

Statement of Faith

THE SCRIPTURES

We believe the Holy Bible to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God. God the Holy Spirit is its Author, and God breathed out every word to chosen men Whom He used to write and preserve His Word through the years. We believe the purpose of the Bible is to reveal God to man; reveal man's sinful state and need of a Saviour; reveal the Saviour, the Messiah; and to reveal what has happened in the past and what God's plan is for the future. God's Word is for ever settled in Heaven and cannot be destroyed. And God's word is the standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. (II Timothy 3:14-17 and II Peter 1:19-21; John 20:30,31; I John 5:11-13; Psalm 119:89; Luke 21:33; and Isaiah 8:20).

We believe that the King James Bible is God's word for English speaking people. We have come to this conclusion after considering the King James Bible in light of the characteristics of God. God is holy, and His word is very pure. (Psalm 119:140) God does not change and is consistent in all things. The King James Bible is consistent throughout and has remained unchanged for about 400 years except that the spellings of words and the way the letters are formed have been changed to make it readable for us today. However, the words remain the same. (See Malachi 3:6) We believed that God preserved His word in the King James Bible, without error, for English speaking people today.

THE TRINITY

We believe in the Triune God, that is, that there is one God manifest in three distinct persons - Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Each person of the Godhead is equal and each has its distinctive function, yet there is but one God. (Isaiah 48:16-17; Matthew 3:16-17; and John 10:30).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Christ was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, He is God Himself, God the Son manifest in the flesh. (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35; II Corinthians 5:21; and Hebrews 4:15).

THE BLOOD ATONEMENT

We believe that only the shed blood of Jesus Christ provides atonement for sins (Hebrews 9:12, 14 and Romans 3:25).

THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION

We believe that Jesus rose again in His body and that He ascended up on high. There Jesus sits on the right hand of the Majesty on high and is our Advocate and High priest for us in the presence of God. (Romans 8:34; I Corinthians 15; Acts 2:32; I John 2:1; Hebrews 1:3; and Hebrews 8:1-2).

THE SECOND COMING

Jesus came once to this earth as the Saviour to give His life that those who believe in Him will be saved. We believe that Jesus will come twice more. The first time will be to catch His bride, His church, away to be with Him for ever more. The second time will be after the Great Tribulation and before the Millennium. He will come to establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth, and His saints will come to reign with Him. (John 3:16; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Zechariah 14:4-11; I Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9; Romans 5:9; and Revelation 3:10, 19:11-16).

THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He gives new life to those who believe in Jesus, and He indwells, empowers, and gives wisdom and guidance to those who are truly saved (John 16:7-15; I Corinthians 2:10-16, 6:19-20; and I John 2:20, 27).

THE PERSONALITY OF SATAN

We believe that Satan is a real personality. He was created perfect but fell because of his pride and because he tried to make himself equal with God. Satan is the author of the fall, and the arch enemy of God and of the souls of men. His goal is to destroy men's souls. We believe in the ultimate destruction of Satan through eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire for ever at the end of the Millennial reign of Christ on earth. (Job 1:6-7; Ezekiel 28:14-15; and Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 20:10).

DEPRAVITY OF MAN

We believe that the fall of Adam and Eve, our first, parents resulted in a sin nature in Adam and Eve. This sin nature was passed down from Adam to every person born after them. Therefore all people are sinners and are lost. The only remedy for this depravity is salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:19, 5:12-19).

JUSTIFICATION

We believe that justification is only possible through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This is entirely by grace, through faith and not by any works which man can do. No person is able to save himself or to save anyone else. (Acts 13:38-39; Ephesians 2:8-9; and Titus 3:5; Psalm 22:29; and Psalm 49:7).

THE ONE BODY

We believe that all who are truly saved are members of the body of Christ, the true Church (I Corinthians 12:12-13). Therefore, we can have personal fellowship with all who are true believers.

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD SYSTEM

We believe that God calls everyone who is truly saved into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. (Romans 12:1; I Thessalonians 5:22; James 4:4; I John 2:16; and II Corinthians 6:14).

THE ETERNAL STATE

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men; the eternal conscious punishment of every unsaved person (Matthew 25:46 and Revelation 20:10-15) and the eternal happiness of every saved person (John 14:1-6 and Revelation 12:1-4).

MISSIONS

We believe that it is the duty of all Christians to fulfill the great commission. (Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19-20).

HUMAN SEXUALITY

We believe that God's plan is that sex is to be reserved for marriage and that marriage is between one man and one woman. We believe all other institutions of "marriage" and all sex outside of marriage is sin. We also believe that God abhors and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Deuteronomy 22:5; Rom. 1: 26-29; Romans 7:2; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; and Heb.13:4).

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

We believe that God created man and women equally but with different functions. The husband is to be head of the wife even as Christ is head of the church. And the wife is to submit herself to her husband. Both work equally as a team in the service of the Lord. Children are an heritage of the Lord. Parents are responsible to train their children in love in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The children's responsibility is to obey their parents in the Lord. Parents are to train their children by example, instruction, and appropriate discipline, including judicious use of the rod. (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5,12; Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mk.10:6-12; I Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4; I Pet. 3:1-7).

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

We believe that God hates divorce and that His will is for marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. There is no provision given in the New Testament for remarriage after divorce. We do not believe that the passage of Scripture, Matthew 19:3-12 gives provision for divorce and remarriage in cases of fornication. Though there may be provision to divorce in this case because of the hardness of man's heart, there is no provision for remarriage unless it is to restore the one that has been divorced, provided she has not already married another. This passage does not mention remarriage for the one who divorces his wife.

This same passage states, "Whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Luke 16:18 makes it quite plain that remarriage after divorce is adultery. (See verse 9) (Mal. 2:14-17; Matt. 19:3-12; Matthew 5:32; Mark 10:11,12; Luke 16:18; Rom. 7:1-3; I Corinthians 7:10-13,39).

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES

Bible is the Only Rule for Faith and Practice

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of the Believer

Two Ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Individual Soul Liberty

Separation of Church and State

Two Scriptural Offices in the Local Church: Pastor(s) and Deacons

Security of the Believer