

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FAITH/DOCTRINE

The Bible

We believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God. It is our sole authority in all matters of faith and life and in all areas to which it speaks, including science and history. (2Tim. 3:16-17, 2Peter 1:21, John 10:35)

God

We believe in one God, Who is Eternal and Perfect, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4, Matt. 28:19)

Jesus

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sacrificial death, bodily resurrection and His present high priestly ministry at the right hand of the Father. (John 1:1-3, Matt. 1:18, Phil. 2:5-11, 1Cor. 15:3-4, Hebrews 4:15)

Holy Spirit

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit and His ministry of conviction, regeneration, empowerment and indwelling. (John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, 1Cor. 6:19)

Man

We believe that men and women were created by God in His image but because of sin are now totally depraved and in need of a divine redeemer. (Gen. 1:27, Romans 3:23, 5:12)

Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan who seeks to deceive mankind but whose judgment was secured at the cross and whose ultimate destiny is condemnation. (Isaiah 14:12-15, John 16:11, Rev. 20:10-15)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith based on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to die as our substitute. We believe that the believer's salvation is eternally secure once he or she has genuinely trusted Christ for forgiveness of sin. (Eph. 2:8-9, 4:30, Rom. 6:23, John 3:14-18, 10:27-30, 1Cor. 15:3-4, 3:11-15, Hebrews 7:25, Jude 24)

Baptism

We believe that baptism by immersion is the outward testimony to others of our personal faith in Jesus Christ our Savior. It is to be administered only upon personal confession and living faith in Him. (Matt 28:19, Acts 10:47-48)

The Lord's Supper

We believe in observance of the Lord's Supper, in which the bread and the cup are a symbolic representation of our Savior's suffering and death. (1Cor. 11:23-26)

The Church

We believe in the Church of God as a fellowship of true believers in Jesus Christ. (Col. 1:18, Eph. 4:4-6)

Jesus' Return

We believe in the personal, visible, imminent return of Jesus Christ. (1Thess. 4:14-17, Acts 1:11)

Eternal Life

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust; those who are just to the resurrection of life and those who are unjust to the resurrection of eternal judgment. (Rev. 20:11-15, John 5:28-29)

The Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to every believer as He wills. All God directed use of spiritual gifts will be for edification, service, building up and/or peace of the body and will not be a source of disorder or division. God in His sovereignty still works in miraculous ways. However, we understand that the sign gifts have served their purpose and should not be expected in our church

and its ministries today. (Rom. 12:6-8, 1Cor. 12:1-13, 28-31, 13:8-12, 2Cor. 12:12, Gal. 5:22-23, Eph. 2:19-20, 4:11-13, Heb. 2:3-4)

Marriage

We believe that marriage is designed by God as a permanent covenant relationship only between one man and one woman. Divorce is not God's will, but is the result of the hardness of human hearts. Those who have been divorced should repent, seek forgiveness and wherever possible work for reconciliation. Anyone who has experienced failure in a marriage must pursue counsel from the church elders. God loves, forgives and will restore all those who seek Him in faith. We believe homosexual relationships are sinful and we will not recognize or perform any marriages, commitment ceremonies, or other services that give credence or legitimacy to this sin. Rather we will lovingly call people who struggle with any sexual sin to repentance, faith and new life in Christ; recognizing that only God can transform a life. (Gen. 2:18-25, Matt. 5:31-32, 19:3-12, Mark 10:1-12, Luke 16:18, Rom. 7:1-3, 1Cor. 7:1-24, Malachi 2:16, Genesis 19:1-11; Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; Jude 7)

Sanctity of Human Life

We believe man is created in the image of God and therefore all life, from conception to death is precious in God's sight. We believe that God formed us in the womb and that life begins at conception. We believe that God ordains the number of our days and therefore life in old age is also of great value. Therefore we abhor and will actively pray and work against abortion, euthanasia, and other forms of violence against the dignity of human life. (Acts 17:24-25, Psalms 139:13-16; Genesis 1:27; James 3:9, Proverbs 24:11-12; Exodus 20:13)

Government

We believe that God instituted all government to maintain law and order and to provide justice in the civil realm. The functions and responsibilities of the government are distinct from those of the church. It is our duty as Christians to pray for those in government who have authority over us. We must also give them the respect that they are due as ministers of God. As Christians, however, we must expose corruption, discrimination and injustice wherever it is found while proclaiming truth, love, righteousness and redemption. It is the duty of the Christian to obey all laws of the government that do not conflict with the Word of God. (Matt. 22:17-21, Acts 4:19-20, Rom. 13:1-7, 1Tim. 2:1-3, 1Pet. 2:13-1)