

Faith International Christian Center

Statement of Faith and Biblical Doctrine

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It is God's complete revelation to mankind, without error in its original writings, and is the absolute standard for faith and daily living. The Scriptures are living, powerful, and fully applicable to every generation.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

The One True God

We believe there is one eternal God, existing eternally in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-eternal, and one in essence, worthy of all worship, honor, and obedience.

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the second Person of the Godhead, having existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from all eternity. He did not begin His existence in Bethlehem nor in the womb of Mary but has always been God.

We believe that in the fullness of time the eternal Word became flesh by the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, who conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit without the involvement of a human father. We affirm the literal virgin birth of Jesus Christ as an essential doctrine of the Christian faith. Through this miraculous incarnation, the eternal Son of God took upon Himself a complete human nature while remaining fully God. Jesus Christ is, and forever will be, fully God and fully man.

We believe the virgin birth was necessary to fulfill God's redemptive plan, preserving Jesus as the spotless, sinless Lamb of God, uniquely qualified to offer Himself as the once-for-all sacrifice for the sins of the world. Having lived a perfectly sinless life in complete obedience to the Father, He willingly laid down His life on the cross as our substitute.

We believe that after His crucifixion Jesus Christ was buried, and on the third day He rose bodily from the grave. His resurrection was physical, literal, and victorious over sin, death, hell, and the grave. He appeared bodily to many witnesses before ascending into heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest, Advocate, and Lord until His glorious return.

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; Hebrews 7:25)

The Blood Covenant and the Finished Work of Christ

We believe the redemption of mankind was accomplished solely through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. From the beginning, God declared that "the life of the flesh is in the blood," and throughout the Old Testament the shedding of blood pointed forward to the perfect sacrifice that would one day take away the sin of the world.

We believe the eternal Son of God took upon Himself a human body because redemption required the shedding of innocent blood. Jesus Christ became the spotless Lamb of God, offering His own body and His own blood as the once-for-all sacrifice for sin. Through His death, burial, bodily resurrection, and ascension, He fulfilled every requirement of God's justice and established the everlasting New Covenant.

We believe the precious blood of Jesus Christ purchased our eternal redemption, secured the forgiveness of sins, justified the believer, reconciled us to God, defeated Satan, destroyed the power of death, and opened the way into the very presence of God. His sacrifice was complete, perfect, and never needs to be repeated.

We believe that every provision of the New Covenant—including salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, healing, deliverance, reconciliation, adoption, and eternal life—has been purchased through the finished work of Christ and is received by grace through faith.

We believe the believer's victory is not based upon human merit or religious works but upon the completed work of Jesus Christ. We are called to live by faith in what He has already accomplished, walking daily in the power of His Word, the blood of the covenant, and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

(Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53; John 19:30; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 1:20-22; Hebrews 9:11-15; Hebrews 10:10-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 12:11)

Salvation

We believe salvation is God's free gift, available to every person who believes and receives by faith the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Salvation cannot be earned by works, religious ceremonies, or human effort. It is received solely by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith..." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

We believe that Jesus Christ's finished work on the cross—including His death, the shedding of His precious blood, His burial, and His bodily resurrection—is the only basis for mankind's redemption and reconciliation with God.

True saving faith produces corresponding actions. Genuine faith results in a transformed life as the believer becomes a new creation in Christ and walks in obedience to His Word.

(Ephesians 2:10; James 2:17-26; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Repentance

We believe repentance is essential to salvation. Repentance is more than sorrow for sin; it is recognizing our lost and helpless condition, acknowledging that we cannot save ourselves through our own righteousness or good works, and turning wholeheartedly toward God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Repentance produces a changed heart, a renewed mind, and a transformed life as evidence of genuine faith.

(Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Luke 24:47)

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is God's promised second work of grace for every believer after salvation and is received by faith.

This baptism empowers believers for victorious Christian living, effective ministry, bold witnessing, and supernatural service. We believe the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit remain active today, including speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, gifts of healing, miracles, faith, discerning of spirits, words of wisdom, and words of knowledge.

These manifestations are given to edify the Church and demonstrate the reality and power of Jesus Christ to the world.

(Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 10:44-46; 1 Corinthians 12-14)

The Laying on of Hands

We believe the laying on of hands is a foundational biblical doctrine and an important ministry entrusted to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe God uses the laying on of hands for the impartation of spiritual blessings, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, healing the sick, ordaining and commissioning ministers, setting believers apart for specific works of ministry, and ministering God's grace according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We believe no power originates in man, but that God alone is the source of all spiritual life, healing, gifts, and anointing. The laying on of hands is an act of faith and obedience through which believers minister as instruments of the Holy Spirit.

