

Fellowship Baptist Statement of Faith

1. The Scriptures
 - a. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect infallible instruction.
 - b. God is the author of scripture and therefore it has no error and it reveals all that God would have us know for life and godliness.
 - c. It is the supreme standard by which all truth is measured.
2. God
 - a. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love.
 - b. God is one being in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.
 - c. Jesus Christ is the eternal God, second person of the trinity, who was born of the virgin Mary. He is both fully God and fully man.
 - d. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity who dwells within all believers to keep them in the faith and lead them to sanctification.
3. Mankind
 - a. We believe that all humanity is made in the image of God no matter their cognitive ability, intellect, ethnicity or gender.
 - b. God made mankind into two genders, male and female, which are equal in dignity and distinct in purpose.
 - c. We believe that marriage is between one man and one woman and this marriage cannot be dissolved without biblical warrant.
4. The Fall Of Man
 - a. We believe that Man was created in holiness, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; the consequence of which all mankind are now sinners.
 - b. All humanity by nature is utterly devoid of the holiness required by the law of God. We are all inclined to evil; and therefore are under just condemnation to eternal judgment, without defense or excuse.
5. The Way Of Salvation
 - a. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our human nature, yet without sin
 - b. He fulfilled the law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins
 - c. He has risen from the dead and is now enthroned in heaven.
 - d. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour.
6. Justification
 - a. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ to those who have faith in Him is Justification
 - b. Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness;
 - c. It is freely given to us not based on works we have done but solely through faith in the finished work of Jesus and repentance of sin.
 - d. God the Father imputes the righteousness of Christ to all who truly believe and we are brought into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.
7. Regeneration
 - a. We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again.
 - b. Regeneration is a change of mind and heart from an antagonism toward God and the Gospel to a desire from the heart to repent and believe upon the Gospel and submit to Jesus Christ as Lord.

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8. Repentance And Faith

- a. We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces.
- b. Being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with contrition, confession, and desire for mercy; at the same time receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Savior.

9. Sanctification

- a. We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit,
- b. The regular means of sanctification are the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, repentance, the community and accountability of the church, and prayer.

10. The Perseverance Of Saints

- a. We believe that real believers endure unto the end.
- b. Their persevering mark which distinguishes them from false believers.
- c. Perseverance is a work of God keeping his people in the faith till the end.

11. A Gospel Church

- a. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only scriptural officers are Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

12. Baptism And The Lord's Supper

- a. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit; to show our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior,
- b. It is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church membership; and to the Lord's Supper.
- c. The Lord's Supper is to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

13. The Lord's Day

- a. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and is to be kept sacred.

14. The World To Come

- a. We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final judgment; that a separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell.

