

## Ecumenism

What is it? It is the movement or tendency toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation. The term, of recent origin, emphasizes what is viewed as the universalism of the Christian churches.

Can two \_\_\_\_\_ together, unless they are agreed? Amos 3:3

The origin of the word Ecumenism is found in the Greek word *oikoumenē*, meaning, “the inhabited world.” One such instance of this word being used is found when Satan tempted Christ. “Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.” Luke 4:5

Christians make up 31.2% of the world’s population. There are approximately 2.3. \_\_\_\_\_. Christians believe in one eternal God who is creator of all that is. He is viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_ God who offers \_\_\_\_\_ a personal relationship with himself now in this life.

Do all Christians believe the same?

Can we all get along?

Do you know what you believe?

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” I Peter 3:15

We believe that the depraved \_\_\_\_\_ is saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and the requisites to regeneration are \_\_\_\_\_ toward God and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus Christ and that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer.

Luke 13:3-5; John 3:6; John 3:16-18; John 16:8,9; Acts 20:21; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; **Ephesians 2:8,9**; Ephesians 4:30; Titus 3:5

We believe that all who trust Jesus Christ for salvation are \_\_\_\_\_ secure in Him and shall not perish.

John 3:36; John 5:24; **John 10:27-30**; Romans 8:35-39; Hebrews 10:39; 1 Peter 1:5

We believe that Jesus Christ established His \_\_\_\_\_ during His ministry on earth and that it is always a local, visible \_\_\_\_\_ of scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship to carry out the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, and each church is an independent, self-governing body, and no other ecclesiastical body may exercise authority over it. We believe that Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to the New Testament churches only, and that He promised the perpetuity of His churches.

Matthew 4:18-22; **Matthew 16:18**; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Ephesians 3:21

We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ rule of faith and practice.

Psalms 119:160; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What is the purpose of the Ecumenical movement?

The ultimate goal of all ecumenical efforts is full, organic unity, a single Church body, united both visibly and invisibly. What we as Baptists would call a Universal Church.

Should a Child of God participate in the Ecumenical movement?

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