



GENESIS CHURCH
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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 Master, God and 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 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 Master, God and 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 to the earth, which could occur at any moment.

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, which will be created by God.

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. HUMILITY, UNITY AND GOD'S GLORY AND BLESSING

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

We believe that humility is not only a sign of spiritual maturity, but also essential to living a life that greatly glorifies God, attracts and unleashes His blessing and is the foundation for true, biblical unity.

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. We believe sins such as gossip and slander, for example, are especially damaging to this unity, serving as serious hindrances to both the blessing and power of God.

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, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

We believe that to teach, embrace or promote anything contrary to what the Bible clearly, repeatedly and emphatically teaches about purity, sexuality, sex and gender, marriage, family and sexual conduct, would be a flagrant violation of what it teaches and would be rebellion against God. It would destroy the very basis of what we believe, why we exist and everything to which God has called us. It would not be possible to love God and people without holding in the highest regard what the Bible teaches about these matters.

We believe that the fundamental trait of a disciple is to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus says that we are to teach others "to observe all that I have commanded you." To do this, we must guard, teach and promote what is clearly, consistently and repeatedly presented in the Bible about purity, sexuality, sex and gender, marriage, family and sexual conduct, with no exceptions.

We believe that God created the human race as male and female, and that gender and sex are determined by God. Humans, therefore, must not attempt to alter their own gender or sex or that of any other human being.

We believe that marriage is an institution created by God from the very beginning of civilization, and that it is the bedrock of every society on earth. Humans, therefore, must not attempt to alter, redefine, or confuse the biblical definition or the institution of marriage.



We believe that the Bible clearly and consistently defines marriage as the loving, faithful commitment between one man and one woman for a lifetime. It is clearly and exclusively a heterosexual union, with no other definition or example presented anywhere in the Bible. We are committed to promoting and preserving only this definition of marriage and to supporting healthy marriages and all their inherent benefits and blessings, in accordance with the design and will of God.

We believe that the only sexual activity that is clearly and consistently approved by God in the Bible is sexual activity between one man and one woman in the context of marriage. The clear, consistent and emphatic teaching of the Bible overwhelmingly rejects any other practice of sexual activity as acceptable to God.

See Genesis 1:26-31, 2:21-25, 5:1-2, 13:13, 19:1-25; Matthew 5:31-32, 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12; Acts 15:19-29; Romans 1:18-32, 13:13; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, 6:13, 18, 7:1-16, 10:1-8; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3-7, 21-33; Colossians 3:5, 18-19; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 13:4-7; Jude 7; Revelation 2:14, 20-21, 9:21, 21:8, 22:14-15.

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.