



DOCTRINAL BELIEF STATEMENT

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired of God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are the eternal, supreme, and final authority in faith and life. *(2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matt. 24:35)*
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *(Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19-20; Eph. 4:4-6)*
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We believe He is true God and true Man and that though He was tempted as we are He did not sin. *(Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-35; Phil. 2:5-8; Heb. 4:15)*
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are totally depraved and unable to remedy their own helpless state. *(Gen. 1:27; Rom. 3:23, 5:12; 1 John 1:8,10; Eph. 2:1-9)*
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified through His shed blood. *(1 Cor. 15:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 1:7-8; Heb. 9:27-28; 1 John 2:2)*
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life as High Priest and Advocate. *(Acts 1:9; 1Tim. 2:5; 1Cor. 15:1-8, 20-22; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:14)*
7. We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God and are made members of the one Body, the true Church of Jesus Christ. *(John 3:3-5; Acts 16:30-31; 1 Cor. 12:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14)*

8. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (*John 5:28-29; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:11-15*)

TEACHING DISTINCTIVES

We hold the following Teaching Distinctives to be Biblical truth and as such, do not allow for varied teaching on these matters:

1. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We also believe that God designed sexual intercourse to take place within marriage only. We believe that He designed and ordained the marriage relationship to be between one man and one woman. We believe sexual intercourse and/or other intimate sexual acts that take place outside of marriage to be sin. (*Ex. 20:14; 1 Cor. 6:18; Gen. 1:26-27, 2:24; Matt. 5:27-28, 19:4-6; 1 Tim. 3:2, 12; Col. 3:5-6; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27*)
2. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Physical life is God's sovereign gift; this makes all human life sacred and we are morally and scripturally bound to protect it from the moment of conception until natural death. Deliberate killing of the unborn, the sick, the disabled or the elderly is forbidden by God the Giver of life. (*Gen. 1:27, 9:6; Psalm 139:13-18; Proverbs 31:8-9; Jer. 1:5*)
3. We believe the Bible supports a pre-tribulation rapture, the personal and impending return of Christ, seven-year tribulation, and the return of Christ to reign 1,000 years with the saints, after which the eternal state will be unfolded. (*1 Thess. 4:16-17; Dan. 9:27; Rev. 20:6-7; John 14:3*)
4. We recognize that women were used in the N.T. to teach men outside of the church setting. When expositional teaching is given at Living Waters Bible Camp, we believe that a man should teach when the target audience includes men. We use this practice at Living Waters to model what is ultimately to be seen at the local church. This does not preclude women from experiential sharing (e.g., experiences on mission trips or husband and wife team sharing marriage or relationship counseling). (*Acts 18:26*)
5. We believe that all the saved are sealed by the Holy Spirit, kept by God's power, and are thus secure in Christ forever. (*Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30; John 10:28*)
6. We believe in the continued expression of the spiritual gifts, however, "sign gifts" such as healing, commanded miracles, raising the dead, speaking in and interpreting tongues appear to have been given primarily for authentication in the apostolic generation and are extremely rare today and should be evaluated within their original intent of confirming God's message and messengers, for the sole purpose of advancing the Gospel in areas where the name of Jesus has not been heard. Jesus was accredited (verified) by God as Israel's Messiah through miracles and signs and wonders before His crucifixion, the apostles were approved as a continuation of Christ's authority on earth in the same way after His resurrection. These gifts are not mentioned with the other gifts of the Church in Romans 12:6-9. (*1 Cor. 12:7-11, 27-31; Acts*

2:22, 14:11)

7. We believe in a literal six-day creation as outlined in Genesis and other places in the Bible. We believe in a young earth which was scarred through sin and the fall. We also hold to a literal interpretation of the deluge during the time of Noah. We believe there was no death before sin. (*Rom. 5:12; Gen. 1:1; Gen. 6-8*)
8. We believe that all people are descended from Adam and Eve and are therefore of one blood. We believe that only one human race exists, and that any discrimination based on someone's natural physical characteristics is sin. Further, we believe that God is the creator of diversity, desires that all people should be saved, and will redeem people from every tribe, language, people, and nation who come to a saving faith in Christ. (*Gen. 3:20; Rev. 5:9; Ex. 4:11; 1 Sam. 16:7; Acts 10:34; Gal. 3:28*)

FINAL AUTHORITY FOR MATTERS OF BELIEF AND CONDUCT

This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Living Waters Bible Camp's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is Living Waters Bible Camp's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.