

Mission and Ministry to Men, Inc.

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Doctrinal Statement

Mission and Ministry To Men, Inc. affirms:

1. The Sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man-

That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, the only Savior of mankind, One with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Trinity.

3. That Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, has an impeccable character, lived an immaculate life, died an atoning death, was resurrected on the third day and reigns in Heaven with the Father and Holy Spirit as the Lord of and the Intercessor for the redeemed.

4. That man's only hope for eternal salvation and temporal satisfaction is through the atoning death of Jesus Christ, which is available to man only through the grace of God and the faith of Jesus Christ, without which man is hopeless as his works are ineffectual in the face of the righteous judgment of God.

5. That the Holy Spirit, comes to dwell in the spirit of man at the time of conversion — of being 'born again' — providing by His presence the power to be a child of God, to live an abundant life in Christ, to declare to the world that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and also providing supernatural spiritual gifts of motivation, ministry and manifestation for the carrying out of God the Father's singular purpose upon earth today, the glory and honor, the exaltation and majesty of the Person and of the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. That the Holy Bible is the inerrant, eternal, immutable, universal Word of God, and that it is totally authoritative in all issues of faith and

practice and is superior to all other instruction.

7. That every believer is a priest before God, having access directly to God through Christ without the mediation of another man and that every redeemed man has the capacity, through the illuminating work of God the Holy Spirit, to read and rightly understand the Word of God for himself, constrained only by the principles of interpretation which that Word has established.

8. That every believer should live out his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in a local body of baptized believers, called The Church, in which the believer is actively involved and of which he is supportive.



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From The SBC and Freemasonry, Volume III: A Critique Of A Study Of Freemasonry and "A Report On Freemasonry":

"Without doubt, the dynamic involved in the production of A Study of Freemasonry" and "The Report On Freemasonry" was multi-dimensional. Some aspects of this dynamic were contradictory and some were counterproductive; all worked together to produce poor documents. The first and perhaps most lethal error in this study was the refusal to submit the design to the scrutiny of anyone but those who were seemingly motivated to 'keep the lid on the debate.' Once that decision was made and carried out, compromise was inevitable." (p. 45)

"Of course, Dr. Leazer's accusation against others is particularly embarrassing when one considers how totally he has relied upon secondary sources in <u>A Study Of Freemasonry</u>. Dr. Leazer does not make one significant and original contribution to the study of the compatibility of Christianity and Freemasonry. He only parrots what others have said!

It is particularly the case that Dr. Leazer 'quotes and ideas are borrowed from' Jim Tresner. Dr. Lewis and the HMB Trustees would be amazed at Dr. Leazer's criticism of others, if they obtained and read Tresner's Perspectives, Responses & Reflections. The fact that Dr. Leazer no longer works for the Board is irrelevant. The trustees and Dr. Lewis 'sold' the SBC false evidence and faulty conclusions based on Leazer's 'research'. Until that is corrected, the HMB will not be rid of Gary Leazer. Why will Dr. Lewis and the HMB trustees not face the fact they did a poor job, and correct this mistake?" (p. 131)

The question is, "what does the SBC think?" The larger question is, "what does Jesus Christ think?" The issue is, "what will the SBC do?"

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