



Temple Baptist School

Statement of Faith

The following statement of faith appears in the Temple Baptist Church Constitution:

The Scriptures:

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were fully verbally inspired of God and were inerrant in the original writings and therefore they are of supreme authority in faith and life. (II Tim 3:15-4:2; II Pet 1:15-21; John 10:35; and Luke 24:25).

God:

We believe in one God, Who is a personal and eternal Spirit, perfect and unchangeable in all His attributes. This one God eternally exists in three Persons, impossible of division but capable of distinction as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; all having precisely the same nature and attributes and all being worthy of the same homage, confidence, and obedience. (Deut 6:4; John 4:24; Psalm 90:1-2; James 1:17; Matt 3:16-17; Matt 28:19).

Jesus Christ:

We believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, born of the virgin Mary, Who atoned for sin once for all by His sacrifice of Himself on the cross. We believe in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life the High Priest, and Advocate in our behalf. (John 1:1; Matt 1:18-25; Heb 9:26-28; Luke 24:5-7, 36-40; Acts 1:9-10; Heb 5:1-10; I John 2:1-2; Heb 1:1-10)

Holy Spirit:

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world and to regenerate, sanctify, comfort, and seal forever those who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that each believer is baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit at the time of His conversion that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer from that moment, and that the Spirit will fill and empower every believer who yields himself completely to God. (John 15:26; John 16:7-11; Eph. 1:13-14; I Cor. 3:16; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 5:18).

Satan:

We believe that Satan is a personal being who is void of truth. We believe also that he is the god of this world who has blinded the eyes of them which believe not, and that he is in constant war against Christians. (John 8:44; II Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:18; Eph. 6:11-12; I Pet. 5:8).

Salvation:

We believe that salvation is of the Lord on the merit of the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Salvation is a free gift which excludes any possible merit on the basis of works. We believe that the two essential doctrines that must be presented to every lost person that wants to be saved that there is no chance of his ever going to hell and that he is eternally secure in Christ. (Phil. 1:6; Rom. 3:24-26; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6:23; II Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38; 16:31; Rom. 10:9-10; John 3:16; John 10:27-29).

The Lord's Return:

We believe that to every lost person that wants to be saved that there is no chance of his ever going to hell and that he is eternally secure in Christ. (Phil. 1:6; Rom. 3:24-26; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6:23; II

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The Lord's Return:

We believe that of the Lord Jesus Christ will be bodily, personal, and visible; that in time it will be pre-millennial and pre-tribulational. At His return, all believers living and dead will be instantly transformed and translated to meet the Lord in the air. (Acts 1:11; Phil 3:20-21; I Thess. 4:13; James 5:7-8).

The Church:

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ founded the Church, and commissioned it, and that a church is a group of baptized believers in whom Christ dwells, under the discipline of the Word of God, organized for evangelism, education, worship, and the administration of the ordinances. Each local church is to be self-governing and congregational in government. This local church is independent. The only authority over it is Christ and the Word of God. (Matt. 16:16-18; Matt. 28:19-20).

Ordinances:

We believe that the two ordinances which accompany the Gospel are believers' baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism, following faith in Christ, is by immersion in water and symbolized the identification of the believer with Christ in death, burial, resurrection, and new life. The Lord's Supper is to be observed as a memorial of the death of Christ. The elements symbolize His broken body and shed blood. (Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 6:3-4; I Cor. 11:23-32).

Destiny of the Saved:

We believe that the souls of those who have trusted the Lord Jesus for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence there to remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming when soul and body, reunited and transformed, shall be associated with Him forever in His glory. (II Cor. 5:1-8; Luke 16:19-31; I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:35-53).

Destiny of the Lost:

We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery 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 banishment from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. (Luke 16:19-31; II Pet. 2:9; Rev. 20:11-15; Mark 9:42-50; I Thess. 1:9).

Statement of Separation:

We believe in Bible separation to be set apart from the world, sin, self, and Satan and to be separated "unto the praise of His glory" and the furtherance of the gospel. (I John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14; Eph. 1:6, 12; Phil. 1:20-21).

