

WHOLESOME BIBLE CHURCH

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

God

We believe that there is one true God, eternally existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut 6:4; Ps 90:2; Matt 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor 13:14; Rev 1:4-6).

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word inspired, infallible, and inerrant in the original manuscripts, and is our final authority. (Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20, 21)

The Church

All believers in the present age are members of the body of Christ, the universal church, united to Christ and to one another by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Believers are to gather together in local churches to devote themselves to Biblical teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. The purpose of the church is to develop dedicated disciples. (Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 1:2; 11:2, 17-34; 12:12-14; 14:34-38; Hebrews 10:23-25)

Salvation

God, out of love for the human race, sent the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners. The full penalty for man's sin was paid when Jesus Christ died on the cross. Three days later he rose from the dead. Anyone who believes in Christ alone for the gift of everlasting life, receives it instantly and irrevocably. A commitment to obey, sorrow for sin, turning from one's sin, baptism, submission to the headship of Christ, or any other act of obedience may and should follow saving faith. Yet none of these things should be added to, or be considered a part of, the sole condition for receiving eternal life which is faith alone in Christ alone. (John 3:16-18; 5:24; 6:47; 10:27-30; Romans 3:21-25; 4:5; 8:38, 39; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:1-10; I Timothy 1:15; Titus 3:3-7; Revelation 22:17)

Assurance

We believe that everlasting life is based only on the promise God makes in His Word that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ alone possesses everlasting life. Good works, which can and should follow regeneration, are not necessary for a person to have assurance of everlasting life. (John 5:24; 1 John 5:9-13; John 6:47; Titus 3:8)

The Eternal State

Believers will spend eternity with the Lord on the New Earth in His glorious kingdom (1 Thess 5:10; Rev 21:1-3ff.). Unbelievers will experience conscious, physical punishment in a literal place called the lake of fire, forever. (Luke 16:19-31; Phil 1:23; 2 Thess 1:6-10; 2 Pet 3:8-13; Rev 20:1-15; 21:1-22)

Eternal Rewards

God will reward believers who have demonstrated faithfulness in their discipleship with eternal reward in His eternal kingdom. Eternal rewards are distinctly different from the free gift of everlasting life. (Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:14; Colossians 3:24).

Discipleship

We believe that each believer should grow in grace, doctrine and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The believer's daily life must be consistent with the Lord's plan and will. This brings glory to the Lord. Every believer is responsible to be an ambassador for Christ which means witnessing to the lost when the opportunity arises. (2 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Matthew 28:19-20)