

Statement of Faith

Crosspoint Bible Church

We believe in and teach the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant, inspired word of God (1 Cor. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:21).

We believe in and teach the scriptural doctrine of the one true living God, who is perfect, infinite, and eternal, and who coexists in three persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:1; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 57:15; Matt. 28:19; John 4:24).

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, that He came in the flesh and took upon Himself the form of man, being born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might redeem us through His vicarious suffering and death on the Cross of Calvary, that He was raised from the dead for our justification and is now at the right hand of God interceding for us (Matt. 28:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1; 14:3; Acts 15:14-16; Heb. 2:14; 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:24).

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, whose ministry is to convict of sin, regenerate the soul, and indwell and empower the believer in order that he might be a witness of the glorious Gospel of Christ (Acts 5:3,4; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:11-13; Gal. 5:22-25). We furthermore believe that certain gifts of the Spirit, (i.e. sign gifts such as tongues, interpretations of tongues, healing) were foundational in purpose, and that consequently, such gifts, having filled their purpose, are no longer being given to the church (Heb. 2:4; 1 Cor. 13:8).

We believe in the personality of Satan (Job 1:6-7; Isa. 14:12-15), that he was judged at the cross (John 16:11; Heb.2:14) and that his ultimate end is to be cast into the Lake of Fire. We furthermore believe that the Scriptures teach that in this present age he is the tempter, the seducer, the accuser of the brethren, seeking to destroy the work of God by causing many to fall into traps of unbelief or false religions (Rev. 20:10-15).

We believe that man in his natural state is depraved and in need of a Divine Redeemer (Gen 3:1-24; Rom. 3:23; 5:12).

We believe that salvation is a free gift of God's grace, offered to us on the basis of Jesus Christ's substitutionary death on the cross. It is received personally by repentance for sin and by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and is in no way increased or obtained by human effort. This salvation, which renders a believer eternally secure (John 10: 17, 18), contains within itself deliverance from the guilt and penalty of sin, a perfectly righteous standing before God, the provisions for victory over the power of sin, and the promise of future glorification in God's presence to all who have availed themselves of this gift (John 3:14-18; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph 2:8, 9; Titus 2:11-14).

Believing that salvation is entirely the work of God (Eph. 2:8,9), and that the new birth spoken of by Christ in John 3 accomplishes this to the very fullest extent (Heb. 7:25), we therefore hold to the following positions upon the two ordinances of the Church:

- We believe in the observance of the Lord's Supper in which the bread is the symbol of the Lord's broken body, and the cup of His shed blood, with participation being not for salvation, but for the purpose of bringing to remembrance of all believers in right relation to the Lord the death of God's only begotten Son on the Cross for our sins, until the time He shall return for His people (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Luke 22:14-20).
- We believe that the grace of God cannot be augmented in any way by works (Eph. 2:8-9), and that water baptism thus does not contribute to an individual's salvation. We believe, however, that water baptism is scripturally prescribed and that it is intended as a witness of an event that transpired between God and the individual at the time of the new birth (Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:35-38; Rom. 6:3-5).

We believe in the church of God as a fellowship of true believers in Jesus Christ, for the building up of which the Lord has called elders, deacons, and other servants of God (John 3:5-6; 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1:5-9; Eph. 4:4-16; Eph. 2:19-22).

We believe in church discipline based upon the Word of God in order to preserve the good name, purity, and power of the church, and with the purpose of restoring the erring member (1 Cor. 5:1-8, 12-13; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1).

We believe that civil government is a divinely instituted authority which should be respected and submitted to by all, and that it is an instrument of God for the good of those that do well and for punishment of evildoers (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-14).

We believe in and teach the personal, visible, imminent, premillennial return of Christ, with the rapture occurring before the tribulation (Acts 1: 11; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; 1 Pet.4:7; Rev. 3:10; 19:11-18).

We believe in the resurrection of the just, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost. (Rev. 20:4-6, 11-15; 21:3-8; Matt. 25:31-46)