

CRADLE

Doctrinal Statement

The Bible. We believe that the Holy Bible as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore, is Truth. We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1)

The Godhead. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17; Isaiah 44:6-8).

God the Father. We believe there is one and only one living and true God, infinite Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal on every divine perfection, and executing distinctly by harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (Genesis 1:1).

God the Son. We believe in the full deity and total humanity of our lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his personal return in power and glory (John 1:1, 5:8; Matthew 1:18-23).

God the Holy Spirit. WE believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that he was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer (Job 33:4; John 16:8-11, 13:15; Romans 8:2; Titus 3:5; I Corinthians 6:19, 12:13; Ephesians 4:30, 5:8).

Salvation. We believe that for the salvation of the lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, Who by the appointment of the Father freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord bearing our sin in His own body on the tree; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the most tender sympathies and divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior (John 3:1-4).

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only condition of salvation. It is wholly apart from works and is upon the sole condition of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and never without genuine repentance. In order to be saved the sinner must be born again, personally receiving Christ as Savior, being regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit through faith in the Gospel and becoming the recipient of a new nature (John 8:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; I Corinthians 1:10; I John 2:2).

We believe that all the redeemed once saved are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. We believe that he redeemed are to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation, which cannot be lost, through the testimony of God's Word, which however, clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an excuse for sinful living and carnality (Romans 8:1, 31-39; I Peter 1:4-5; Jude 24; Romans 6:15; Titus 2:11-14).

Resurrection. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (I Corinthians 15:20).

Marriage. We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. We do recognize that some sincerely struggle in the area of sexuality and same sex attraction. However we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.
(Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9)

The Sanctity of the Human Life. We believe that all human life is sacred from fertilization throughout the human life continuum. We believe that human beings are created in God's image and, as such, are to be protected. We believe the weak, elderly, vulnerable, infirm, handicapped, and preborn need and deserve our respect and our care. Therefore, we oppose those practices, policies, or procedures which undermine or deny the God-given right to life of every human being. We reject the notion that there are some lives not worthy of living and embrace the belief that we should graciously receive and protect all human life God gives (Genesis 1:26-27).

Spiritual Unity. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:3).

I have carefully read this doctrinal statement and agree completely with it.

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