



Temple Baptist Church

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible

We believe the Bible is the inerrant, inspired Word of God and that it is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

God

We believe God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Jesus Christ

We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, His death to pay the penalty of our sins, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, and His Personal, imminent, and pre-millennial return.

Sin

We believe man was created in the image of God, but fell through sin and is, therefore, guilty before God and under His condemnation.

Salvation

We believe salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When, by faith, we turn to the Lord, admit our sin, believe Jesus died and rose again, and ask Him to save and forgive us, we are saved.

Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into their life, by faith.

Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to enlighten, guide, comfort, and enable them to do what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift, when they are saved, for the building up of the body of Christ. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

Eternal Security

We believe God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ and therefore, the believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose it". Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.

End Times

We believe Jesus Christ Himself will come again in the air to catch up His Church and to reward their service. The unbelievers left behind will go through a period called the Tribulation, after which Christ will return to the earth to set up His Kingdom of one thousand years of righteous rule. After this, the unbelievers of all ages will stand at the Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire, separated from God forever, while the believers spend eternity in the fullness of joy in Heaven with the Lord.

Church

We believe God is working in and through local churches today. Local churches are assemblies of believers who are baptized by immersion, organized with Biblical offices, and meeting with the purpose of evangelism and edification.