



**CLACKAMAS  
BIBLE CHURCH  
DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

### THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is the authentic Word of God, His written revelation to man.<sup>1</sup> We believe the Bible is eternal, unchanging,<sup>2</sup> verbally inspired, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts,<sup>3</sup> and reliably preserved throughout all generations. We believe the Bible is the supreme authority in the life of the believer and in the function of the church.<sup>4</sup>

- 1 - Deuteronomy 29:29
- 2 - Matthew 5:18; 24:35
- 3 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17;  
2 Peter 1:20-21
- 4 - Matthew 4:4

### THE GODHEAD

We believe in one True God: <sup>1</sup> Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; <sup>2</sup> eternal in being, identical in nature, equal in power and glory, having precisely the same attributes and perfections <sup>3</sup>

- 1 - Deuteronomy 6:4  
I Corinthians 8:6
- 2 - Matthew 28:19  
2 Corinthians 13:14
- 3 - Acts 5:3-4  
Hebrews 1:1-13

### MAN'S CREATION AND FALL

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God,<sup>1</sup> but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sin nature and consequent alienation from God, and came under judicial sentence of death.<sup>2</sup>

- 1 - Genesis 1:26-27
- 2 - Romans 5:12; 3:23; 6:23

### THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God;<sup>1</sup> that without ceasing to be God He became a man,<sup>2</sup> having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.<sup>3</sup> We believe the Son of God came to glorify the Father<sup>4</sup> by revealing God,<sup>5</sup> destroying the works of the devil,<sup>6</sup> and redeeming sinful people by His substitutionary, atoning death through His blood shed on the cross.<sup>7</sup> We believe in the physical resurrection of our Lord's crucified body;<sup>8</sup> His bodily ascension into heaven;<sup>9</sup> His exaltation to the right hand of the Father<sup>10</sup> where, as High Priest of His people,<sup>11</sup> He fulfills the ministry of Representative,<sup>12</sup> Intercessor,<sup>13</sup> and Advocate.<sup>14</sup> We believe in the imminent,<sup>15</sup> bodily<sup>16</sup> coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church<sup>17</sup> and His subsequent premillennial return to establish His Kingdom on earth.<sup>18</sup>

- 1 - John 1:1, 1:14
- 2 - Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 2:9
- 3 - Luke 1:34-35
- 4 - John 17:1-4
- 5 - John 1:14-18; Colossians 1:15;  
Hebrews 1:3
- 6 - 1 John 3:8
- 7 - Romans 3:24-25; Ephesians 1:7;

- Colossians 1:19-20
- 8 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Luke 24:36-43
- 9 - Acts 1:9-11
- 10 - Ephesians 1:20-23;  
Philippians 2:9-11
- 11 - Hebrews 4:14-16
- 12 - Hebrews 9:24
- 13 - Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34
- 14 - 1 John 2:1
- 15 - Matthew 24:37-44
- 16 - Acts 1:11
- 17 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
- 18 - Revelation 20:4-6; Zechariah 14:4-11

### THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit;<sup>1</sup> that He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment;<sup>2</sup> that He regenerates the individual,<sup>3</sup> and indwells,<sup>4</sup> enlightens,<sup>5</sup> and guides the believer;<sup>6</sup> that He baptizes every believer into the body of Christ,<sup>7</sup> and seals every believer for the day of redemption.<sup>8</sup> We believe that the Holy Spirit strengthens us with power, testifying of the LORD Jesus Christ, so that we might know the love of Christ and the fullness of God.<sup>9</sup>

- 1 - John 14:16-17
- 2 - John 16:7-11
- 3 - Titus 3:5
- 4 - Romans 8:9
- 5 - Ephesians 1:15-18
- 6 - John 16:13
- 7 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- 8 - Ephesians 4:30
- 9 - Ephesians 3:14-19

