

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in:

The Holy Scriptures.

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, and infallible (*II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12, 13*).

The Godhead.

We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections (*Deuteronomy 6:4; II Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 3:16, 17; John 14:26; 15:26; Matthew 28:19*).

The Person and Work of Christ.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men (*John 1:1, 2, 14; Luke 1:35*).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice; and, that our justification is made sure by His literal physical resurrection from the dead.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate (*Acts 1:9, 10; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25; Romans 8:34; I John 2:1, 2*).

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person and convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; and, that He is the supernatural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (*John 16:8-11; II Corinthians 3:6; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13, 14*).

We believe that He is the Divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth; and, that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit (*John 16:13; I John 2:20, 27; Ephesians 5:18*).

Man's Sinful Nature.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature (*Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:22, 23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12*).

Salvation.

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins (*Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18, 19*).

The Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers.

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (*John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38, 39; I Corinthians 1:4-8; I Peter 1:5*).

We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; which, however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh (*Romans 13:13, 14; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-15*).

Separation.

We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, from all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations is commended by God (*II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2; 14:13; I John 2:15-17; II John 9:11; II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1*).

Missions.

We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind (*Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 5:19-20*).

The Ministry and Spiritual Gifts.

We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts; and, that the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today (*I Corinthians 12:4-11; II Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7-12*).

We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted (*John 15:7; I John 5:14, 15; James 5:14, 15*).

The Church.

We believe that the Church, which is the body and the bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of the present age (*Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:25, 27; I Corinthians 12:12, 14; II Corinthians 11:2*).

We believe that a local church is a company of professed believers in Jesus Christ associated for worship, service, fellowship, and the observance of the ordinances, which are believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper (*Matthew 28:18-19; Acts 2: 37-41, 8:12, 8:16, 8:32-38, 22:16; Romans 10:9-10*).

The Personality of Satan.

We believe that Satan is a person; the author of sin and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and, that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (*Job 1:6, 7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 25:41; Revelation 20:10; II Corinthians 4:4; I Peter 5:8*).

The Second Advent of Christ.

We believe in that "Blessed Hope"—the personal, imminent, and premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones; and in His subsequent return to earth, with His Saints, to establish His Millennial Kingdom (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 14:1-6; Acts 1:11; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6; I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; Revelation 3:10*).

The Eternal State.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (*Matthew 25:46; John 5:28, 29; 11:25, 26; Revelation 20:5, 6, 12-15*).