

Statement of Faith

This Statement of Faith presents core truths revealed in the Bible, and is intended to comport with the historical, Biblical, and orthodox Christian creeds, including the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. It is not an exhaustive statement of CBC's beliefs. The Bible itself speaks with final authority concerning truth, ethics, and morality, and supplies and defines CBC's Christian purpose, mission and vision. CBC's board of directors is responsible to apply the Bible to any and all matters touching upon CBC's beliefs, policies and operations.

The undersigned hereby certifies and affirms that he or she believes in the literal truth of each of the following statements, and recognizes each as part of the foundation of the true Christian faith and of the message and mission of the Church, so that no person who does not believe in the literal truth of each of the following should serve as a director, officer, or employee of the Church.

The Nature of God

We believe that God is one in essence, but that He subsists in three distinct and equal persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and that these three have precisely the same nature, attributes, and perfections (Isa 44:6; Matt. 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:1, 14; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:18; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:4-6).

The Scriptures

We believe in the Bible as God's unique authoritative revelation to mankind. We believe that the Scriptures are inspired and that both inspiration and inerrancy extend to every part of the writing as they came from God. We believe that the Bible is to be interpreted according to the normal laws of human language, and that the Scriptures are the sole necessary standard for faith and life (2 Sam 23:2; Mark 12:26, 35-37, 13:11; Luke 24:27,44; John 5:39; Acts 1:16,17:2-3; 18:28, 26:22-23; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 2:13, 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:21, 3:15-16).

Creation

We believe in God as absolute and sole Creator of the universe and that creation was by divine fiat, not by evolutionary process (Gen 1:1-2:3; Ex 20:8-11; Psalms 104; Heb 11:1-3).

Man's Dignity and Need

We believe that man was created by God in His image to enjoy His fellowship; that by man's own choice, he decided to rebel against his Creator; that every man since that time has been born with a propensity to sin; that man's personal sins cause him to have need of justification and redemption; and that sin is universal and without excuse (Gen. 1:26, 2:17, 3:1-24; 6:5; Psalms 14:13, 51:5; Jer. 17:9; John 3:6, 5:40 6:53; Rom. 1:18-23, 3:10-19; 8:6-7; Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 3:8).

Salvation

We believe that God, by His sovereign choice and out of love for mankind, sent Christ into the world to save sinners. We believe that man is justified before God simply by placing his personal trust in Christ, and that he is eternally secure in grace from that moment on. However, sin may interrupt the joy of His fellowship with God and may bring the loving discipline of his heavenly Father. We believe that there is no way of salvation other than through Christ (Lev. 17:11; Isa. 64:6; Matt. 26:28; John 1:12, 3:17-18, 36, 5:24, 6:29; Acts 3:19, 13:39, 16:31; Rom. 1:16-17, 3:22, 26, 4:5, 5:6-9, 10:4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:18, 22,6:15; Eph. 1:7, 2:8-9; Phil.3: 4-9; Tit. 3:5; Heb 12:2; Jas. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:18-19, 23).

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is both God and man; that His death paid a sufficient price to redeem any man who would believe in Him as personal Savior; that He rose from the dead bodily; that He ascended to the right hand of God the Father; and that He will return to the earth bodily and visibly to set up His eternal kingdom (Matt 3:17; John 1:29, 20:28; Rom. 3:25-26; 2 Cor. 5:14; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 10:5-14; 1 Pet. 3:18). This kingdom will be inaugurated on the present earth for a thousand years and will continue eternally on a new earth after the judgment of the great white throne (Isa. 11:1-16; Matt. 19:28; Rev. 2:26-27; 5:10; 11:15; 20:1-21:3).

Rewards

We believe that Christians will be judged by Christ for the purpose of distributing rewards, which are gained or lost by the believer's conduct subsequent to his conversion. We believe that God supplies not only forgiveness of sins, but power to live the Christian life as well as by giving to us the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer (Matt 25:14-30; Rom. 6:11-13, 8:2, 4, 12-13, 12:6; 1 Cor. 3:9-15, 9:18-27, 2 Cor. 5:10; Gal. 5:16-23; Eph. 4:11, 22-24; Col. 2:1-10; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 1 John 1:4-7, 3:5-9).

Marriage and the Family

Cornerstone Bible Church is committed to proclaiming and exhibiting the glory of God as it is set forth in the teaching of the Holy Scriptures regarding marriage and the family. The church will neither promote nor permit practices as part of its corporate life that violate biblical standards. When these standards are violated, penitent believers will find ready forgiveness with us, but we are committed to avoiding anything that can be regarded as a contradiction of biblical teaching. The Board of Elders bears responsibility for determining what constitutes such teaching. (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18, 2:24; Matt 19:4-6; Mark 10:1-12; Rom 1:24-27; 1 Cor 7:2-5; Eph 5:22-6:4; Col 3:18-21; Heb 13:4, 1 Pet. 3:1-7)

The undersigned further solemnly covenants that if he or she ceases for any reason to believe in the literal truth of each of the foregoing statements, he or she immediately will inform the Church Administrator or the Senior Pastor of such change, and immediately will resign from each position held and all employment with the Church. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, my signature below.

Printed Name

Signature

Date: _____

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