:21; Gal 1:13, 22
5.3 re: Local Church Polity (Adapted from the Savoy Platform of Polity)		Ch. 26.5 - 15	
5.3.1 Regenerate Local Church Membership	Paedobaptism; formalism	Ch. 26.2, 26.6 (SP 8)	Ac 2:41-42; 5:13-14; 2Co 6:14-18
5.3.2 Mandatory and Autonomous Local Church Formation	Denominationalism; Synodical government	Ch. 26.5, 26.7 (SP 2, 3, 4)	Mt 18:15-20; 28:20; Ac 14:21-23
5.3.3 Presbyterian Local Church Government	Episcopal; Congregational	Ch. 26.8 - 11 (SP 7, 9, 11, 13)	Ac 14:21-23; 20:17,28; Php 1:1; Tit 1:5
5.3.4 The Necessity of Local Church Discipline	Pragmatism, crass individualism	Ch. 26.12 - 13 (SP 20, 21)	Mt 18:15-17; Ro 16:17-20; 1Co 5:1-11; 2Th 3:6, 14-15; Tit 3:10-11
5.3.5 The Propriety and Benefit of Local Church Associations	Landmarkism	Ch. 26.14 - 15 (SP 25, 26)	2Co 8:18-19, 23
5.4 re: Broader Church Fellowship and Benevolence	Social gospel; Parachurch movements	Ch. 27	1Co 12:14-27; Ac 11:29-30
5.5 re: Sacraments		Ch. 28 - 30	
5.5.1 Believer Only Baptism	Paedobaptism		Ac 2:41; 8:12; 10:47-48; 18:8; Col 2:11-12
5.5.2 Believer Only Communion	The Mass		Heb 9:25-26, 28; 1Co 11:24