

Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Section 1. We believe that the Bible is the complete and verbally inspired Word of God and without error in the original manuscripts, and therefore, the supreme standard for faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:16,17; II Peter 1:21).

Section 2. We believe in one, living, eternal, and true God, existing in three persons as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; I Timothy 1:17; II Corinthians 13:14).

Section 3. We believe in the absolute deity of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:1, 2, 14); in His virgin birth (Luke 1:35); in His perfect humanity (that is, it was impossible for Him to sin); His vicarious death (Romans 3:24, 25) through the shedding of His blood for the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7); His bodily resurrection and ascension; His present high priestly ministry (Hebrews 7:25); and in “That Blessed Hope,” the personal, imminent and premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones (Titus 2:13); and His subsequent return to earth with His saints to establish His millennial kingdom (Revelation 19:11-16).

Section 4. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Person Who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8-11), and that He is the agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12-14), indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption (Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13, 14).

Section 5. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26, 27), but that in Adam’s sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God (Romans 3:22-23; 5:12); and that man is totally depraved and, of himself, utterly unable to redeem his lost condition (Ephesians 2:1-3, 12).

Section 6. We believe that the salvation of the sinner is wholly of grace through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8, 9), and that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God’s power and are secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40; I Peter 1:5).

Section 7. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowing of all His gifts (I Corinthians 12:4-11), and that the gifts of evangelists, pastors, and teachers are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today (Ephesians 4:7-12), and that speaking in tongues and the working of sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established. We believe that God does heal and answer the prayer of faith, in accord with His own will, for the sick and afflicted (James 5:14,15).

Section 8. We believe the Church of Jesus was begun at Pentecost and is the Body and Bride of Christ, a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age. We also believe in the local church as defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Ephesians 1:22,23; I Corinthians 12:12-14; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11).

Section 9. We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire (Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

Section 10. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Section 11. We believe that the Lord’s Supper, as instituted by Christ, is a perpetual remembrance to all believers of His sacrificial death, and is to be observed “till He come” (I Corinthians 11:23-29).

Section 12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost (John 5:28,29; II Corinthians 5:8; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15).