## SALVATION

We believe that salvation is entirely the gracious work of God<sup>1</sup> wherein the Holy Spirit, by means of the gospel message,<sup>2</sup> moves upon the sinner with regenerating power,<sup>3</sup> bringing forth repentance from sin<sup>4</sup> and faith in the LORD Jesus Christ<sup>5</sup> as the only hope of eternal life.<sup>6</sup> We believe that every person who believes in the LORD Jesus Christ for salvation is justified before God only on the merits of the perfect life and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ.<sup>7</sup> We believe that those God justifies will experience an ongoing work of sanctification,<sup>8</sup> and that believers should joyfully persevere in this process.<sup>9</sup> We believe that saving faith manifests itself in works pleasing to God.<sup>10</sup> We further believe that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ forever.<sup>11</sup>

- 1 – Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 – 1 Corinthians 1:21; 1 Peter 1:23
- 3 – Titus 3:4-7
- 4 – Luke 24:46-47
- 5 – Acts 20:21
- 6 – 1 John 5:11-12
- 7 – Romans 3:21-26
- 8 – 2 Timothy 2:19-22
- 9 – 2 Corinthians 7:1;  
Philippians 2:12-13
- 10 – Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-26
- 11 – John 10:27-30; Romans 8:28-39

## THE CHURCH

We believe that the universal Church, which is the body and Bride of Christ,<sup>1</sup> is a spiritual organism made up of all born again persons, irrespective of their affiliation with Christian organizations.<sup>2</sup>

- 1 – Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27
- 2 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

We believe that this universal Church is manifested in various places in the form of local churches.<sup>1</sup> We believe that a local church is an organized body<sup>2</sup> of believers in the LORD Jesus Christ who meet together regularly<sup>3</sup> for worship,<sup>4</sup> instruction in God's Word,<sup>5</sup> mutual edification,<sup>6</sup> observance of the ordinances,<sup>7</sup> and the exercise of discipline.<sup>8</sup> When not purposefully gathered, the members are strategically placed by God in the community and the world to carry out the great commission until the LORD returns.<sup>9</sup>

- 1 – Acts 14:23; Galatians 1:2  
1 Thessalonians 1:1
- 2 – 1 Corinthians 12:18;  
1 Timothy 3:1-15
- 3 – Hebrews 10:2
- 4 – Acts 2:46-47
- 5 – Acts 2:42
- 6 – 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- 7 – Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- 8 – Matthew 18:15-20;  
Hebrews 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 5:4-5
- 9 – Genesis 12:2-3; Matthew 28:18-20;  
1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

## THE PERSONALITY OF SATAN

We believe the person of Satan was originally created a blameless and perfect being, but through pride and wicked ambition rebelled against God,<sup>1</sup> thus becoming utterly depraved in character, the great adversary of God and His people,<sup>2</sup> leader of all other evil angels and wicked spirits,<sup>3</sup> the deceiver and god of this present world.<sup>4</sup> His powers are vast, but strictly limited by the permissive will of God Who overrules all his wicked devices for good;<sup>5</sup> he was defeated by our

LORD Jesus Christ and judged at the cross,<sup>6</sup> and therefore his eternal doom in the lake of fire is certain.<sup>7</sup> Believers in the LORD Jesus Christ, clothed in the full armor of God,<sup>8</sup> are able to resist<sup>9</sup> and overcome him by the blood of the Lamb,<sup>10</sup> and the power of the Holy Spirit.

- 1 – Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19
- 2 – Job 1 & 2; 1 Peter 5:8
- 3 – Revelation 12:7-9
- 4 – 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Ephesians 2:1-3
- 5 – Job 42:10-17
- 6 – John 12:31-33; Colossians 2:13-15
- 7 – Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10
- 8 – Ephesians 6:10-17
- 9 – James 4:7
- 10 – Revelation 12:11

## THE ETERNAL STATE

We believe that upon physical death the soul of one who has trusted in the LORD Jesus Christ for salvation passes immediately into His presence,<sup>1</sup> and there remains in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming, when soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in glory.<sup>2</sup> We believe that upon physical death, the soul of an unbeliever remains in conscious suffering<sup>3</sup> until the final judgment, when soul and body reunited in physical resurrection shall be punished forever in the lake of fire,<sup>4</sup> away from the presence of the LORD and from the glory of His power.<sup>5</sup>

- 1 – 2 Corinthians 5:6-8
- 2 – Philippians 3:20-21;  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 3 – Luke 16:19-26
- 4 – Matthew 25:41, 46;  
Revelation 20:11-15
- 5 – 2 Thessalonians 1:9