

APPENDIX 1: STATEMENT OF FAITH

MORNINGSIDE BIBLE CHURCH

(Statement Revised 12/15/2019)

Article I - The Scripture

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God and without error in the original writings, and that they are supreme and final authority.

Article II- God

We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Article III - Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is fully God and fully man.

Article IV - Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, one with the Father and the Son, the indweller of every believer whereby each is sealed unto the day of the redemption of the body.

Article V - Devil

We believe in the existence and operating power of a real and personal being called Satan or the Devil. He is opposed to all righteousness and has exalted himself against all that God is and has.

Article VI - Hell

We believe in a literal hell, the place of eternal punishment for the wicked dead.

Article VII - Heaven

We believe in a literal place called heaven where God's immediate presence is manifested, where the angels are, and where the redeemed shall ultimately be, from whence Christ descended and ascended again, where He makes intercession for the saints, and from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Article VIII - Man

We believe that God created man in his own image and in a state of innocence, but that through temptation he willfully transgressed and became dead in trespasses and sins, whereby his posterity inherits a corrupt nature, being born in sin and under condemnation.

Article IX - Salvation

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that He arose from the dead in His glorified body, ascended into heaven and as our great High Priest and Advocate he ever lives to make intercession for us; that all who believe on His name are justified on the ground of His shed blood and receive the gift of eternal life by the grace of God.

Article X - Regeneration

We believe that regeneration is a divine and instantaneous work of the Holy Spirit whereby God imparts life to one dead in trespasses and sin.

Article XI - Sanctification

We believe that sanctification is a divine and progressive work of the Holy Spirit whereby God, upon the ground of the finished work of Christ on the cross, His present intercessory ministry, and His Divine Word, sets the believer apart and works out, in, and through him by means of a submissive will that which is well pleasing to Himself through Jesus Christ. This work culminates in the redemption of the body.

Article XII - The Church

We believe that the universal church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible as local church gatherings of believers who are committed to each other for worship of God, preaching of the Word, pastoral care and discipline, and making disciples. In the matters of administration and policy, it is self-governing.

Article XIII - Baptism

We believe that Christian baptism by immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the Bible mode of baptism and testifies of the believer's faith in, and identification with, the crucified, buried and risen Savior.

Article XIV - The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance whereby believers show forth the Lord's death till he comes.

Article XV – The Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the imminent, personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ.