



**Doctrinal Statement**

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## Doctrinal Statement of the Faith Bible Conference Association

We believe:

- A. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:** We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God breathed. (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21; Matt. 5:18; John 16:12-13)
- B. **THE GODHEAD:** We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections. (Deut. 6:4; II Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19)
- C. **THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST:**
1. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, became man – without ceasing to be God – having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. (John 1:1-2; John 1:14; Luke 1:35)
  2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. (Rom. 3:24-25; I Pet 2:24; Eph.1:7; I Pet. 1:3-5)
  3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended in heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God. There, as our High Priest, he fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. (Acts 1:9-10; Heb. 9:24; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34; I John 2:1-2)
- D. **THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**
1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment and that He is the super-natural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8-11; II Cor. 3:6; I Cor. 12:12-14; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13-14)
  2. We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth and that it is the privilege and duty of all saved to be filled with the Holy Spirit. (John 16:13; Eph. 5:18; I John 2:20,27)
- E. **THE TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN:**  
We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God, and that man is totally depraved, and of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 3:22-23; Eph. 2:1-3, 12)
- F. **SALVATION:**  
We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (Eph. 1:7; Eph. 2:8-10; John 1:12; I Pet. 1:18-19)
- G. **THE ETERNAL SECURITY AND ASSURANCE OF BELIEVERS:**
1. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by the power of God and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40, John 10:27-30, Rom. 8:1, 38-39, I Cor. 1:4-8, I Pet. 1:5)
  2. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word – which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion of the flesh. (Rom. 13:13-14, Gal. 5:13, Tit. 2:11-15)
- H. **THE TWO NATURES OF THE BELIEVER:**  
We believe that every saved person possesses two natures – with provision made for the victory of the new nature of Christ over the old nature of the flesh through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit – and that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural. (Rom. 6:13, Rom. 8:12-13, Gal. 5:16-25, Eph. 4:22-24, Col. 3:10, I Pet. 1:14-16, I John 1:8-10)

**I. SEPARATION:**

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord and that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly pleasures, practices, and associations is commanded of God. (II Tim. 3:1-5, Rom. 12:1-2, Rom. 12:1-2, Rom. 14:13, I John 2:15-17, II John 9-11, II Cor. 6:14-18)

**J. MISSIONS:**

We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and word to the truths of the Holy Scriptures and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind. (Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, II Cor. 5:19-20)

**K. THE MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

1. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of all His gifts and that evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today. (I Cor. 12:4-11, II Cor. 12:12, Eph. 4:7-12)

2. We do believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will, for the sick and afflicted. (John 15:7, I John 5:14-15)

**L. THE CHURCH:**

1. We believe that the Church, which is the body and espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of the present age. (Eph. 1:22-23, Eph. 5:25-27, I Cor. 12:12-14, II Cor. 11:2)

2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27, Acts 20:17, 28-32, I Tim. 3:1-13, Tit. 1:5-11)

**M. THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH:**

1. We believe in the dispensational view of Bible interpretation but reject that extreme teaching known as "Hyper-Dispensationalism", such as that teaching which opposes either the Lord's table or water baptism as a Scriptural means of testimony for the Church in this age. (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:41-42, Acts 18:8, I Cor. 11:2, 23-26)

2. We believe in baptism, not as a means of salvation, but as an outward sign and testimony of an inward work of grace. (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:28, 41, Acts 19:1-6, Acts 10:47-48, Rom. 6:4-5)

3. We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's supper as a means of testimony and fellowship for the Church – not as a means of salvation – but as a token of remembrance of the death of Christ till He comes. (Luke 22:19-20, I Cor. 11:23-26)

**N. THE PERSONALITY OF SATAN:**

We believe that Satan is a person – the author of sin and the cause of the Fall, that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man, and that he shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire. (Job 1:6-7, Rev. 20:1-6, I Thess 1:10, I Thess. 5:9, Is. 14:12-17)

**O. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST:**

We believe in that "Blessed Hope" – the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational, and pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones – and in His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom. (I Thess. 4:13-18, Zech. 14:4-11, Rev. 19:11-16, Rev. 20:1-6, I Thess. 1:10, I Thess. 5:9, Rev. 3:10)

**P. THE ETERNAL STATE:**

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men – the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. (Matt. 25:46, John 5:28-29, John 11:25-26, Rev. 20:5-6, 12-13)

2. We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord where, in conscious bliss, they await the first resurrection – when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord. (Luke 23:43, Rev. 20:4-6, II Cor. 5:8, Phil. 1:23, Phil. 3:21, I Thess. 4:16-17)

3. We believe that the souls of the unbelievers remain, after death, in conscious misery until the second resurrection – when with soul and body re-united they shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment. (Luke 16:19-26, Matt. 25:41-46, II Thess. 1:7-9, Jude 6-7, Mark 9:43-48, Rev. 20:11-15)