

Doctrinal Statement of LIFE Fellowship of Frederick

L.I.F.E. Fellowship of Frederick holds what we believe to be many Biblically-supported positions on a wide array of theological and social issues. No one statement can ever possibly summarize everything we believe as a church. However, the statements listed below are what we hold as the most essential convictions of our church – the definition of genuine Christian faith and the basis for genuine Christian fellowship.

SCRIPTURES

We believe that the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of mankind, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and Life. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:3, 21)

GOD

We believe that there is but one living and true God, an infinite Spirit, one in essence yet eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is perfect in all His attributes and is the Creator of all things. (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:5-7; John 4:24, Genesis 1, Matthew 3:13-17, Genesis 1:1)

GOD, THE FATHER

We believe in the person of God the Father, eternally existing, the Holy and Righteous Judge - perfect in holiness, wisdom, justice, power and love. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; He hears and answers prayer, and - out of His great love for mankind - sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to be the sacrifice for their sin. He saves from sin and death all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Matthew 5:48, Psalms 90:2; Psalms 102:27; John 3:16 Titus 1:3, Psalm 7:11, Hebrews 12:23, 1 Peter 1:3)

GOD, THE SON: JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the person of Jesus Christ, eternally existing, God's only begotten Son. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, fully God and fully man. He lived a sinless life, and His death on the cross is the only acceptable sacrifice for the sins of mankind. He was resurrected in the body and ascended into heaven, where He makes perpetual intercession for His people. We anticipate His imminent, personal, and visible return to earth. (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 23; Luke 1:34-35; John 3:16, John 1:1-2, 8:58 and 11:25; Romans 3:25, Acts 1:9, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:8; 1 John 4:14; Revelation 22:21, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Romans 5:6-8)

GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, eternally existing, Who was sent by the Father and Son to lead the lost to salvation through conviction of sin. He indwells, seals, regenerates, purifies, and empowers for ministry all who believe in Jesus Christ. He is an abiding helper, comforter, teacher, and guide for all who believe. (John 14:16-17 and 16:8-11; Romans 8:16-17, 26, Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 1:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 9:14)

MANKIND

We believe that mankind was created in the image of God as man and woman but fell into sin and is therefore separated from God. Each individual must give an account before God and is responsible for their own sin. (Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12-14)

SALVATION

We believe the shed blood of Jesus Christ is the only atoning sacrifice for sin. It alone provides the only means for forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God. Salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as his/her personal Lord and Savior, trusting Him alone to save, that person is immediately reborn spiritually and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all of his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord. Jesus' bodily resurrection from the grave provides the guarantee of eternal life for those who believe. (Acts 4:10-12, Ephesians 1:3-14, Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16, John 14:6, Romans 8:30; John 11:25, 2 Peter 3:9, Hebrews 10:11-14, Romans 3:23-24)

LAST THINGS

We believe in a literal Heaven and a literal Hell. Those who reject Jesus' free gift of salvation will spend eternity separated from God in Hell. All those who place their faith, hope, and trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Heaven. (Matthew 25:31-34, 41; Mark 9:42-49; Luke 12:5; John 3:18; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Peter 1:4; Revelation 14:10-11 and 20:11-15)