

FBCSB DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

We do not set aside or under value any other doctrine of the Bible, but the knowledge, belief and practice of the truths as stated in this Statement of Faith we deem necessary for sound doctrine and thereby require its acceptance for church membership.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by Holy Spirit-controlled men who were supernaturally inspired; that it has truth without any admixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the age, the only complete and final Revelation of the will of God to man; the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

By “The Holy Bible,” we mean that collection of sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation, which as originally written does not only contain and convey the Word of God, but is the very Word of God.

By “inspiration,” we mean that the books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or will be inspired.

We use the King James Bible for preaching and teaching.

Psalms 12:6-7; Psalm 119:89, 105; Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 24:44-45; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21; Rev. 22:18-19

II. OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe that God is supreme in His person, eternal in His being, absolute in His attributes, glorious in His perfection, and sovereign in His will. God is clearly distinguished from things which have no life. He is a person. He is the Creator of man and the entire universe and upholds all things by the Word of His power. We believe also in the Trinity – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each manifesting the fullness of the Godhead. They are One, co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory. God in His person possesses Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, and Immutability,

Genesis 1:1, 26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; John 4:24; I Cor. 12:4-6; I Cor. 13:14; Col 2:9; I John 5:7.

A. Person and Work of God the Father

We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, boundless in love, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; He hears and answers prayers and He saves by faith those who come to Him through Jesus Christ His Son.

Psalms 99:9; Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 44:24; John 14:13-14; John 3:16

B. Person and Work of God the Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God; that He pre-existed with the Father and became man, without ceasing to be God. He was begotten of the Holy Spirit, in a miraculous manner; born of the Virgin Mary as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God, and God the Son.

Isa.7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2,14; Philippians 2:5-8

We believe that He was sinless in His nature and life, and infallible in His teachings: That He accomplished our redemption, making atonement for our sins through His substitutionary death on the cross according to the Scriptures; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead.

I Cor. 15:3-4; I Peter 2:24; Romans 4:25; I John 2:2; II Cor. 5:21; Gal 1:4 Heb 4:15

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate.

Acts 1:9-10; Heb.9:24; Romans 8:34; I John 2:1-2

We believe in the “Blessed Hope,” the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation and pre-millennial appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and in His subsequent return to the earth with His saints to establish His Millennial Kingdom.

Titus 2:13; I Thess. 4:13-18; Zech. 14:4-11; Rev. 3:10; I Thess. 1 :10, 5:9; Rev. 19:11-16, 20:1-6

C. Person and Work of God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the Creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains Satan until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the Agent in the New Birth; that He indwells the believers at the moment of salvation and is their constant source of strength and power; that He seals, guides, teaches comforts, sanctifies, and helps the believer; and that He witnesses and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gen 1:2; Acts 5:3-4; John 14:16-17, 26; John 16:8-15; Romans 8:9, 16, 26-27; I Peter 1:2; Eph. 1:13

III. OF CREATION

We believe in the Genesis account of creation as neither allegorical nor figurative, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God in six 24-hour days without any evolutionary process; that there is no time gap between the first two verses of Genesis 1.

We believe that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness and not from previously existing forms of life; that God created the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, and brought them together as husband and wife, one male and one female, as the only pattern for marriage and procreation of the human race. We believe that all animal life and vegetation was created directly and God's established law was that they should bring forth only "after their kind."

Gen. 1:1-31; Gen. 2:21-24; Ex. 20:11; John 1:3; Heb. 11:3; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:20

IV. OF SATAN

We believe in the personal existence of Satan, the Devil, who was created a perfect angelic being: who willfully led a host of other angels in rebellion against God; who is the author of sin and all false religions: who is the accuser of saints and tempter of all men; and who shall be destroyed in the lake of fire with his followers at the end of the millennium.

We further believe that he is the deceiver and god of this present world, that his powers are vast, but strictly limited by the permissive will of God who overrules for good all his wicked devices; that he was defeated and judged at the cross, and therefore his final doom is certain; that we are able to resist and overcome him only in the armor of God, by the blood of the Lamb and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Isa. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:11-19; Job 1:6-12; I Peter 5:8-9; Rev. 12:9-12; II Cor.4:4; Eph.2:2; I Thess.3:5; Rev. 20:10; James 4:7

V. OF SIN AND THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created by God in innocence; that in love, God gave man a free will; that by his own free choice and willful disobedience, man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God in hell.

