

Fellowship Bible Church

Articles of Faith

1. GOD – We believe that there is one God, creator and sovereign ruler of the universe, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons as the incomprehensible trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each worthy of the same homage and obedience.
2. THE BIBLE – We believe that the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings and essentially accurate as preserved by the Holy Spirit and that it is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of all people, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
3. JESUS CHRIST – We believe that Jesus is all God and all Man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He lived a sinless life to reveal God and He died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins. He physically arose from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where He is our high priest and advocate.
4. MANKIND & SIN – We believe that human beings were directly created by God in His image, but through the historic fall into sin, the entire human race came under God's condemnation and were consequentially lost and became spiritually dead, every person being born with a sin nature. Without God's provision for salvation, no one is able to enter the Kingdom of God.
5. SALVATION – We believe that the only way of salvation from the consequences of our sin is in the free gift and grace of God, as provided in the death of Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed for our forgiveness. This gift beyond worth, is received by means of a personal transaction between every person and God, transferring all trust for salvation from one's own efforts, to only what Christ has done on the cross and in his subsequent resurrection.
6. THE HOLY SPIRIT – We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to convict people of sin, impart new spiritual life to the repentant and believing sinner, and then to indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE – We believe that Christian believers are to walk by faith and not by our five senses and that it is our duty to be filled with, or controlled by, the Holy Spirit and to exercise our spiritual gifts as sovereignly given by the Holy Spirit, for the benefit of the body of Christ. We are citizens of Heaven, pilgrims passing through this world, with the mission to proclaim Christ and to live lives consistent with His.
8. ANGELS, SATAN & DEMONS – We believe that there is a real, but invisible world of personal beings, contending for the souls of mankind. Some do the work and will of God (angels) while others (fallen angels or demons), do the evil work and will of Satan.
9. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST – We believe that the next great event in the history of the world, is the rapture of the church by Jesus Christ to receive unto Himself, all of His own. Those who have previously died are raised and those who are alive at His coming meet the Lord in the air. This is our blessed hope. There will follow a time of great tribulation on the earth, after which Christ will return to earth with all the saints for His millennial reign. There will be a great and final judgment and then eternity with Him.
10. HEAVEN & HELL – We believe that the souls of those who have trusted Christ do at death immediately pass into His joyful presence and remain until the resurrection of their new bodies at the rapture, thereafter to spend eternity in a new body with Him. Souls of unbelievers at death, remain consciously separated from God until the final judgment when soul and body are united and eternally separated from God.
11. THE CHURCH – We believe that the Church is composed of all people in the world who, having placed their faith in Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, are united in one "Body" of Christ of which He is the head. All body members are to represent Jesus in the world, manifest His love for each other, and to spread the gospel to all the world.
12. ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH – We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper (communion) are to be observed by the Church. Neither is a means of salvation, but they are outward symbols of 1) our new life and our identification with Jesus Christ (water baptism), and 2) a memorial to the broken body and shed blood of Christ for our sins (communion).