

The brothers and sisters worshipping and fellowshiping together as Grace Bible Church believe and stand by the following beliefs. This list is to give clarity of our understanding of the Holy Scripture for those interested in joining with us in worship and fellowship. It is not exhaustive or exclusive. It is not in any way meant to replace one's personal study of the Bible. Please search the Scriptures for yourself. If you have any questions or desire further teaching on these issues, we'd love to get in touch.

1. We believe in one God eternally existing as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; John 3:16; Romans 8:1-17; II Corinthians 13:14; I Timothy 3:16; I John 1:7-8*
2. We believe that God has revealed Himself in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inspired Word of God. He has supremely revealed Himself through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Psalms 19; Luke 24:27-44; John 1:1-16; John 20:31; Romans 1:19-20; Hebrews 1:1-2*
3. We believe that in the beginning God created all things by His Son. He made mankind in His image with free will, moral character, and a spiritual nature. *Genesis 1-2; John 1:3; Colossians 1:14-17; Hebrews 11:3; Psalms 104*
 - a. We believe the account presented in Genesis is a simple but factual presentation of actual events.
 - b. We believe scripture teaches a recent origin for man and the whole creation, spanning approximately 6000 years from creation to now.
4. We believe that man fell into sin, bringing depravity and death upon the human race. As sinners, mankind is self-centered and self-willed, unable to free himself from the power of sin. *Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:2-5; Romans 3:23, 5:12-14; I John 3:4-10*
5. We believe that there is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who died to redeem us from sin and arose for our justification. *Genesis 3:1-19; Matthew 18:1-14; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-5; I Timothy 4:10*
6. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ alone. It is a free gift bestowed by God on those who repent and believe. *Luke 19:10; John 3:16; John 10:27-29; Romans 5:11; II Corinthians 5:21; I Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 2:8-9*
7. We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, effects the new birth, gives guidance in life, empowers for service, and enables perseverance in faith and holiness. *John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-8; Colossians 1:21-22; Titus 3:4-6*
8. We believe that the church is the body of Christ, the brotherhood of the redeemed, a disciplined people obedient to the Word of God, and a fellowship of love, intercession, and healing. *John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 3:1-21*
9. We believe that baptism, as exemplified by the apostles, follows conversion (repenting of sin and accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior). It is evidence of our commitment to follow Christ and work in His Kingdom. *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:4-6; I Corinthians 12:13*
10. We believe that Christ commissioned the church to go into all the world and witness of Him, as he commanded:

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20

11. We believe the church is to be led by Christ through the ordained leadership of men called by God and affirmed by the brotherhood. The leaders are to serve together. The elders or bishops act primarily as overseers, pastors, and teachers. The deacons primarily serve in arranging to meet the practical needs that arise in the congregation and community. *Acts 20:28; I Corinthians 9:14; Ephesians 4:11-12; I Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Hebrews 13:17*
12. We believe that Jesus instituted the Lord's Table in remembrance of his death, resurrection, and second coming. Therefore, we must personally examine our walk with God and love toward our fellow men as we worship and partake in the Lord's Table. *Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-34*
13. We believe that in washing one each other's feet, we show our willingness to serve each other in whatever service God would call us to render, even the most menial of tasks. *John 13:1-17; I Timothy 5:10*
14. We believe that God has established unique roles for men and women, symbolized by a man's uncovered head, and a woman's covered head while praying and prophesying, recognizing God's divine order. *I Corinthians 11:2-17*
15. We believe that Christian marriage is sacred, reflecting the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the church. Marriage is intended by God to be the union of one man and one woman for life. Christians shall marry only in the Lord, as a brother and sister in Christ. *Matthew 19:3-9; II Corinthians 6:14; I Corinthians 7; Luke 16:18*
16. We believe that Christians are not to be conformed to the world, but through the transformation of a renewed mind, are to be conformed to Christ in every area of life. *Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 9:23-26; Romans 12:1-2; I Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 4:20-32*
17. We believe that Christians are to be open and transparent in life, always speaking the truth. Christ-like love and meekness should guard our speech and actions as we work together as brothers and sisters in the Kingdom of God. *I Corinthians 13:4-8; Titus 3:1-2; James 4:11; II Timothy 3:16-17*
18. We believe that the church of God (the bride of Christ) is to be pure and unspotted by the world. *Eph.5:27, II Peter 3:14, James 1:27*
 - a. If a brother or sister falls into sin, we are to maintain that purity by speaking to them about it in a manner that shows our love and concern as taught by scripture. Our speech and action must reflect our desire to bring restoration and reconciliation to God and His Church. *Galatians 6:1; II Timothy 4:2; Titus 2:13-15; Matthew 18:15-17*
 - b. Scripture is also clear that the one being approached must be open to correction. *Proverbs 9:7-8; Proverbs 19:25; John 3:20-21; Proverbs 15:31-32*
19. We believe that it is the will of God for Christians to refrain from force and violence in human relationships and to show Christ-like love to all people. *Matthew 5:38-48; John 18:36.*
20. We believe that the state is ordained of God to maintain order in society. Christians should honor rulers, be subject to authorities, maintain a Christ-like witness, and pray for all in authority over us. *Romans 13:1-7; I Timothy 2:1-3; Acts 5:29.*
21. We believe that after death, the unsaved enter into everlasting punishment and the saved into their eternal reward with Christ. Christ is coming again to raise the dead, sit in judgment, and bring in God's everlasting kingdom. *Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-4; I Peter 1:4*