

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Section 1.

Concerning the Bible: The original text of the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God and thus infallible, completely reliable, and the only authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Section 2.

Concerning God: There is one true God who is most wise, most holy, most loving and gracious, and most just in His ways; eternally existent in three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and entirely sovereign over creation, history, revelation, salvation and final judgement.

Section 3.

Concerning our Lord Jesus Christ: He is God incarnate, conceived of the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless human life and performed divine miracles; He died as a vicarious, atoning sacrifice by shedding His blood for our sins and to destroy the works of Satan; He was raised bodily from the dead, ascended to heaven, continues His mediatorial work, and will personally return in power and glory.

Section 4.

Concerning the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father to bear witness to His Son; His power is essential for the regeneration of sinners, and His indwelling presence in all believers is vital for their progressive sanctification and witness. At the time a person trusts Christ as Saviour and Lord, he is baptised with the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit continues to dwell in the believer as he matures in his relationship with the Lord. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His Church. These gifts are to be exercised humbly and discreetly for the strengthening of the Church and should never be divisive or destructive. All believers are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption.

Section 5.

Concerning Man & Salvation: Created originally in the image of God, man became a fallen, lost and sinful being, who can be redeemed and restored to fellowship with God only by grace through personal faith in Christ, apart from works.

Section 6.

Concerning the Church: Through their union with the Head, all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are one in His Spirit and belong to His Body, the Church, which is committed to fulfil His Great Commission, by declaring His Gospel, discipling converts in all nations, and discharging its social responsibilities for the common good and for His glory.

Section 7.

Concerning the Future: Christ will return personally for His Church and will receive the Church - both the living and the dead. At His coming in all power and glory, there will be the bodily resurrection of all the dead - of believers to eternal blessedness, and of unbelievers to eternal punishment - and the perfection of the glorious Kingdom of God in a new heaven and new earth.

CHURCH COVENANT

"Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to abstain from all conduct which could be a cause of stumbling to others or be a hindrance to our spiritual growth and development, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we move from this place, we will not neglect fellowship and the worship with others of the same faith and order where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's Word."

Adopted 16 January 2010

Grace Baptist Church Music and Worship Ministry
Ministry Covenant

As a member of the Music and Worship Ministry, I understand fully that I am first a sinner saved by grace, now a child of the King, second, a member of Christ's redeemed body in a local congregation, and thirdly, a fellow laborer in service of Christ's Kingdom with brothers and sisters similarly gifted and called.

Promises as a Believer

I agree and believe the doctrinal standards of Grace Baptist Church as expressed in the Statement of Faith found in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Grace Baptist Church. A copy of the Statement of Faith is attached.

Promises as a Church Member

In accordance with these beliefs, I agree fully with the Church Covenant as found in the Memorandum of Articles of Association of Grace Baptist Church. A copy of this Covenant is attached.

Promises as a Ministry Member

I also agree to uphold and model the core values of the Music and Worship Ministry in my service and personal devotion: Word-centeredness, Cross-centeredness, and Heart-centeredness. I will attend regularly all ministry meetings and rehearsals relevant to my service. I resolve to pray diligently for the Music and Worship Ministry, and am committed to serving and loving the Congregation through prayer and cheerful encouragement. Recognizing that I am a steward of God's gifts, I will give myself to training and rehearsing to strive for excellence in service by God's grace. In cooperative service with other ministry members, building each other up in love and unity will be my utmost goal.

These I agree to do cheerfully, without reluctance or compulsion, trusting wholly in the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and for His glory.

Signature

Name

Date

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