

Statement of Faith (What We Believe)

The Bible

We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testament is verbally and completely inerrant in the original writings and of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

A. Verbally and completely inerrant

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Peter 1:20-22

John 10:35

Mathew 5:18

1 Thessalonians 2:13

God

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

A. One God

Deuteronomy 6:4

Isaiah 44:6

B. Three Persons

Matthew 28:18-19

2 Corinthians 13:14

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man.

A. True God

Matthew 1:20-25

B. True Man

John 1:1-2, 14

Matthew 1:20-25

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father as promised to convict the world of sin, to glorify Jesus Christ and to transform the lives of believers into the likeness of Christ.

A. Convict the World

John 16:8

B. Glorify Jesus

John 15:26, 16:14

C. Transform lives of believers

John 14:16-26

1 Corinthians 2:12

Romans 8:9-11

Ephesians 1:13

Man

We believe man was created in the image of God, that God wonderfully and immutably created each person as a biological male or a biological female to reflect His image and for His glory; that man sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but spiritual death, which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born separated from God with a sinful nature.

A. Created in the image of God

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 9:6

James 3:9

B. Man sinned

Romans 5:12

Genesis 3:1-24

Christ's Death

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to Scripture as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are redeemed and justified on the ground of His shed blood.

A. Substitute for us

2 Corinthians 5:15, 21

B. Redeemed us

1 Peter 1:18-19

C. Justified us

Romans 3:23-26, 5:1

Christ's Bodily Resurrection, Ascension, Priestly Ministry

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, His ascension into heaven and His present life for us as High Priest and Advocate.

A. Bodily resurrection

Romans 1:4; 6:1-11

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

B. Ascension

Acts 1:9

C. Priestly ministry

Hebrews 7:25; 9:24

Romans 8:31-34

Christ's Return

We believe in "that Blessed Hope" which is the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A. Personal

Acts 1:11

Titus 2:13

Salvation

We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.

A. By grace through faith in Christ alone

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:3-7

John 14:6

Acts 4:12

B. Eternal security of the believer

Hebrews 7:25; 10:14-23

Romans 8:29-34

John 10:28-29

1 John 5:13

Bodily Resurrection of All

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost along with Satan and other fallen angels.

A. To heaven

Matthew 25:34, 41, 46

B. To hell

Matthew 25:34, 41, 46

Revelation 20:10-15
2 Thessalonians 1:9

The Church

We believe the Church is a spiritual organism made up of all believers in Christ; that in its local manifestation it is an autonomous assembly of believers.

A. Universal

Colossians 1:18

B. Local

Autonomous and self-governing

Philippians 1:1

Ordinances

Baptism

Matthew 28:19-20

Romans 6:1-11

Lord's Supper/Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Church members and the community, all persons employed by the Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, must abide by and agree to the Statement of Faith and conduct themselves accordingly.

Marriage

We believe the term “marriage” has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

A. Marriage

Genesis 2:22-24

Matthew 19:4-6

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper doctrine of mankind, and is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Church doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the Elder Board with the guidance of the Senior Pastor is the Church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

I have read and agree with North Bible Church's Statement of Faith:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

