

## Selma First Baptist Church Statement of Faith

- I. We believe that the Bible is the Holy Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and is our final authority in faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1: 20-21)
- II. We believe that there is one true and living God who exists in three persons: God, the Father; Jesus Christ, His Son; and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. (Ephesians 4:4-6, I Timothy 2: 5-6, John 16: 7-15, John 14: 16-17)
- III. We believe that Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, was true God and true man. He lived, died, was buried, and rose from the dead and is now at the right hand of the Father and that He is the only way to Eternal Life. (Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38, John 3:16-17, Acts 2:22-38)
- IV. We believe that all human beings were created in the image of God, that they sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death that is separation from God. All human beings are born with a sinful nature, and become guilty sinners in thought, word, and deed. (Genesis 1 :26-27, 3:1-24, Romans 3:25; 5:12-18, I John 1:8)
- V. We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, that He rose victorious from the grave on the third day, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. (Isaiah 53, Matthew 20:28, John 3:16-17, Romans 3:24-26; 5:1, I Corinthians 15:3.14, II Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 1 :7, I John 2:2, Matthew 28:6, Romans 10:9- 10, Acts 2:38)
- VI. We believe that all who come by grace through faith to accept the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God. (John 3:3, 5; 1:12-13, James 1:18, I Peter 1:23, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- VII. We believe that all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior should be baptized with water by immersion in accordance with Scripture as a sign of their faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:28-41,47, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 8:36-40; 10:47; 18:8, Romans 6: 3-4, I Corinthians 12:13)
- VIII. We believe in the importance of the Lord's Supper that should be taken regularly by born-again believers, walking in fellowship with the Lord Jesus. (Acts 2:42-46, I Corinthians 1:23-29)
- IX. We believe that as Christians we are to meet together regularly for worship, fellowship, service and encouragement of each other. (Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47)
- X. We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ for his bride, His true followers, and we shall spend eternity with Him. (Acts 1:11, I Thessalonians 4:16-17, John 14:1-3)