



Baptist Bible Church Statement of Faith

1. The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, without error in the original manuscripts, written completely under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority over the believer in all matters of faith and conduct.

2. Godhead

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons; that these three are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

A. God the Father. We believe in God, the Father: an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and spiritual death all who come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

B. God the Son. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born to the virgin Mary. We believe in His sinless life, His miracles, and His teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, His perpetual intercession for believers, and His personal, visible return to earth.

C. God the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who came from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin and judgment; to convince men to righteousness, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that every true believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who is a faithful helper, teacher and guide.

3. Sin and Salvation

We believe that sin and evil entered the world through Satan, the fallen angel previously known as Lucifer. We believe that all humans are sinners by nature because of the fall of Adam and Eve after being tempted by Satan. All people are also sinners by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that all who repent of their sins and place their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated (created anew) by the power of the Holy Spirit. We further believe that since we are saved by the grace of God through faith, not through our own works, that we can never lose this salvation, nor can it be taken from us. We are eternally secure in Christ.

4. The Church

We believe in the universal church: a living, spiritual body, of which Christ is the head. All who are regenerated are members of this body of Christ. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized upon a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has assigned to the local church the primary task of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are lost.

5. Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, and that (a) it is to be accepted literally, not allegorically or figuratively; (b) man was created directly by God in His image, after His own likeness; (c) man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; (d) all animal and vegetable life was created directly, and God's established order is that they should all bring forth only "after their kind".

6. Marriage

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). We believe marriage to be a God-ordained relationship between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and woman who are married to each other (Hebrews 13:4) and that any sexual activity outside of marriage (I.e. adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, incest, pornography) is a violation of God's will, of our identity in Christ, and thus harmful to all persons involved (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

We believe marriage is intended to be a lifelong commitment (Mark 10:9). For those who know Christ as Savior, the Bible teaches that they are only to marry another person who is also a believer (2 Corinthians 6:14), and that this marriage is to exemplify the relationship between Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:24,25).

7. Ordinances of the Church

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's supper. We believe that Biblical baptism involves the full immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Lord's supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered regularly and faithfully until the return of Christ to earth.

8. Christian Conduct

We believe that all Christians should live for the glory of God and for the well-being of their fellow humans; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions, and that they should seek to realize of themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

9. Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct accountability to God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having differing functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

10. Church Cooperation

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with each other, informally, or within an association or denomination. Cooperation must be voluntary and may be terminated at any time.

11. Last Things

We believe in the imminent, personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth. We believe in the resurrection of those who have died in Christ and the rapture of living believers. We believe in the establishment of a literal one-thousand year kingdom on earth, with Christ as King. We believe in a final judgment, the eternal joy of the righteous and the endless suffering of the wicked.