



Liberty Christian Fellowship

Loving God and loving people in a hurting world

Core Beliefs of Liberty Christian Fellowship

Beliefs Summarized

- We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God
- We believe in one God, manifested in three persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- We believe man is a created being made in the image and likeness of God
- We believe that man was alienated from God by committing the original sin in the Garden of Eden and in need of the saving grace of God
- We believe salvation is a free gift from God purchased by the completed work of Christ on the cross, not a product of our human effort.
- We believe in baptism in water by immersion and is a direct commandment of our Lord
- We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by our Lord Jesus Christ
- We believe in remembering the Lord's death until He comes regularly taking communion

Core Beliefs in full with scripture

A. The Scriptures. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of Holy Men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine (II Timothy 3:16, I Thessalonians 2:13, II Peter 1:21)

B. The Godhead. Our God is One, but manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Philippians 2:6; Matthew 3:16-17).

God the Father (John 14:28; John 16:28; John 1:14).

Jesus, the Son of God (John 1:1; John 1:18; John 1:14, John 10:30).

The Holy Spirit (John 15:26).

C. Man, His Fall and Redemption. Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God, but through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God". "As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one". Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and



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restore man back to God (Romans 5:12; Romans 3:23; Romans 3:9-10; I John 3:8; Galatians 3:13-14).

Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God (Ephesians 2:8).

D. Eternal Life and New Birth. Man's first step toward salvation is Godly sorrow that works repentance. The new birth is necessary to all men, and when fulfilled produces eternal life (II Corinthians 7:10; I John 5:12; John 3:3-5).

E. Water Baptism. Baptism in water is by immersion and is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only. The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36-39).

The following recommendation regarding the Water Baptismal formula is adopted:

"On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."

F. Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to those who are believers. (Mathew. 3:11; John 14: 16-17; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:4).

G. Sanctification. The Bible teaches that without Holiness no man can see the Lord. We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive, work of grace, commencing at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation (Hebrews. 12:14; I Thessalonians 5:23; II Peter 3:18; H Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:12-14; I Corinthians 1:30). »

H. Divine Healing. Healing is for the physical ills of the human body and is wrought by the power of God through the prayer of faith, and by laying on of hands. It is provided for in the atonement of Christ, and it is the privilege of every member of the church today (Mark 16:18; James 5:14-20g I-Peter 2:24; Matthew 8:17, Isaiah 53:4-5).

I. RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AND THE RETURN OF OUR LORD. "They shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" (Acts 1:11; Thessalonians 4: 16-1 7).

Following the tribulation, He Shall return to earth, as King of kings, and the Lord of lords and together with his Saints, who shall be kings and priests, He shall reign a thousand years. (Revelation 20:6).



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J. Hell and Eternal Retribution. The one who physically dies in his sins without Christ is hopelessly and eternally lost in the lake of fire and therefore has no further opportunity of hearing the Gospel or for repentance. The lake of fire is literal. The terms “eternal” and “everlasting” used in describing the duration of the punishment of the damned in the lake of fire, carry the same thought and meaning of endless existence as used in noting the duration of joy and ecstasy of the saints in the presence of God (Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 19:20; Hebrews)

K. Communion - The Lord's Supper. We partake of the Lord's Supper to remember the Lord's death till he comes (I Corinthians 11:23-31). The bread symbolizes the Lord's body (Isaiah. 53:5; I Corinthians 11:24). The cup represents the new covenant in His blood which provides us forgiveness and relationship with God (Hebrews 9: I Corinthians 11:25). We judge ourselves and realize that this is our salvation and receive it (I Corinthians 11:28-30) for if We receive it unworthily without giving it in honor as our salvation we are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord (I Corinthians 11:27).

L. Laying on of Hands. A simple belief that power or anointing or any other necessary quality can be transmitted from one person touching another. Laying on of Hands was practiced by the Levitical Priesthood. Jesus practiced it in Mark 10:13-16 as a blessing, and is our grounds for baby dedication instead of baptism. Laying on of Hands for Healing (Mark 5:22,23 and 41; Mark Acts 28:8; Acts 19:11,12); Laying on of Hands to confer office (Acts 6:2-6); Laying on of Hands to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:16-18); Laying on of hands to believe Words spoken, to receive anointing, and to cultivate the anointing (I Timothy 4:14); Laying on of Hands for Ordination to consecrate and receive the necessary ministry tools (I Timothy 4:14).

M. Sexuality and the Sacrament of Marriage. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, transgender(ism), bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of 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; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)