

Statement of Faith and Beliefs

As adopted in our Church By-Laws

At **Grace City Church of North Dallas**, our **Statement of Faith** provides a doctrinal foundation that gives **stability and identity** to our church. We believe each aspect of our doctrinal statement is essential for defining and upholding the biblical truth entrusted to us.

While we recognize that some doctrinal matters may be debated among evangelical Christians, our position reflects what we believe to be the **weight of biblical evidence**. We remain committed to the unity of believers in Christ and **welcome meaningful fellowship** with those who may hold differing views while maintaining the integrity of our doctrine.

This statement is **not** meant as a basis for restricting attendance or involvement, but rather as a foundation of faith for those who commit to partnership with Grace City Church. We believe that members should share a firm commitment to the **core tenets of Christianity**, including:

- **The Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)**
- **The deity of Jesus Christ** and His redemptive work through the cross
- **Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone**
- **The inspiration and authority of Scripture**

What We Believe

1. The Scriptures

We believe the Bible is the **verbally inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God**. It is without error in its original writings and serves as the final authority in **doctrine, practice, and Christian living** (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

2. The Godhead (Trinity)

We believe in **one true God**, who eternally exists in **three persons**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity is **equal in nature, distinct in function, and unified in purpose** (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

3. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is the **eternal Son of God**, fully divine and fully human. He was:

- **Conceived by the Holy Spirit** and born of the **virgin Mary**
- **Sinless in life** and obedient to the Father
- **Crucified as a substitutionary sacrifice** for all humanity
- **Resurrected bodily on the third day**
- **Ascended into heaven**, where He serves as our **High Priest and Advocate**
- **Returning again** to establish His kingdom (John 1:1,14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 2:31-33; 1 John 2:1-2).

4. The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is **God**, actively at work today. He:

- **Convicts the world** of sin, righteousness, and judgment
- **Regenerates, indwells, seals, and empowers** believers
- **Bestows spiritual gifts** to equip the Church
- Guides, comforts, and sanctifies those who follow Christ (John 16:7-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 5:18).

5. Angels and Satan

We believe angels are **created spiritual beings**, serving as God's messengers. Some angels, led by Satan, **rebelled against God** and now operate as demonic forces. Satan is a **deceiver**, the adversary of God and His people, but his final defeat is certain (Hebrews 1:13-14; Isaiah 14:12-14; Revelation 20:10).

6. Humanity and Sin

We believe humanity was created in **God's image**, but through the fall of Adam and Eve, sin entered the world. As a result:

- Every person is **born with a sinful nature**
- Humanity is **separated from God** and spiritually dead

- No one can **earn salvation through good works** (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3).

7. Salvation

We believe salvation is a **gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ**. It is:

- **Not based on works**, but freely given through Jesus' sacrifice
- **Received through personal faith** in His death and resurrection
- **Accompanied by the regenerating work** of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12).

8. Eternal Security and Christian Living

We believe that those who **truly place their faith in Christ** are secure in Him forever. However, this security is **not a license to sin**—true faith is evidenced by a transformed life marked by obedience and spiritual fruit (John 10:27-29; Hebrews 12:6; Matthew 7:20).

9. The Church

We believe the **Church is the body of Christ**, consisting of all believers. The **local church** is an assembly of professing Christians who gather to:

- Worship God and grow in faith
- Study and apply Scripture
- Observe the ordinances of **baptism** and **the Lord's Supper**
- Engage in evangelism and service (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2).

We affirm that **baptism** is an outward declaration of faith, and the **Lord's Supper** is a sacred memorial of Christ's death and resurrection (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

10. The Future

We believe in:

- The **imminent return of Jesus Christ** for His Church (the Rapture)
- The **Great Tribulation**, followed by Christ's **Second Coming**
- The **Millennial reign of Christ** on earth

- The **Final Judgment**, where believers enter **eternal joy** and unbelievers face **eternal separation from God** in the **Lake of Fire** (Luke 16:19-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:11-15).

Marriage Policy

We affirm that marriage is a **divinely instituted covenant** between **one man and one woman**, as ordained by God in Scripture. We believe:

- God **created male and female** in His image (Genesis 1:27).
- Marriage is a **holy and honorable union** (Hebrews 13:4).
- Children are a **heritage from the Lord**, and marriage provides the **God-ordained structure** for raising children (Psalm 127:3; Genesis 1:28).

We uphold biblical marriage as the **foundation of society** and reject alternative definitions that do not align with Scripture.

Final Word

Our **Statement of Faith and Beliefs** is rooted in the **unchanging Word of God**. While we acknowledge differences in interpretation among believers, we stand firm in **teaching, preaching, and living out** the biblical truths that define our faith.

If you have any questions about our beliefs or wish to learn more about partnering with **Grace City Church of North Dallas**, we invite you to **worship with us, engage in community, and grow in faith**.