



## Grace Church Statement of Belief 2025

The following Statement of Belief reflects the orthodox beliefs of Grace Church. These beliefs have been shared, taught, and preserved by the church throughout history as faithful expressions of the teaching of Scripture. While Church Members are not required to fully understand or be able to articulate all aspects of the Statement of Belief, the explicit rejection of any part disqualifies a person from membership at Grace Church.

*I believe...*

- » **The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, fully inspired, without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule and final authority of faith and practice** (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 19:7-11; Mark 13:31; John 20:31).
- » **There is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all and governs all** (Genesis 1:1,26; Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; John 17:3; Matthew 28:19-20; John 1:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- » **In God the Father, who is infinite, personal, and perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of people; that He hears and answers prayer; that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ, and that He invites us to relate to Him, through Jesus, as a loving Father** (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 45:6-7; Matthew 23:9; John 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:3; Psalm 103:19; Romans 11:33-36; John 1:12-13).
- » **In Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. I believe Jesus Christ is both fully divine and fully human. I believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings; His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and His personal, visible return to earth to establish His kingdom** (John 1:1-4,14,18; Hebrews 1:3, John 5:2-24; John 14:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Romans 5:6-11; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:28; Acts 1:11; Romans 6:9; 1 Timothy 3:16).
- » **In the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ; that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that he is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide** (Ephesians 1:11-14; John 14:16-17, 25-26; John 15:26; John 16:7-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:6, 6:19; Romans 8:16, 26-27; 1 Peter 1:2; Titus 3:5).
- » **That all people are created by God in His image, but are sinners by nature and choice and are therefore under condemnation, and that God regenerates and baptizes by the Holy Spirit those**

**who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord** (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 3:6-24; Romans 5:12-19; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:21-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 13; Ephesians 2:1-3).

- » **In the free gift of salvation, that through Jesus' death on the cross my rebellion can be forgiven, and through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ I can be reconciled to God** (Romans 5:1-2, 6-11, 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:4-8; John 3:16-17; Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 4:5; Colossians 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-16, Romans 8:37-39).
- » **That my faith must demonstrate itself through conduct that is consistent with the Bible's moral standards of honesty, integrity, sexual purity, and a life of good deeds, as taught in Scripture** (Galatians 5:19-23; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Tim. 1:9-11; 1 Tim. 3:2-7; James 1:22; James 3:13).
- » **In the church, the living, spiritual Body of Christ, of which He is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. I believe Christ has called all believers to join together in autonomous local churches, which are the visible expression of His one Universal Church** (Matthew 16:18; Matthew 18:17; Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Acts 2:42-47, Hebrew 10:23-25).
- » **That the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I believe in believer's baptism by immersion in water and communion open to all believers who are walking in obedience to Christ. I believe that I am commanded to observe these two ordinances, but I do not depend on them for my salvation** (Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:37-41; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 10:44-48; Romans 6:4; Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:41; 1 Cor. 11:27-28).
- » **In the personal, visible appearing of Christ to earth and the consummation of His Kingdom; in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked** (John 14:1-4, 18, 28-29; Acts 1:6-11; Romans 8:34; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:23-27; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25; Revelation 20:11-15).

As stated previously, Members of Grace Church must affirm and adhere to this Statement of Belief.