



Genesis CHURCH

Doctrinal Statement

1. THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible (consisting solely of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments) is the only book given by God, divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible, and that it is entirely trustworthy.

See Deuteronomy 6:1-25; Joshua 1:7-9; Psalm 119:9-16; Matthew 5:18; Mark 12:26, 36; Luke 24:27, 44; Acts 1:16; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:13, 10:11; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 3:15b-16; Hebrews 4:12-13.

2. GOD

We believe in the Trinity; that there is one True God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that He is unchanging, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, loving and holy.

See Genesis 1:1, 26, 3:22, 11:7; Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15; Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Psalm 139; Isaiah 6:8; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 28:19; Luke 1:34-35; John 1:1,2,14,18, 8:58, 10:30; Acts 5:3-4, 10:38; Romans 3:23-26, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 8:6, 12:4-6, 15:20-25; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18-22, 4:4-6; Titus 1:3, 3:4-6; Hebrews 4:13, 13:8; Jude 20,21; Revelation 1:4-6.

GOD THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father, the first Person in the Trinity.

See Matthew 6:9; John 6:27, 10:30; Acts 1:7; Romans 1:7, 8:15; 1 Corinthians 1:3, 8:6; 2 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:2, 2:18, 5:20; Philippians 1:2; Colossians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; James 1:17; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 1:3; Jude 1.



JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ – that He was and is God, the second member of the Trinity.

We believe in the humanity of Jesus Christ – that He was born of a virgin, led an absolutely sinless life, performed many miracles, and died as the substitution and atonement for those who accept Him as God and Savior.

We believe that Jesus' death on the cross is God the Father's sole provision for the forgiveness of sin.

We believe that Jesus Christ literally, bodily rose from the dead.

We believe that Jesus Christ now serves as the High Priest for every believer, and that He will personally return in power and glory to judge the living and the dead.

See Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 1:1-25, 25:31-46; Luke 1:26-2:20, 40; John 1:1-2, 14, 18; 2:20-22, 8:58, 16:30, 21:17; Acts 1:9-11, 2:14-40, 4:12; Romans 3:23-25, 8:34, 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9, 15:12-22; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:3-7, 18-23; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20, 2:6, 13-20; Titus 1:4, 2:10, 13, 3:4-6; Hebrews 1:1-3, 4:14-15, 7:24-26, 9:24-28, 10:10-14, 29-30; 1 Peter 2:22-24; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 2:1,2; Revelation 20:11-15, 22:6-21.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit – that He was and is God, the third member of the Trinity.

We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts people of sin, righteousness and judgment.

We believe that the moment a person accepts Jesus Christ as God and Savior, they are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and baptized into the Body of Christ, the Church.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to those who have saving faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Holy Spirit fills and empowers the believer to exercise their spiritual gifts and do the work of God in proportion to the believer's personal surrender to Jesus Christ, enabling the Christian to live a holy, victorious and fruitful life that greatly glorifies God.

See Genesis 1:1; Luke 1:35; John 3:6, 14:16-17, 16:8-15; Acts 1:8, 5:3-11; Romans 6:3-4, 8:9, 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:1-27; 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, 3:17-18; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 1:13,14, 4:4-6, 30, 2:22, 5:18; Colossians 2:12-14; Titus 3:3-8; Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 2:20.

3. HUMANITY, FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION

We believe that life begins at conception, and that all people are created in the image of God. As a result of the Fall of humanity, through the first person, Adam, all people are individually sinners needing forgiveness, salvation from sin and restoration to God through personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

We believe salvation is the gift of God brought to individuals by the undeserved favor (grace) of God and is received only upon personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed on the cross for the forgiveness and cleansing of sin.

We believe that those who do not place their faith in Jesus Christ are spiritually dead, separated from God because of their sin and incapable of serving, worshipping or glorifying Him. They, therefore, miss the grace and peace of God in this present life and will spend eternity separated from Him.

We believe that all people who are truly regenerated through saving faith in Jesus Christ are those who comprise the Body of Christ, the Church, and should live in a manner that glorifies God through a surrendered life of worship to God, an evidence of salvation.

We believe that once a person gives their life to Jesus Christ as Savior, they are spiritually born again, eternally forgiven and eternally secure in their salvation and relationship with God.

See Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Psalm 14:1-3, Psalm 139:16; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 1:5, 17:9; Matthew 26:26-28; John 1:3, 12-13, 3:3-7, 13, 16, 5:24, 6:28-40, 10:28; Acts 2:14-40, 4:12, 13:38-39, 17:2-3, 18:28, 26:22-23, 28:23; Romans 1:16-17, 3:10-26, 4:5, 5:1, 6-9, 12-21, 6:1-2, 23, 8:1, 29, 6-7, 10:4, 9-10, 13, 11:5-6; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:11, 13, 22, 26-29; Ephesians 1:3, 7,13,14, 2:1-10, 3:2-6; Colossians 1:16-17, 21-23, 2:10, 3:18-22; Titus 3:4-8; Hebrews 4:13, 7:25, 9:27, 10:10; 1 Peter 1:18,19, 23; 1 John 2:1-2, 3:8, 4:17, 5:10-13; Jude 24; Revelation 20:11-15, 22:6-21.

4. ANGELS, SATAN AND DEMONS

We believe that good angels are ministering spirits, created and sent by God to advance His Kingdom and help Christians.

We believe Satan (the devil) is a real, created being who fell away from God and is destined for eternal punishment in the lake of fire. He is neither omniscient nor omnipotent.

We believe the Bible presents Satan as an archenemy of God and Christians, and refers to him as a “serpent,” “dragon,” “murderer,” “liar,” “tempter,” “adversary” and “the accuser” of believers.

We believe demons are wicked spirits, fallen angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God. Like Satan, they are also destined for the judgment of eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

See Genesis 3:1-19; Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 4:1-11, 12:22-28, 25:41; Luke 10:17-20, 22:31; John 8:43,44, 10:10; Acts 5:3-9, 12:1-11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:1-2, 6:10-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 Timothy 3:6; 2 Timothy 2:25-26; Hebrews 1:13,14, 13:2; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:10-11, 20:1-3, 7-10.

5. THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST, RESURRECTIONS, JUDGMENTS AND A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH

We believe in the literal, bodily, premillennial return of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of those who have died in Christ prior to His return.

We believe in the “Rapture” of the Church, “The Tribulation,” and the “Millennial Reign” of Christ on the earth.

We believe that every Christian will experience a judgment of rewards and will enjoy the eternal presence of God in the new heaven and earth.

We believe that unbelievers will experience the “second death,” a judgment of eternal separation from God in the lake of fire, the final destination of Satan and his demons.

See Matthew 24:1-25:46; Luke 21:5-36; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 14:9-12; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15, 15:22-28, 50-58; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-12; 2 Peter 2:4-22, 3:3-7; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:1-22:5.

6. LOVE, HUMILITY, UNITY AND HOW THEY LEAD TO GOD’S GLORY

We believe that the glory of God is the goal for which every believer, and every body of believers should be aiming.

We believe love is the foundation for humility, biblical unity, and for living a life that greatly glorifies God and attracts and unleashes His blessing.

We believe true, biblical unity among believers is not merely important but imperative in both maximizing God’s glory and effectively evangelizing, and that it must be guarded and encouraged.

See Psalm 133; Proverbs 3:33-34; John 17:11, 23; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37; Romans 12:5, 14:19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:1-6,17-32; James 4:6-10; 1 Peter 5:5-6.

7. PURITY, SEXUALITY, AND MARRIAGE

We believe in the biblical definition of marriage as between one man (husband) and one woman (wife) to be the only acceptable definition of marriage. God has designed sexuality to be expressed only within such a marriage.

While we believe this defines the biblical standard of marriage and sexual expression, we also affirm that we are called to minister to, care for, and come alongside of all who fall short of God’s standards with love and compassion.

See Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

8. CHRISTIAN GROWTH, ACTION AND REPLICATION

We believe a godly lifestyle of deepening surrender and loving obedience to God produces the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

We believe genuine salvation produces a growing commitment to advancing God's Kingdom and glory by prioritizing the Great Commission and making disciples around the world, while eagerly awaiting Christ's return.

See Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-49; John 17:17; Romans 6:11-13, 8:2, 4, 12-13, 12:1,2; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 20-21, 7:1; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:20-32; Colossians 1:28, 29, 2:6-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 10:10, 14, 19-24, 12:10; Philemon 6; 1 Peter 1:14-19; 1 John 1:4-10, 3:5-10, 4:7-11.

9. COMMUNION

We believe that communion was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ for all believers to remember His sacrificial death, burial, resurrection, and coming return.

See Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28.

10. WATER BAPTISM

We believe that water baptism by immersion of the believer provides a first step of obedience to Jesus Christ and a clear identification with His death, burial and resurrection. Accordingly, we do not practice or endorse infant baptism.

See Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:26-39; Romans 6:4.