

EDGEWOOD BIBLE CHURCH

Doctrinal Statement

Section 1 - Biblical Authority

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be verbally inspired by God, having no error in the original writings, are the supreme and final authority for all faith and life. II Timothy 3:15-17. This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of church doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our congregation is the church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. Matt. 5:18

Section 2 - The Godhead

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19,20; John 1:1-4, 10:30, 4:24. God is creator of all things, perfect in holiness, wisdom and measureless in power.

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-4; Isaiah 6:3; Colossians 2:3; Psalm 147:5.

Section 3 - Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is eternal, the true God and true man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. John 1:1-4. After living a sinless life, He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

Hebrews 1:1-3; I Corinthians 15:3,4; Hebrews 4:14,15.

Section 4 - Man 's Depravity

We believe sin is an act of violating the revealed will of God. I John 3:4. Man was created in the image of God but fell through disobedience, bringing physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God.

Genesis 1:27; Romans 6:23, 5:12-19; I Corinthians 15:21,22.

Section 5 - Salvation

We believe salvation is by grace alone with no works involved. Ephesians 2:8-9. Salvation is given by God through Jesus Christ to those who repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ to work in their lives according to God's Word. Romans 6:23; Philippians 2:13.

Section 6 - The Holy Spirit

We believe that God, knowing we would be weak and wanting help and strength, has sent the Holy Spirit to fill the void when Christ left this earth. The Holy Spirit comforts, strengthens, guides, teaches, sanctifies and seals us as believers.

John 16:7-15; I Corinthians 3:16; Romans 15:16; I Corinthians 2:10; Ephesians 1:13,17.

Section 7 - The Church

We believe in the one true Church made up of all true believers. I Corinthians 12:12-13. The local church is composed of believers for worship, service and fellowship.

Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 4:11,12.

Section 8 - Satan

We believe Satan is a real spiritual being and principal adversary of God and His people. Job 1:6,7; I Peter 5:8.

Section 9 - The Second Coming

We believe in the imminent coming of Christ before the tribulation, to take all believers to heaven and to return after the tribulation to establish His millennial kingdom.

I Thessalonians 4:16,17; 3:20; Revelation 20:5,6.

Section 10 - Heaven

We believe heaven is the place where God will gather all believers in Jesus Christ for eternity. John 14:1-3; Philippians 3:20; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:15.