We believe that sin is anything contrary to the character and will of God; that immorality includes any sexual relationship other than that between a naturally born man and a naturally born woman who are married to one another.

We believe that all human beings are born totally depraved with a sinful nature; that man in his sinful condition is under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Gen.3:1-6; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:10, 23; I John 1:8; Gal.3:22; Gal 5:19-21; Ex 20; Lev 20:10-17; Rom 1:18-32

VI. OF REPENTANCE

We believe that repentance is a change of mind and purpose toward God prompted by the Holy Spirit; that it is characterized by godly sorrow for sin as offensive to God and ruinous to the soul; and that true repentance is necessary and inseparably related to true faith in Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:15; Luke 13:1-3; Acts 17:30, 20:21; Romans 2:4; II Cor. 7:10

VII. OF SALVATION

We believe that salvation of sinful man is wholly by God's grace and not by man's works; that Jesus Christ came into the world to make full atonement for sinners by His shed blood, vicarious death on the cross, bodily resurrection from the grave, and ascension into heaven again to intercede for believers.

We believe that man must personally repent of his sins and by faith accept Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior to receive the free gift of eternal life and power over sin; that believers are indwelt immediately by the Holy Spirit upon faith in Jesus Christ; that man can be saved only once and that there is no other way of salvation for sinful man.

We believe that God desires all men to come to repentance and be saved; that He prompts individuals with His Spirit to come to Christ.

Eph. 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10; Titus 3:5; Acts 4:12; John 1:12-13; John 14:6; I Tim 2:4
John 12:32; II Pet 3:9; John 16:8-9

VIII. OF ETERNAL SECURITY

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept eternally by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. We believe that saved individuals will show evidence of their transformed life. We believe once saved--always saved.

John 10:27-30; I John 2:24-25; I John 5:11-13; I Peter 1:5; Jude 24; John 5:24; John 3:36
II Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10; James 2:18

IX. OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that justification is the judicial act of God whereby He declares us to be righteous through faith in Jesus Christ; that justification includes the pardon of sin; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the redeemer's blood. His righteousness is imputed unto us.

Isa. 53:11; Acts 13:39; Romans 5:1-9; Romans 8:1; II Cor. 5:18-21; Titus 3:7

X. OF SANCTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is the predestinated divine setting apart of the believer unto God accomplished in a threefold manner. First, an act of God, based upon redemption in Christ, establishing the believer in a position of holiness at the moment he trusts the Savior. Second, a continuing process in the saint as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to the life. Third, the final accomplishment of this process at the Lord's return.

Hebrews 10:10-14; John 17:17; Romans 8:29; I Cor. 1:30; Eph 5:25-27; I Thess.4:3-4; I Thess. 5:23; I John 3:2; Jude 24

XI. OF SEPARATION

We believe God desires all believers to live holy lives and to separate themselves from all forms of godlessness, apostasy, compromise, worldliness, and sinful pleasures and practices; that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior; that living such a life is evidence of true regeneration.

We believe that Christians should not marry unbelievers or have fellowship with those who deny the faith; but that if one is already married to an unbeliever, he or she should remain so.

We do not embrace the doctrines of liberal theology, Neo-Orthodoxy, Neo-Evangelicalism, the Charismatic tongues movement, Ecumenicalism, Calvinism, Arminianism, and the ungodly philosophy of Humanism.

I Pet 1:16; Amos 3:3; Romans 12:1-2; II Cor. 5:17; Romans 16:17; II Cor. 6:14-18; II Chron. 19:2; II Thess.3:6; I John 2:15-17; II John 7-11; I Cor. 7:12-14.

XII. OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

We believe that Christ is our Great High Priest and through Him every born again person has direct access through prayer into God's presence without the need of a human priest; that the believer has the privilege, right and responsibility to personally study and know the Scriptures as interpreted by the Holy Spirit.

Heb.5:5-10, 7:25, 10:19-22; I Pet 2:9; Philippians 4:6, 7; II Tim. 2:15; II Peter 1:19-21

XIII. OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; that His gifts including those of evangelists, pastors and teachers are for the perfecting of the saints.

