

Davisville Church Statement of Faith

A. Concerning God's Word, the Bible: We believe that...

the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments were God-breathed (inspired) *2 Tim. 3:16-17*

God inspired every part of Scripture equally, down to the very words *Matt. 5:17-18*

the Bible is was recorded by men as guided by the Holy Spirit and so was without error in the original writings *2 Peter 1:20-21*

God has preserved His Word over the centuries so that what we have is reliable and trustworthy

the Bible is the only infallible rule of faith and practice and is totally accurate in all matters which it addresses *Jn. 17:17; Ps. 19:7-11*

B. Concerning God: We believe that...

there is only one true God *Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:5-6; Jer. 10:10-13*

God eternally exists in three persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit *Gen. 1:27; Matt. 28:19*

these persons are equally God *Jn. 10:27-33; Acts 5:3-4; Titus 1:3-4, 2:13*

these persons perform distinct but harmonious functions in the salvation of humanity
Titus 3:4-7

1. Concerning the Father: We believe that...

He is a person and He is fully God *Eph. 4:6*

He sent His Son to provide salvation for humanity *Jn. 3:16*

He will accomplish His eternal purposes *Ps. 33:11; Rom. 8:28-29; Eph. 1:3-6*

He is the Father of all believers *Jn. 1:12-13*

He preserves all believers by His power *1 Pet. 1:5*

2. Concerning the Son, Jesus Christ: We believe that...

He is a person and He is fully God *Jn. 1:1; Tim. 2:5*

He is the one and only Son of God *Jn. 3:16*

He was born of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*

He is fully perfect God and perfect man *Jn. 1:1-2, 14, 18; Php. 2:6-8; Heb. 4:15*

He died for our sins and rose again on the third day *1 Cor. 15:3-4*

He is now interceding for believers before the Father in heaven *Rom. 8:34*

He will one day return for all believers Christians *Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Thes. 4:13-17*

3. Concerning the Holy Spirit: We believe that...

He is a person and He is fully God *Acts 5:3-4*

at the moment of salvation He instantly:

1. makes us spiritually alive (regenerates) *Titus 3:4-7*
2. places us into the body of Christ (baptizes) *1 Cor. 12:13*
3. comes to live within us (indwells) *Rom. 8:9*
4. guarantees that we belong to God (seals) *Eph. 1:13-14*
5. gives special ability to serve God (gifts) *1 Cor. 12:7,11*

We believe the sign gifts **are not normative** have ceased for today. *1 Cor. 13:8*

He enables the **believer Christian** to serve God and live a life which is pleasing to Him *Gal. 5:16,22-23*

C. Concerning Humanity Man: We believe that...

God created **humans man** perfect in His image, apart from any process of evolution
Gen.1:26-31

every person reflects God's image and therefore has inherent value and is to be
afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity *Gen. 1:26-27; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31*

God created male and female as two distinct, complementary, **unchangeable sexes**
genders to reflect His image and His nature **and that God's intent for each person's**
gender is demonstrated at their birth *Gen. 1:26-27, 2:18-25; Psalm 139:13-16*

God established marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one man and
one woman *Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-6,9*

human sex is a gift to be expressed only within marriage as established by God *Gen. 2:18-25;*
Rom. 1:18-28; 1 Cor. 7:1-7; Heb. 13:4

Adam, the first man, sinned voluntarily and by his action brought death into the
world for all people *Rom. 5:12*

all people are born sinners and so commit acts of sin *Ps. 51:5*

all people are born spiritually dead and are completely unable to save themselves
from their sin *Eph. 2:1-3*

all people are justly condemned to eternal punishment and separation from God
because of their sin *Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 1:18-21; 3:10-12*

D. Concerning Salvation: We believe that...

God offers salvation and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, and who
seek His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus *Jn. 5:24; Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10;*
1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Jn. 1:9

salvation is totally by the grace of God through faith, not by human works of any
kind *Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-6; 1 Jn. 5:11-13*

Jesus died in our place and paid for our sin by His death on the cross *1 Pet. 3:18*
to experience God's gift of salvation (become a **believer Christian**), we must:

acknowledge that we are guilty of sin *Rom. 3:23*

believe that Jesus died for our sins **as our substitute** and rose again *1 Cor. 15:1-5; Eph. 1:13*

trust Jesus alone as our Savior from sin *Jn. 3:16, 14:6; Acts 4:12; 16:30-31*

those who have trusted Jesus as their Savior are permanently adopted into God's
family and so are secure forever as His children *Rom. 8:15-16,38-39; Eph. 1:5*

E. Concerning the Christian life: We believe that...

at salvation we are set apart (sanctified) to God *1 Cor. 6:11; Heb. 10:10*

as we grow as **believers** Christians, we will become more like Jesus and set apart

from our old sinful habits *Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Peter 2:4-5; 2 Peter 3:18*

when we get to heaven we will be completely set apart from even the presence of sin *1 Jn. 3:2-3*

F. Concerning the Church: We believe that...

all who have trusted Jesus as their Savior are members of God's Church- Christ's body

1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:18

a local church is a group of **believers** Christians which **gathers** ~~meet together~~ on a regular basis to **worship God, equip believers and make disciples** ~~fulfil God's purposes~~

~~of worship, evangelism, fellowship, instruction, and service~~ *Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-47;*

Eph. 4:11-13

the local church is to be led by shepherds (elders) under the authority of the Chief

Shepherd, Jesus Christ *1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; Heb. 13:7-8,17; 1 Peter 5:1-3*

the local church **practices** ~~should observe~~ the ordinances of **water** baptism and communion

Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

water baptism of a believer is a symbol of union with Christ and is a believer's

public declaration of faith ~~baptism is the immersion in water of a Christian as a public declaration of their faith and symbol of their union with Christ~~ *Acts 8:35-38; Rom. 6:3-4*

communion is a memorial of Jesus' death to be **practiced** ~~observed~~ **by believers** until He returns *1 Cor. 11:23-26*

G. Concerning the Lord's return: We believe that...

Jesus could return at any time for His bride, the Church, before the tribulation *Jn. 14:1-4;*

1 Thes. 4:13-17; 5:9-10

Jesus will return physically to the earth to rule for a period of one thousand years

Rev. 19:11-20:6

believers ~~the saved~~ will live with God in heaven forever, while **unbelievers** ~~the unsaved~~ will suffer punishment in hell forever *Matt. 25:31-46; 1 Thes. 4:13-17; Rev. 20:11-15*