

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Believers Bible Church

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the verbal, plenary, inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God, and our authoritative guide to faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

The Godhead

We believe in one God existing in three persons as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The persons are eternal in being and identical in nature, equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (Ephesians 1:3-14; 4:4-6; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; Galatians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:1-2).

The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. This was done in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man.

We believe that He purchased our redemption through His death on the cross, His blood being the purchase price, and that the redemption was secured forever by His eternal resurrection from the dead (John 1:1, 3, 14, 18; Luke 1:35; Romans 3:24-25; Matthew 1:21-23; Hebrews 9:26-28; & John 3:16).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, though omnipresent from all eternity, took up His abode in the world in a special sense on the day of Pentecost, according to the divine promise, and now indwells every believer. Baptism of the Holy Spirit unites every believer to Christ in one body. As the indwelling One, the Holy Spirit is the source of all power and acceptable worship and service (John 14:25; 15:26; 16:7-8, 14; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20; Ephesians 5:18-19; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 9:14; Jude 20).

The Total Depravity of Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God. Man disobeyed God in Adam. As a consequence, Man experienced spiritual death and physical death. Spiritual death is separation from God. Thereby, all the Adamic race are born in sin and are sinners by nature and practice. We believe that man is totally unable, within himself, to retrieve his former condition (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6-7; Ephesians 2:1; 4:18-19; Romans 3:10; 5:12; Jeremiah 17:9).

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the Gift of God brought to man by the Grace of God and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:11-13; Romans 10:9-10).

The Eternal Security of the Believer

We believe that all true believers, once saved, are kept saved forever (John 10:27-30).

The Church

We believe that the universal Church is a spiritual organism composed of all born-again persons of this present age since the forming of the Church at Pentecost. The Church is both the body and bride of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7).

We believe that the local Church has the absolute right of self-government, free from the interference of anyone. We are responsible to Christ our Lord. It is Scriptural for local churches to cooperate in contending for the faith and proclaiming the Gospel. However, each local church has the privilege of deciding how and to what extent they will cooperate (Matthew 16:16-18; Revelation 1:4-5; Acts 10:17-28).

The Christian Life

We believe that it is the prime responsibility of every person who has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit to yield to Him of the fleshly will and desires so that He may produce spiritual fruit of character in the life of the believer. Thus, the believer will fulfill the divine purpose in predestination and molding the believer to the likeness of Christ to the glory of God. We believe that is a chief responsibility and privilege of all who are saved to witness of their Savior to as many others as possible, seeking to win them to Him (Romans 6:11-13; 8:14; Galatians 5:17, 22-23; Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 1:4-6; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:14-20; John 15:16; 17:18).

The Personality of Satan

We believe in the literal personality of Satan who is the open and declared enemy of the Godhead and all believers and destined to the judgment of eternal damnation in the lake of fire (Job 1:6-7; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10).

The Return of Jesus Christ

We believe in the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own, and His subsequent premillennial return to the earth to set up His kingdom (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 1:9-11; 15:16-17).

The Eternal State

We believe that at death, the spirits and souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation pass immediately into His presence and remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, whereupon soul and body will be reunited to enjoy the glories of heaven forever. We believe also that the souls of those who have rejected Jesus Christ as Savior remain after death in a conscious misery until the final judgment of the Great White Throne. The soul and body shall be reunited and cast into the lake of fire to be punished with an everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord forever (2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Luke 16:19-26; Revelation 20:11-15).

Church Ordinances

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church and that they are a Scriptural means for testimony of the Church in this age.

We believe that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, setting forth the believers' identification with the Lord in His death, burial, and resurrection.

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a commemoration of His death until He comes again and is to be practiced at intervals by all believers (Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 6:1-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).