

The words “limited” or “particular” do not mean that we believe only a small number of people are among the elect. Revelation 5:9 declares that God has a people out “of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues.” God’s people are described as “a great multitude, which no man could number” (Revelation 7:9). Throughout the Bible, the family of God is not limited to only a small group but is described as many (Romans 5:19, 8:29, Hebrews 9:28). The elect are as innumerable as the stars in the sky, dust of the earth, and sand on the seashore (Genesis 13:16, 22:17, Hebrews 11:12).

**(4) Irresistible grace**, also known as the **effectual call**, has many other biblical names, such as regeneration, new birth, quickening, translation, and washing. Irresistible grace simply means that all for whom Christ died will be born of the Spirit sometime between conception and death. The elect are totally depraved and cannot act or believe in order to be born again; therefore eternal life is imparted to the dead alien sinner by the sovereign will of God alone, without the aid or instrumentality of men. In other words, irresistible grace is accomplished without any human efforts or means. The elect sinner is born again only by the life giving power of the voice of the Word of God, Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3, John 5:25, 1 Peter 1:23).

**(5) Eternal Security**, also known as **Preservation of the Saints**, teaches that nothing can separate an elect person from God (Romans 8:38-39). Though a child of God may fall away from fellowship with God, God knows all that are His (2 Timothy 2:19). God never abandons one of his elect (1 John 3:9). The saints are kept by his power, in Christ, to be raised again on the last day (John 6:44, 1 Peter 1:5). We have great peace in knowing that our eternal security is in the hands of our sovereign God (John 10:27-29).

## Our Goal

Our goal now as redeemed individuals and as a church, is to consecrate our bodies as living sacrifices to Jesus Christ. We wish to be fully submissive to both the New Testament pattern of worship and the finished work of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, we endeavor to serve Christ through actively serving one another. God has redeemed us from all iniquity. Therefore, we are his workmanship and have been redeemed and created to bring forth good works to his honor.



## Your Invitation

Are you tired of the modern day Christian machinery of corporate worship? Are you frustrated by a man-centered Gospel that places burdens upon you that you cannot bear? Do you seek for simplicity? This is your invitation to consider our message, the message of salvation by sovereign grace through Christ Jesus our Lord. Whether you have visited with us before or this is your first time, we hope that you will find joy and peace in both the sincere message of the finished work of Christ and the simplicity of Primitive Baptist worship.

*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. - Isaiah 55:1*

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*A Brief Introduction to the  
Doctrine and Practice of  
the Primitive Baptist Church*

## The Name Primitive Baptist

The name 'Primitive Baptist' is not meant to imply that we are archaic or uncivilized. 'Baptist' gives the more obvious connotation of being baptistic - meaning following the tenets of full immersion baptism for believers only. So what does the word 'Primitive' mean? 'Primitive' can be defined as pertaining to an original state. We certainly have contemporary amenities and enjoy modern living; however, we believe that 'Primitive' Christianity can best be demonstrated through a simple worship style, the message of salvation by grace alone, and an earnest desire to glorify God in every action in accordance with His word.



## Worship

The focus of worship should always be Christ. It is often difficult to stay Christ-centered in the modern day corporate worship setting. The beauty of the primitive New Testament Church can be found with the simplicity of its worship service: congregational singing, prayer, and preaching. Furthermore, we believe that God commands that the instruments used in worship are to be our voices; joy from the heart flowing outward with our voice (Rom 15:9, I Cor 14:15, Eph 5:19, Col 3:16, Heb 2:12, James 5:13). This expression of love towards God should be done without any segregation of age or gender. Family integrated worship is a blessing that can help unify families in our divided culture. Everyone takes a part in family worship.

## Salvation

We believe that salvation is not an act of human volition. Jesus did not come to make us savable or to offer redemption to the fickle will of man. The message of the gospel is that Christ accomplished redemption for his chosen people. It Is Finished! That was the victory cry of Christ on the cross, declaring His success in saving His people from their sins. No sin can separate God's children from their Saviour! By dying for their sins, Christ secured eternal life for all that the Father had given Him. For the elect of God, salvation isn't merely an option, but is a reality!

The above belief is known as the **Doctrines of Grace**. For the purpose of brevity we will discuss five main points: (1) Total Depravity, (2) Unconditional Election, (3) Particular Redemption, (4) Irresistible Grace, (5) Eternal Security.

**(1) Total Depravity** is a result of Adam's disobedience, the breaking of God's commandment, in eating of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. As a result of this original sin, the entire human race lost every faculty, thereby becoming dead in trespasses and sin (Eph. 2:1-5). All of Adam's posterity died because of Adam's sin (Romans 5:12-21).

The human race is now incapable of recovering themselves from this fallen state by their own free will or ability (Job 25:4-6). Man has no ability to come to God. His very heart is wicked, and his mind is at enmity against God. (Genesis 6:5, Genesis 8:21, Ecclesiastes 7:20, Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 19:17, Romans 3:10-18, Romans 3:23, Colossians 2:13). Therefore, a person cannot in any way understand or believe the gospel until he is first given life (born again).

**(2) Unconditional Election** is defined as God's unmerited decision in electing whom he would save. Election and predestination are completely and solely by God's sovereign free grace. Therefore, being by grace, it cannot be by any work or action of man (Romans 11:6). God's electing grace was purposed and first implemented before any child of God did any good or evil (Romans 9:11). Before the world began, God chose his people in Christ and predestined them to be heirs of eternal glory. The doctrine of election declares that it is God that chose us, and it is not we that chose him (John 15:16). The doctrine of election emphasizes the sovereignty of God in salvation; thereby giving God the complete glory, without any glory going to man. (Romans 8:28-34, I Peter 1:2-4, Ephesians 1:3-6).

**(3) Particular redemption** testifies that Jesus did not die for all of the human race. Particular redemption, also known as **limited atonement**, is the Bible teaching that Christ died for a certain specific people only (his elect) and not for all men in general. The term 'limited atonement' does not mean that Christ's sacrifice was limited in its sufficiency or ability. Instead, it means God's electing grace was limited to a particular people out of the race of Adam.

Romans 9:13 confirms that God does not love everyone; "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." Jesus himself said, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me." (John 17:9) Paul continued in Romans 9 to declare that God is certainly righteous in his action of having mercy on his elect and leaving those he hates in their own punishment (Romans 9:14-24).