



BEACON CHURCH

Beacon Church Statement of Faith

Scriptures

Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-132; Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20

We believe the Holy Scripture, the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testament, is the verbally inspired word of God, the final authority for all matters upon which it touches, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed.

The Godhead

Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14

We believe in the triune God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit; co-eternal in being; co-eternal in nature; co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections.

The Person and Work of Christ

Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that he might reveal God and redeem sinful man.

Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-5 & 2:24

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through his death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by his literal, physical resurrection from the dead.

Acts 1:9-10; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25 & 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where as our High Priest he fulfils the ministry as Representative, Intercessor and Advocate.

John 14:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 22:12-13

We believe in the personal and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ to take his people, the Church, to heaven to be with him and his return to rule and establish his Kingdom.

Acts 17:31; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Hebrews 4:12-14; Revelation 20:11-15

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the righteous judge and the whole world will one day be judged by him.

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The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18

We believe the Holy Spirit is the person who convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgement; is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption.

The radical corruption of man

Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; Ephesians 2:1-3 & 12

We believe man was created in God's image and likeness, but through Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature and became alienated from God, man is radically corrupted and, of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

Salvation

John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7 & 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19

We believe salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins.

Eternal security and assurance of believers

John 6:37-40 & 10:27-30; Romans 8:1 & 38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:5

We believe all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ forever.

Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-15

We believe it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through testimony of God's word which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh.

The ministry and spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12:7 & 11-13; Ephesians 4:7-8

We believe God is sovereign in the bestowing of spiritual gifts. It is however, the responsibility of the believer to attempt to develop their sovereignly given spiritual gift(s). The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at conversion and is the placing of the believer into the Body of Christ. We also believe particular gift(s) are neither essential nor prove the presence of the Holy Spirit, nor are an indication of deep spiritual experience.

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John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15

We believe God hears and answers the prayer of faith, in accordance with his own will, for the sick and afflicted.

Romans 12:1- 8; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 Peter 4:10-11

We believe it is the privilege and responsibility of all believers to minister to the body in accordance with the gift(s) and grace of God given them.

The Church

1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23 & 5:25-27

We believe the church, which is the body and espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up all born-again persons.

Acts 14:27, 18:22 & 20:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-3; Titus 1:5-11

We believe in the establishment and continuance of local churches, free of any external authority and control.

Acts 13:1-4, 15:19-31 & 20:28; Romans 16:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16 & 5:4-7 & 13; 1 Peter 5:1-4

We believe in the autonomy of the local churches, free from any external authority and control.

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42 & 18:8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We recognise believers' baptism and the Lord's Supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church.

Statement on Creation

Genesis 1, 2, 3; Psalm 8; Psalm 19; John 1:1-17; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-3

We at the Beacon Church believe in the total and complete authority of the Word of God, inspired by God the Holy Spirit and written down by people.

We believe that God is the sole creator and sustainer of the universe in its entirety. The laws that govern all life are from God. The Bible is clear and definite on God being the creator and the reason for the creation, for God's glory and honour and the enjoyment of those created.

We believe that God created the universe in 6 days and that there is an order to the world around us. We believed that Adam was a personal creation of God formed from the dust of the ground, with Eve being taken from Adam to be his helper and companion. Adam and Eve were made in the image of God and are responsible for the fall into sin and the sinful nature into which all people are born.

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We must give God the glory deserved as Creator and worship God as such. We, as the spiritual leadership of the church, want scripture to be our yardstick in all things. We do not see science and faith as enemies, instead as allies that point to the glory of a creator God who designed the universe.

We accept that there are godly people who will have different views on the “finer points of creation”, looking at how the universe came into being. The differing views on creation must not, and will not, be allowed to cause divisions in the fellowship.

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