

# High Pointe Baptist Church

Meaningful Membership: Session 3

*What do we believe?*

# Are all doctrines the same?

**At High Pointe, we distinguish between three sets of beliefs:**

**Core Beliefs**

**Characteristic Beliefs**

**Charity Beliefs**

# What are core beliefs?

**Core** beliefs are those beliefs that define Christianity. If you take one of these beliefs away, then you no longer have Christianity.

(Examples of Historic Christian Statements)

**Apostle's Creed**

**Nicene Creed**

**At our core, we are Christian!**

# What are characteristic beliefs?

**Characteristic** beliefs are those beliefs that characterize a particular fellowship of believers. These beliefs distinguish one Christian fellowship from another.

(Our Characteristic Beliefs)

The 1853 New Hampshire Confession

**Characteristically, we are Evangelical,  
Reformed, Baptist, Confessional!**

# What are charity beliefs?

**Charity** beliefs are those beliefs that individual Christians within a particular fellowship can agree to disagree over with charity. These are doctrines that are left up to personal convictions.

(Examples of Charity Beliefs)

Millennial Views

Tribulational Views

Christian Liberties

# What we believe about the 5 Points of Calvinism?

Since we often have questions about our view of Calvinism, we have made available a booklet by John Piper titled, “What We Believe About the 5 Points of Calvinism.” Please refer to this booklet for specific questions.

Note: We do not require that those desiring membership hold to the 5 points. We expect members to affirm our faith and practices as outlined in the New Hampshire confession.

# What we believe?

For a more thorough explanation about what we believe, please visit our website at <http://hpbcglobal.org>, and listen to the “We Believe” preaching series available for free.

Do you have any specific questions about what we believe at High Pointe?