

CULLODEN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of Spirit-controlled men. It is therefore the Truth and is the supreme standard in all matters pertaining to Christian faith and practice.

(John 17:7; 1 Thess2:13; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:19-21)

2. God and the Trinity

We believe there is one living and true God, infinite, sovereign, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices.

(Ps 90:2; Ex 3:14; Deut 6:4; Neh 9:32-33; Matt 28:19; John 15:26; 1 Cor 8:6; 2 Cor 13:14; Rev 4:11)

3. Creation and the Fall of Man

We believe that in the beginning God created the universe, including this world and everything in it, and it was good. He created man, spirit, soul and body to dwell in an innocent, sinless and happy state. But by voluntary transgression Adam fell from that state, and consequently all people sinned in him and are sinners by nature and by conduct, justly condemned.

(Gen 1, 2 & 3; Col 1: 16-17; Eccles 7:29; Rom 3:10-19; 5:12,19; 1:32)

4. Christ and the Atonement

We believe that the salvation of sinners is divinely initiated and wholly of Grace through Jesus Christ, who freely took our nature by the Father's appointment; born of the virgin Mary, suffered as a man and was tempted in every way as we are, yet was without sin; and was obedient to His Father even to death on the cross, making full atonement for our sins. We affirm Christ's bodily resurrection, victorious over death and the grave, the firstborn from among the dead; and we affirm His ascension to His Father's right hand where He intercedes for the believer, awaiting the day of His second coming.

(John 3:16; Eph 2:8; Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18-25; Heb 2:14-18; Phil 2:6-8; 1 Pet 3:18; Rom 3:25; Matt 28:6-7; John 20:27; Col 1:18; 1 Cor 15: 20,55; Acts 1:9-11; Heb 12:2; 4:14-15; 7:25; 1 Thess 4:14-17; Phil 3:20-21)

5. The Believer's Position

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be born again, a new creation in Christ Jesus, brought about solely by God's Grace through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. We affirm that this involves repentance for sin and turning in faith to Christ the Saviour who at that moment becomes our Lord. As believers we accept that God in His Grace has justified us, has adopted us into His family, has sanctified and continues to sanctify us, and will keep us secure in Jesus Christ until that day when we will be like Him in glory.

John 3:3-8; 2 Cor 5:17-19; 1 John 5:1; Eph 2:1-5; 2 Cor 7:8-11; Mark 1:15; Acts 3:19; 1 John 3:23; Acts 20:21; 1 Cor 8:6; Jude 24,25; Acts 13:39; Rom 5:1,9;

John 17:17; 2 Cor 3:18; Heb 10:10-14; 1 John 3:1-2; Gal 4:1-7; Eph 1:5; Rom 8:35-39; John 10:28-29; 1 Cor 15:51-53)

6. The Christian Life

We accept that, for individual believers, all of life is to be an act of worship towards God, as we express our love for Him with all our hearts, souls and minds. We affirm that the Christian life is not to be lived in isolation; we are not to neglect assembling ourselves together for praise of God's Name, for corporate prayer and the study of His Word, to worship God together expressing our common love with united hearts, souls and minds.

(Luke 4:8; Rom 12:1; John 4:23; Matt 22:37; Heb 10:25)

7. The Church

We believe in the unity of all true believers in the Church which is the body of Christ, extending from the Day of Pentecost to the end of the Age, and that believers are added to his Church through conversion to the faith in Christ. We affirm that this Church manifests itself through local churches whose responsibility it is to observe the Ordinances of Christ and, governed by His laws, to exercise gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word. We affirm the true mission of the Church is the faithful proclamation of God's Word and witnessing of Christ to all people, that believers might be built up in their faith, and that others might come to believe.

(Acts 2:41-42; Eph 3:1-6; 1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 1:22-23; Eph 4:11-13; Acts 20: 17-28; Matt 28:19-20; Rom 10:14-15; 2 Tim 4:2)

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