

What We Believe

Section 1: The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the verbal, inspired Word of God, authoritative, and without error in **the original manuscripts**. We further believe that the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are designed for our practical instruction in faith and conduct.

Section 2: The Godhead

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God.

Section 3: The Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, came into the world that He might manifest God to men, fulfill prophecy, and become the Redeemer of a lost world. To this end, He was born of the Virgin Mary, received a human body and a sinless human nature without ceasing to be God.

We believe that, in infinite love for the lost, He voluntarily accepted His Father's will and became the divinely provided sacrificial lamb and took away the sins of the world.

We believe that He arose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died and that His resurrected body is the pattern of that body which ultimately will be given to all believers.

We believe that, on departing from the wrath, His Father accepted him and that His acceptance is a final assurance to us that His redeeming works was perfectly accomplished.

We believe that He became Head over all things to the church, which is His body, and in this ministry He does not cease to intercede and to be an advocate for the saved.

Section 4: The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, The Third Person of the Trinity, dwells in every believer immediately after he places his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that God provides, through the Holy Spirit, power to live the Christian life.

We believe that every believer receives grace from God in the form of a spiritual gift, which enables him to function as a member of the body of Christ.

Section 5: **The Personality of Satan**

We believe that Satan, the devil, is the prince of demons and is the declared adversary of God and man. However, when the Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross-, He limited the power of the devil and guaranteed the ultimate triumph of God.

Section 6: **Salvation**

We believe that no one can enter the kingdom of God unless born again spiritually, and that the new birth of the believer comes only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We believe, also, that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ has accomplished our redemption, this redemption is by the grace of God, an unmerited gift, given involve by God and not the result of any human works.

We believe that upon receiving the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, the believer passes immediately out of spiritual death into spiritual life and into fellowship with God.

We believe that once this salvation is accomplished, all true believers we everywhere shall be kept saved forever.

Section 7: **The Church**

We believe that all who are united to the risen and ascended Son of God are members of the Church, which is the body of Christ.

We believe that the explicit message of our Lord Jesus Christ to those whom He has saved is to make Christ known to the whole world and that this is the purpose of the Church through the individuals within it.

We believe that local churches, such as Fair Park Bible Fellowship, gather together for practical instruction in the Scriptures, for fellowship with God and with other believers, and for corporate witness to the unsaved world. Our common spiritual goal is to grow toward Christ's likeness.

Section 8: **The Rapture and The Second Coming of Christ**

We believe that a future period of great tribulation on the earth will be climaxed by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth as He went in person in the clouds with power and great glory to establish His millennial kingdom. But prior to this tribulation, we believe there will be the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the air to receive to Himself into heaven both His own who are alive and remain until His coming and also all who have died in Christ Jesus.

Section 9: Eternal State

We believe that at death the spirits and souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation pass immediately in to His presence and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the glorified body when Christ comes for his own, where upon soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in glory. All those who rejected Jesus Christ will eternally be separated from God to endure His eternal wrath forever. (II Corinthians 5:8; Revelations

Section 10: The Responsibility of Leaders

We believe that God appoints leaders (Elders and Deacons) to guide His church in the understanding and application of Holy Scriptures. It is their responsibility to be examples of godliness as they see to the spiritual well being and protection of the flock over which God has given the charge.

Section 11: Church Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper to be observed by all believers until His return.

We believe that the ordinance of baptism is immersion of the believer in water as it sets forth the essential facts in redemption—the death and resurrection of Christ and the essential resurrection to newness of life

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a privilege afforded to all believers in commemoration of our Lord's death until He comes.