

Doctrinal Statement

Believers Bible Church

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures, in the original autographs, to be the Word of God, verbally and plenary God-breathed, authoritative, and inerrant. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Matt. 5:18; John 16:12-13)

The Godhead

We believe in one triune God, existing in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal in being, equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor. 13:13; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; John 1:1, 14; Acts 5:3-4).

The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the immaterial image and likeness of God, but in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12; Eph. 2:12).

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man; that He accomplished our redemption through His death which was for all mankind as a substitutionary sacrifice; that our redemption is made sure to us by His literal physical resurrection from the dead (John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35; Rom. 3:24-25; 1 Pet. 1:3-4); that the Lord Jesus Christ is now in heaven, exalted and seated at the right hand of God, where as the High Priest for His people, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor and Advocate (Heb. 9:24; 7:26; Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Person who ministers to mankind in these ways:

1. The unbeliever is convicted of the sin of unbelief, of the righteousness of Christ, and of judgment (John 16:8-11), and restrained from maximum evil. (2 Thess. 2:6-7)
2. At the moment of salvation, the believer is permanently regenerated, baptized into the body of Christ, indwelt, and sealed unto the day of redemption. (John 3:3-7; 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 1:13; 1 Cor. 12:13)

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3. The believer is commanded to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18), but the Spirit is grieved or quenched by sin in the life (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19). Control (filling) by the Holy Spirit is restored by confession of sin (1 John 1:9, 1 Cor. 11:31); the result is the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22–23), which becomes more apparent as the believer grows in the grace, knowledge, and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Pet. 3:18)
4. Spiritual gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit on every believer (Rom. 12:6–8; 1 Cor. 12:7–11, 28–30; Eph. 4:11). Some spiritual gifts (such as apostleship, tongues, healing, prophecy) were temporary in nature, not used by God after the completion of the canon of Scripture. (1 Cor. 13:8–10; Heb. 2:3–4)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to men by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins (1 Pet. 1:18–19; Eph. 2:8–10, John 1:12; Eph. 1:7).

Man appropriates this salvation on the simple basis of belief. (Acts 16:31; 4:12; John 20:31; 1 John 5:11–12)

There is no work, deed, merit, or effort (such as going to church, praying, reading the Bible, baptism, witnessing, obeying the Ten Commandments, giving money, casting out demons, or doing good deeds) which man can perform which will in any way assist in achieving his salvation (Eph. 2:8–9; Tit. 3:5; Rom. 4:2–5). God does not overrule man's free will in accepting or rejecting His provision of salvation. (2 Pet. 3:9; John 3:16; 12:48; Luke 10:16)

The Eternal Security of Believers

We believe that all believers are kept secure forever; that is, that the believer's salvation cannot be lost. (Rom. 8:38–39; John 10:27–30; 1 Cor. 1:4–8; 1 Pet. 1:3–5; Eph. 1:13–14).

The Church

We believe that the church, which is the body and bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born again persons of this present age (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22–23; 5:25–27; 1 Cor. 12:12–14). The body of Christ is visibly functional through organizations called local churches (1 Cor. 1:1–2; Phil. 1:1).

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The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a real created being, a fallen angel, who is the open and declared enemy of God and man. (Job 1:6-7; Matt. 4:2-11; Isa. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:13-18).

The Blessed Hope

We believe that the next great event in the fulfillment of prophecy will be the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the air to receive to Himself the dead in Christ and believers who are alive at His coming, otherwise known as the rapture of the church (1 Cor. 15:51-57; 1 Thess. 1:9-10; 4:13-18; Tit. 2:11-14).

The Tribulation

We believe that the rapture of the church will be followed by the fulfillment of Israel's Seventieth Week, the latter half of which is the Time of Jacob's Trouble, the Great Tribulation (Dan. 9:27; Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24:15-21).

The Second Coming of Christ

We believe that the Great Tribulation will be climaxed by the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to set up His kingdom (Zech. 14:4-11; Matt. 24:27-31; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Rev. 20:6).

The Eternal State

We believe that the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence (2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 23:43; Phil. 1:23) and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever. (1 Thess. 4:17). But the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery (Luke 16:19-26) until the final judgment of the Great White Throne at the close of the Millennium, when soul and body, reunited, shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated but to be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence and glory of the Lord. (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:11-15)

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The Responsibility of Believers

We believe that all believers should seek to walk in such a manner as to bring glory and not to bring reproach upon their Lord and Savior which includes biblical separation, though not isolation (1 Cor. 5:9–13; Rom. 12:1–2; 14:13; 2 Cor. 6:14–7:1); that it is the obligation and privilege of every believer to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the gospel to all the world (Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20); that it is the responsibility of all believers to remember the work of the Lord in prayer and support it with their means as the Lord has prospered them (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7).

Church Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted only two ordinances: **Baptism** of believers by immersion (Matt. 28:19–20; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 36, 38; 1 Cor. 1:16). **Communion** to be observed until His return (Luke 22:19–20; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:23–26).