

One Fellowship Church Statement of Faith

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Preamble

As a church and its people joined together in covenant membership, we affirm these beliefs together. We believe they represent the core elements of biblical teaching and orthodox faith. We ask members to affirm these beliefs and agree not to teach otherwise.

The Bible

We believe the entire Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, written by men as sixty-six unified yet diverse books, inerrant in the original manuscripts, sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and the final authority for all matters of faith, practice, and life. We believe that God's Word is true, trustworthy, unchanging, and remains forever (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; John 10:35, 17:17; Isaiah 40:7-8)

God

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that these three are equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption; and that this God is the Creator and Supreme Ruler of all things and is the center of our worship. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19-20; Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3; 1 Chron 16:23-25)

God the Father

We believe in God the Father who sovereignly rules over all that He created and continues to care for and sustain in providence all that exists. He is the giver of every good and perfect gift and works through the Spirit and the Son to bring to completion His good and perfect will. He is the father of all those who become children of God through Faith in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 6:9; Genesis 1:1; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:35; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3,11; Romans 8:28-29; James 1:17)

God the Son (Jesus Christ)

We believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in whom alone Salvation is found; God's eternal Son entered into his creation by taking on flesh. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and is both fully God and fully man, the image of the invisible God, and the only mediator between God and man. (1 Corinthians 8:6; John 20:28; John 3:16;

Matthew 1:23-25; Hebrews 1:3, 4:15; John 1:14; Colossians 1:15-20, 2:9; Philippians 2:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:5)

God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who eternally exists along with the Father and the Son, equal in divine essence and nature, who glorifies the Father and the Son, convicts the world of sin, regenerates hearts, indwells and seals all believers unto the day of redemption, gives spiritual gifts to men and women according to his sovereign good pleasure for the edification of the church, and guides believers in obedience to the truth. (John 16:8, 14-15; Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 8:13-14; Ephesians 1:13-14)

Humanity

We believe that all humans were created in the image of God. As God's image-bearers, mankind is the crowning work of creation. From conception to natural death every human life is sacred, valuable, and of great dignity and worth in the eyes of God. Humans were designed by God to walk in perfect fellowship with their Creator, reflecting and representing God by exercising dominion and stewarding God's creation for His glory and our good. We believe that God created humans as male and female and ordained marriage to be a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman and that He has also called many to live a life of singleness in order to display the glory of God in ways which married people cannot. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:23-24; 9:6; Psalm 8; Romans 3:23; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:22-33; James 3:9; I Cor. 7:7-8, 32)

Sin

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in holiness, yet through voluntary rebellion humanity fell from their holy and happy state, became alienated from God, incurred physical, spiritual and eternal death, which is separation from God; thereby, as a consequence of their rejection of God, all human beings inherit Adam's guilt, are born with a sinful nature, and are sinners by choice. Therefore, all persons without Christ are condemned to eternal ruin in hell without defense or excuse. The fall of man also fractured God's good world, bringing brokenness, pain sickness, death, strained relationships, tragedy and suffering into every area of creation and humanity (Genesis 1:26-28, 3:1-19; Romans 3:23, 5:12-21, 6:23, 8:18-23; Ephesians 2:1-12; Rev. 21:8, Matt 10:28, 25:41)

Atonement

We believe that Jesus Christ, according to the will of God the Father, offered Himself willingly as a substitutionary atoning sacrifice. We believe that on the cross Jesus took upon himself God's righteous judgement for sin and wrath against the sins of those for whom he died, and, by his

death and resurrection, Jesus defeated evil, sin, and death. We believe ~~and~~ that all who repent of their sin and trust in Christ's atoning work on their behalf are justified by faith in Christ and have eternal life with him (Isaiah 53:10; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Acts 2:38; John 3:16; Hebrews 2:14)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, and that true faith in the gospel will be made evident by a life of repentance and godliness. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel. We believe that salvation is wholly a work of God and that God loses none of his children and all who trust in Christ will be raised on the Last Day. (John 6:39-40; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 6:3-11, 8:1,10:9; Philippians 1:6, 2:12; 1 Peter 3:18)

Resurrection, Ascension, and Intercession

We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as the guarantee of our resurrection, and in His bodily ascension into heaven where He is the exalted Lord and enthroned in power at the right hand of God the Father, where He rules over all things, making intercession on our behalf as our Representative, High Priest and Advocate. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 20; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25, 8:1, 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2)

The Church

We believe in the universal Church; a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head, and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a body of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, under the oversight of elders, covenanted together for worship, instruction, observance of the biblical ordinances, service, and fellowship. We believe that the primary mission of the church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples of all nations. The two biblical offices of the church are Elder/Pastor and Deacon. (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 2:19-22; Galatians 3:26-28; 1 Peter 5:1-5; Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Biblical Justice

We believe all Christians are under obligation to seek biblical justice in the world as we wait on the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Biblical Justice is the making right of things in the world by working for and upholding what God says is good and right in his word. This means that we must oppose racism, partiality, and the exploitation of the poor wherever it rears its ugly head. This means we should work on behalf of and provide for the orphaned, the widow, the abused,

the poor, the oppressed, and the sick. This means we should hold to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. We believe the call to work for justice in the world is not inconsistent with preaching the gospel and personal holiness, but is fully consistent with loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself. (Psalm 139:13-16; Proverbs 14:31; Micah 6:8; Mark 12:31; Romans 2:11; Gal 2:10; James 1:27, 2:8)

The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that water baptism by immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a picture of one's identification with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death until he comes again. (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Last Things

We believe in the future personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom forever. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the endless punishment of the wicked in hell, and the eternal joy of the righteous. We believe in the glorification of believers in Christ, the eternal dwelling of God with His people in the new heavens and new earth, where all sin and its devastating effects will be wiped away from the restored creation, where God's people will share in the fullness of joy, love, and righteousness they were created to experience with God forever. (Isaiah 25:6-9; Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-55; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:1-9)