



Clackamas Bible Church

Doctrinal Statement

The Bible

We believe the Bible is the authentic Word of God, His written revelation to man.¹ We believe the Bible is eternal, unchanging,² verbally inspired, inerrant and infallible in the original manuscripts,³ 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.⁴

- 1 - Deut. 29:29
- 2 - Matt. 5:18; 24:35
- 3 - 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pe. 1:20-21
- 4 - Matt. 4:4

The Godhead

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

- 1 - Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6
- 2 - Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14
- 3 - Acts 5:3-4; Heb. 1:1-13

Man's Creation and Fall

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God,¹ 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.²

- 1 - Gen. 1:26-27
- 2 - Rom. 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;¹ that without ceasing to be God He became a man,² having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.³ We believe the Son of God came to glorify the Father⁴ by revealing God,⁵ destroying the works of the devil,⁶ and redeeming sinful people by His substitutionary, atoning death through His blood shed on the cross.⁷ We believe in the physical resurrection of our Lord's crucified body;⁸ His bodily ascension into heaven;⁹ His exaltation to the right hand of the Father¹⁰ where, as High Priest of His people,¹¹ He fulfills the ministry of Representative,¹² Intercessor,¹³ and Advocate.¹⁴ We believe in the imminent,¹⁵ bodily¹⁶ coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church¹⁷ and His subsequent premillennial return to establish His Kingdom on earth.¹⁸

- 1 - Jn. 1:1, 14
- 2 - Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 2:9
- 3 - Lk. 1:34-35
- 4 - Jn. 17:1-4
- 5 - Jn. 1:14-18; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3
- 6 - 1 Jn. 3:8

- 7 - Rom. 3:24-25; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:19-20
- 8 - 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Lk. 24:36-43
- 9 - Acts 1:9-11
- 10 - Eph. 1:20-23; Phil. 2:9-11
- 11 - Heb. 4:14-16
- 12 - Heb. 9:24
- 13 - Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34
- 14 - 1 Jn. 2:1
- 15 - Matt. 24:37-44
- 16 - Acts 1:11
- 17 - 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11
- 18 - Rev. 20:4-6; Zech. 14:4-11

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit;¹ that He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment;² that He regenerates the individual,³ and indwells,⁴ enlightens,⁵ and guides the believer;⁶ that He baptizes every believer into the body of Christ,⁷ and seals every believer for the day of redemption.⁸ 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.⁹

- 1 - Jn. 14:16-17
- 2 - Jn. 16:7-11
- 3 - Titus 3:5
- 4 - Rom. 8:9
- 5 - Eph. 1:15-18
- 6 - Jn. 16:13
- 7 - 1 Cor. 12:12-13
- 8 - Eph. 4:30
- 9 - Eph. 3:14-19

Salvation

We believe that salvation is entirely the gracious work of God¹ wherein the Holy Spirit, by means of the gospel message,² moves upon the sinner with regenerating power,³ bringing forth repentance from sin⁴ and faith in the LORD Jesus Christ⁵ as the only hope of eternal life.⁶ 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.⁷ We believe that those God justifies will experience an ongoing work of sanctification,⁸ and that believers should joyfully persevere in this process.⁹ We believe that saving faith manifests itself in works pleasing to God.¹⁰ We further believe that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ forever.¹¹

- 1 - Eph. 2:8-9
- 2 - 1 Cor. 1:21; 1 Pe. 1:23
- 3 - Titus 3:4-7
- 4 - Lk. 24:46-47
- 5 - Acts 20:21
- 6 - 1 Jn. 5:11-12
- 7 - Rom. 3:21-26
- 8 - 2 Tim. 2:19-22
- 9 - 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 2:12-13
- 10 - Eph. 2:8-10; James 2:14-26
- 11 - Jn. 10:27-30; Rom. 8:28-39

The Church

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

- 1 - Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-27
- 2 - 1 Cor. 12:12-14

We believe that this universal Church is

manifested in various places in the form of local churches.¹ We believe that a local church is an organized body² of believers in the LORD Jesus Christ who meet together regularly³ for worship,⁴ instruction in God's Word,⁵ mutual edification,⁶ observance of the ordinances,⁷ and the exercise of discipline.⁸ 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.⁹

- 1 - Acts 14:23; Gal. 1:2; 1 Thess. 1:1
- 2 - 1 Cor. 12:18; 1 Tim. 3:1-15
- 3 - Heb. 10:23-25
- 4 - Acts 2:46-47
- 5 - Acts 2:42
- 6 - 1 Thess. 5:11
- 7 - Acts 2:41; 1 Cor. 11:23-26
- 8 - Matt. 18:15-20; Heb. 3:12-13; 1 Cor. 5:4-5
- 9 - Gen. 12:2-3; Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Thess. 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,¹ thus becoming utterly depraved in character, the great adversary of God and His people,² leader of all other evil angels and wicked spirits,³ the deceiver and god of this present world.⁴ His powers are vast, but strictly limited by the permissive will of God Who over-rules all his wicked devices for good,⁵ that he was defeated by our LORD Jesus Christ and judged at the cross,⁶ and therefore his eternal doom in the lake of fire is certain.⁷ Believers in the LORD Jesus Christ, clothed in the full armor of God,⁸ are able to resist⁹ and overcome him by the blood of the Lamb,¹⁰ and the power of the Holy

Spirit.

- 1 - Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19
- 2 - Job 1 & 2; 1 Pe. 5:8
- 3 - Rev. 12:7-9
- 4 - 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Eph. 2:1-3
- 5 - Job 42:10-17
- 6 - Jn. 12:31-33; Col. 2:13-15
- 7 - Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10
- 8 - Eph. 6:10-17
- 9 - James 4:7
- 10 - Rev. 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,¹ 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.² We believe that upon physical death the soul of an unbeliever remains in conscious suffering³ until the final judgment, when soul and body reunited in physical resurrection shall be punished forever in the lake of fire,⁴ away from the presence of the LORD and from the glory of His power.⁵

- 1 - 2 Cor. 5:6-8
- 2 - Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- 3 - Lk. 16:19-26
- 4 - Matt. 25:41,46; Rev. 20:11-15
- 5 - 2 Thess. 1:9

Conclusion

We not only believe that this body of doctrine is a sacred trust to be preserved and taught in its purity, but we also believe it is a life to be lived and a gospel to be preached.