We believe that God gave the gift of speaking in tongues (languages) and the working of sign miracles as temporary gifts to confirm and to expedite the spread of the spoken Gospel in all languages; that there has been no widespread need for these gifts since the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established; that the Bible is the complete

revelation of God to man; and, that man does not need, nor does he receive extra-biblical revelations apart from the Word of God.

We do believe however, that God still performs miracles in these days according to His will, particularly in cases of physical healing.

I Cor. 12:4-11, 13:8-10, 14:22; Eph. 4:11-12; Mark 16:17-20; Acts 2:1-11; Acts 5:12; Heb.2:3-4 James 5:14, 15; Rev. 22:18-19

XIV. OF THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is the living spiritual body of Christ in which He is the Head and all regenerated persons everywhere are members; that the local church consists of a company of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who have a credible profession of faith, and have joined together in membership for the purposes of propagating the Gospel, edification, worship, and fellowship; that the members should support the work of Christ with their tithes and offerings through the local church.

We believe that the affairs of each local church are to be orchestrated by the Holy Spirit through pastoral leadership assisted by deacons; that it has the right to self-government, free from the interference, control, or dictates of any religious hierarchy of individuals or organizations, and the will of the local church is final. The local church is to observe the ordinances of Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Matt 16:18; Acts 2:41-42; I Cor.1:1-2, 12:13-14; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18

XV. OF THE ORDINANCES

We believe there are only two ordinances given by Christ – Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that although they are important, neither of these ordinances have any saving merit.

We believe that baptism is for believers only and that the mode of baptism practiced by this church shall be by immersion to show our buried and risen Savior, through Whom we died to sin, and rose to a new life; and that baptism is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

Matt. 28:19-20; Romans 6:4; Acts 2:41, 8:35-38, 10:47-48, 16:33, 18:8; Col. 1:12
Matt. 3:16; John 3:23

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial service commemorating the death of our Lord on Calvary; that the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood; that partaking is only for truly regenerated baptized believers; and that faithful self-examination should precede its observance.

I Cor. 11:23-32; Matt. 26:26-29; II Cor. 13:5

XVI. OF HEAVEN AND HELL

We believe that heaven and hell are literal, eternal places, prepared of God; that every person has a soul of eternal duration; that heaven is a place of eternal joy and happiness for those who are saved by the grace of God; and that it is a place of God's preparation for His people.

We also believe that those who refuse God's grace and remain in their lost condition shall abide in hell forever, eternally separated from God.

II Cor. 5:8; John 14 1-3; I Peter 1:4; Luke 16:19-31; Rev.20:10-15

XVII. OF MISSIONS

Because all men everywhere without Christ are lost and bound for eternal punishment, and because men cannot believe in Him of whom they have not heard, we believe that we are debtors to all men and have the responsibility of giving them the Gospel.

We believe that the Great Commission was given to all believers and that we must be a witness by life and word to tell all lost men about Christ; and we must support by prayer and financial aid those who go out that are sound in doctrine and of like faith and practice to represent us in other parts of the world.

Romans 1:14, 10:14-15; Matt.28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; John 20:21

XVIII. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We recognize civil government as being ordained of God, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates and those who are in authority are to be prayed for and conscientiously honored and obeyed as long as they are not in opposition to the will and Word of God.

As true patriots, we uphold the letter and spirit of the law of our land which says government shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:29, 4:19-20; Romans 13:1-7

XIX. OF THE RAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

We believe in the imminent personal, pre-tribulational, pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ for His Church, and that at that moment the dead in Christ shall be raised in glorified bodies, and the living in Christ "shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump" and shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

I Cor. 15:42-44, 51-54; Phil. 3:20-21; I Thess. 4:13-18

We also believe that the Tribulation, which follows the rapture of the Church, will be culminated

by the revelation (return) of Christ, with His Saints, in power and great glory to sit upon the throne of David and to establish the Millennial (thousand-year) reign.

Isa. 9:6-7, 11:1 -9; Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 20:1-4, 6

XX. OF ATTITUDE

As a non-denominational, Baptist church, we wish to stress the importance of the main fundamental doctrines as being absolutely necessary and to be forbearing in minor differences that so often are merely differences in terminology or tradition. “In essentials, Unity; in nonessentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity!”