



KIMBERLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Faith

Our Statement of Faith reflects the key core convictions and beliefs that we see biblically and hold to as a church family. These seventeen points are set out in full in Section 3 of the Kimberley Baptist Church Constitution.

1. Scripture

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as fully inspired of God and accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith and life.

2. The Trinity

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons — Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.

3. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and was on earth fully God and fully man and is now fully God still at the Father's right hand in heaven.

4. Creation & the Fall

We believe that God created man in His own image; that man sinned and therefore received the consequence of death (physical and spiritual).

5. Our Need for Saving

We believe all people have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, and are in need of saving (Romans 3:23).

6. Salvation

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that He died in our place as a substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him and repent are justified (made righteous/right before God) on the grounds of His shed blood.

7. Christ our Example

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, while on earth as fully man, set us an example and we are to live in the same way, aspiring to be Christlike (1 John 2:6).

8. Resurrection, Ascension & Return

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus, His ascension into heaven, His present life as our King, Leader, High Priest and God, and that He will personally return one day.

9. New Birth

We believe that all who receive and follow the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are reborn of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God. These children are to be aware of and led in all aspects by the Holy Spirit as the presence of God in their lives.

10. Gifts of the Spirit

We believe in the full collection of the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating under His guidance in a biblical and orderly manner within the church.

11. Eternity

We believe in the resurrection both of the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness and life with Christ of the redeemed and the eternal banishment and punishment of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.

12. The Church

We believe that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, but that each local gathering of these people constitutes as the church in their context as well.

13. The Local Church

We believe that the local Church on earth should, with Christ as its head, strive after His character and ways personally and corporately and therefore that having accepted salvation from Christ and living to walk in His ways are essentials of Church membership.

14. Marriage

In striving after and living according to His ways, we believe that God has ordained marriage as a heterosexual relationship between a natural man and a natural woman.

15. Personal Relationship with God

We believe that each believer is responsible for nurturing and maintaining their own personal relationship with God in knowing Him and getting to know Him more. (Prayer, Bible reading and fellowship with the community of believers is essential to this.)

16. Making Disciples

We believe the church should, at the heart of what they do, look to be like Christ and continue the work of Christ with a focal point on making disciples of all.

17. Baptism & the Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances — Baptism and the Lord's Supper — to be observed as acts of obedience and to express and convey the message of Christ in our faith; that Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in obedience to Christ's command and to follow in His example, witnessing to a belief in, and an acceptance of, Christ as saviour that has already happened; and that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of bread and wine (grape juice) as a symbol of the Saviour's given body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death and it being our only way to obtain salvation, and we observe this until He comes.

To see how we operate and our key purposes, please refer to the Kimberley Baptist Church Constitution.