We encourage believers to practice this ministry with reverence, biblical wisdom, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, always giving glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Mark 16:17-18; Acts 6:6; Acts 8:17; Acts 9:17; Acts 13:2-3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; Hebrews 6:1-2)

Water Baptism

We believe water baptism by immersion is an ordinance commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ for every believer.

Water baptism does not save an individual but is an outward testimony of the inward work of salvation. It symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection and publicly declares faith in Jesus Christ. It is the outward witness of the inward circumcision of the heart accomplished through faith in Christ.

(Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:11-12)

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

We believe the Lord's Supper is a sacred ordinance instituted by Jesus Christ to be observed regularly by His Church until He returns.

Communion is far more than a religious ceremony. It is a continual remembrance of the finished work of Christ through His broken body and His shed blood. As believers partake in faith, they proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

We believe the precious blood of Jesus Christ established the New Covenant and provides redemption, forgiveness of sins, justification, access to the Father, and victory over the powers of darkness. The life of the flesh is in the blood, and through His precious blood we have eternal life.

We believe the bread represents the body of Christ given for us. As we continually feed upon God's Word and abide in Christ, we partake spiritually of His life and strength. Jesus is the Bread of Life, and man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

We believe every believer should examine himself before partaking of Communion, discerning the Lord's body and approaching His table with faith, reverence, thanksgiving, and a sincere desire to walk in right relationship with the Lord.

(Luke 22:19-20; John 6:35-58; Matthew 4:4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; Hebrews 12:24)

The Church and the Five-Fold Ministry

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ, composed of all born-again believers.

We believe Jesus Christ has established the five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers as gifts to the Church. These ministries remain in operation today for the equipping of the saints, the work of the ministry, the edifying of the Body of Christ, and bringing believers into the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God.

(Ephesians 4:11-16)

Divine Healing and Miracles

We believe Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We believe healing, miracles, signs, and wonders remain available today through the power of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural works confirm the preaching of the Gospel, reveal God's compassion, strengthen believers, and demonstrate the reality of the Kingdom of God.

We believe the Church is commissioned to pray for the sick, minister healing, cast out demons, and demonstrate the power of God as Jesus commanded while taking the Gospel into every nation.

(Hebrews 13:8; Mark 16:15-20; James 5:14-16)

The Great Commission

We believe every believer is called to actively participate in fulfilling the Great Commission by preaching the Gospel, making disciples, teaching the Word of God, demonstrating God's love and power, and taking the message of Jesus Christ to every nation using every available means.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)

Marriage, Family, and Human Sexuality

We believe God established marriage from the beginning of creation as a sacred covenant between one biological man and one biological woman. Marriage reflects the covenant relationship between Christ and His Church and is the only biblical setting for sexual intimacy.

We believe every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore worthy of dignity, compassion, and respect. At the same time, we affirm that God's design for gender, marriage, sexuality, and family is revealed in Scripture and is not subject to cultural change.

We believe that sexual relations are reserved exclusively for the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman. All forms of sexual immorality—including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, pornography, and every other sexual practice outside God's design—are contrary to the Scriptures.

We also believe that through repentance, faith in Jesus Christ, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, every person can receive forgiveness, restoration, and newness of life regardless of their past.

(Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:22-32)

The Return of Jesus Christ

We believe in the personal, visible, and physical return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe the Lord will first catch away His Church to meet Him in the air. Following this will come a seven-year Tribulation upon the earth. At its conclusion, Jesus Christ will physically return to the Mount of Olives with His saints, establish His righteous kingdom, judge the nations, and reign forever as King of kings and Lord of lords.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Zechariah 14:4; Revelation 19-20)

Eternal Life and Eternal Judgment

We believe there will be a bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost.

Those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life through faith in Jesus Christ will enjoy everlasting life in the presence of God.

Those who reject God's offer of salvation will face eternal separation from God in the lake of fire.

(John 5:28-29; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 21:1-8)

Our Mission

Faith International Christian Center exists to glorify God by proclaiming Jesus Christ, making disciples, equipping believers through the teaching of God's Word, demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit, and reaching every nation with the Gospel until the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

We are committed to preaching the uncompromised Word of God, walking in the love of Christ, operating in the power of the Holy Spirit, and preparing believers for effective ministry while pointing the world to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Statement of Faith Summary

The foregoing Statement of Faith summarizes the foundational doctrines taught and believed by Faith International Christian Center. These beliefs are based upon the Holy Scriptures and reflect our unwavering commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, the absolute authority of God's Word, the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the fulfillment of the Great Commission. While this statement is not intended to exhaust every biblical doctrine, it faithfully expresses the essential truths that guide our preaching, teaching, worship, fellowship, and ministry as we seek to glorify God and make disciples of all nations.