

GRACE CHAPEL STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE:

1. We believe the Old and New Testaments to be verbally inspired by God; inerrant in the original manuscripts; and the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2 Timothy 3:16, 17; John 10:35
2. We believe in one God: holy, eternal, self-existent, and self-revealing in three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Creator of all things out of nothing, including the heavens and earth.
Mark 12:29; John 10:30; Acts 5:3, 4; Revelation 4:8; John 1:1-3; Genesis 1:1
3. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His perfect deity and humanity; His substitutionary atonement for sin, His bodily resurrection, His visible, imminent, premillennial return for His Church; His glorious and literal kingdom over all the nations for a thousand years, and His eternal reign with the Father in the New Heaven and the New Earth.
Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; Luke 1:35; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 4:14-16; John 20:25-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 19:11-21
4. We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals, sanctifies, and gives gifts to all who become children of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
John 3:5, 16:8-11; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 12:13; Ephesians 4:30; Romans 8:14
5. We believe man was directly created in the image of God; but in sinning, brought both spiritual and physical death to himself and posterity, who have within themselves no possible means of recovery or salvation outside of Jesus Christ.
Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7, 3:1-24; Romans 3:19, 3:23, 5:12, 7:18
6. We believe God made human beings as unique creations, with value and authority over and above all other creation. We believe that human life is of great value to God; the identity, purpose, and value of each human life is established by God, starting at the moment of conception in the womb. We believe God's desire is for all people to be saved from eternal death by individuals repenting of their sin and receiving the unearned gift of salvation offered to those who believe in Jesus Christ.
Genesis 1:26-28; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Galatians 1:14-16; Psalms 139:13-16; Matthew 10:29-31, 18:10-14; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; John 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-10
7. We believe in salvation by grace, through faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; the new birth by the Holy Spirit, in whom all true believers have a present possession; in eternal life, a perfect righteousness,

sonship in the family of God, deliverance and security from all condemnation, and every spiritual resource needed for life and godliness.

Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:3; John 5:24, 10:27-30; Romans 8:28

8. We believe in the person of the devil, also called Satan, the archenemy of God and man. We believe in the eternal conscious punishment of all unbelievers and their father, the devil, in a literal place of eternal punishment (Hell), literal meaning the actual place of torment.

Matthew 4:1-11; Revelation 12:9-11, 20:11-15; Luke 16:19-31; Job 1:6-12

9. We believe the Church is an elect company of believers; the body of Christ chosen by God to glorify Jesus Christ by a deliberate effort to disciple nations through the preaching of the Gospel.

John 15:16; Ephesians 1:10-12; Matthew 18:14, 28:18-20; Romans 8:29

10. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ has gone to prepare a place for all the saved (Heaven); that their souls go to be with Him at death; that their bodies will be resurrected and transformed at His second coming, at which time they will be rewarded according to their works.

John 14:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:12-50; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Revelation 22:12

11. We believe the Church will, in all its endeavors, be supported by God's financial plan of tithes and offering.

Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7

12. We believe the ordinances of the Church, given by our Lord, are Baptism by immersion, and Communion, the elements of which symbolize the body and blood of Jesus. Both ordinances are for those who have professed Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 8:38, 39; Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2:12; Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-29

13. We believe every individual who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ has been given spiritual gifts according to His will. These gifts are intended for the sanctification and edification of His church, as well as, bringing glory to God on the earth. Regarding the "sign gifts", which include gifts of tongues, prophecy, healing, and miracles, Grace Chapel holds a non-charismatic stance. Concerning the gift of tongues, while we welcome those with a different belief, we choose not to engage in its practice during any of our worship gatherings.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 13:8, 14:22, 27, 28, 39; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10, 11

14. We believe God creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, unchangeable genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and the rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1, 2; Mark 10:6; 1 Corinthians 11:12

15. We believe the term “marriage” has only one legitimate meaning, that is marriage sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, covenantal union, as delineated by Scripture. Marriage ceremonies performed in any facility or space owned, leased, or rented by this church will be only those ceremonies sanctioned by God, joining one man with one woman as their genders were determined at birth. Whenever there is a conflict between the church’s position and any new legal standard for marriage, the church’s statement of faith, doctrines, and biblical positions will govern.

Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:22-23; Mark 10:6-9; I Corinthians 7:1-9

16. We believe God created and approves beautiful, healthy, sexual relationships. These relationships are to be expressed only within the confines of a legitimate marriage (see statement #15). We believe any other sexual activity, identity, or expression that lies outside of God’s definition of marriage is contradictory to God’s natural design and purpose for sexual activity.

Genesis 2:24, 19:5; Leviticus 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 5:1, 6:9-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4

17. We believe God, whose guidelines are given through the scriptures, is the ultimate authority for His believers, the church, and the usage of the assets possessed by Grace Chapel. We also believe the governments of man have been put in place by God and are to be honored and followed, unless they conflict with scripture, in which case scripture will be followed. We believe God’s law is above that of any man-made institution or government.

Romans 13:1-5; Acts 5:29; Psalms 8:6; 1 Corinthians 15:27, 28; Ephesians 1:19-23; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17