

Gateway Baptist Church –Statement of Faith

1. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters of faith and practice. These are revealed in and through the divinely inspired Scriptures, both Old and New Testament. (2 Tim 3:16, John 1:1). In worship of Jesus our Lord and in accordance with the Holy Scripture, this Church declares its belief in:
 - a. The Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit and their love for all creation. (Matt 28:19, 2 Cor 13:14)
 - b. The creation and the fall of man as recorded in Genesis, and the Divine Sovereignty of God as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. (Rev 4:11, Col 1:16)
 - c. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, God manifest in the flesh. (Luke 1:26-35; John 1:14-18, Isa 7:14, 9:6)
 - d. That all people are created in God's image and all have sinned. (Rom 5:12, 18)
 - e. The perfect life and atoning death of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and ascended to the position of all authority of power for our salvation. (1 Cor 15:1-4, Rom 4:25)
 - f. The convincing and regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, who causes sinful people to understand their lost condition, repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. (Eph 2:8-9,)
 - g. That all Christians are to live a Holy Spirit empowered life in accordance with the scriptures and not to be influenced by the standards of the world. (Heb 12:14, 2 Cor 6:14, 2 Cor 6:17, 2 Cor 7:1, Eph 5:18)
 - h. The return in person of Jesus Christ in power and glory, and His judgement of all people. (John 14:2-3, 1 Thes 4:13-18)
 - i. The eternal life for believers (John 5:24, 3:16), and eternal punishment for the unbelievers. (Mark 9:43-48, 2 Thes 1:9, Rev 20:1-15)
 - j. Marriage as a union between a man and woman as ordained by God. (Gen 2:24, 1 Cor 7:1-16, Mark 10:6-9)
 - k. The reality of the devil and his defeat at the Cross. (Matt 25:41, Heb 2:14-15)
2. This Church further declares its belief that:
 - a. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Supreme Head and Ruler of His universal church, which is the world wide body of people who have repented of their sin and put their trust in Him as Saviour and Lord. (Eph 1:22, Eph 2:19-22, Col 1:18)
 - b. The local church, the gathered body of believers in a given community, governed by Jesus Christ and guided by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, has the liberty and responsibility to interpret, preach and administer the will of Christ in all matters of faith and practice as revealed in Scripture. (Acts 15:22, Matt 16:18, Matt 18:15-20)
 - c. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for all God's people, and so we recognise that all members of the church have a role to play using the God-given gifts, skills and talent for the good of the church and the community in the service of God. (1 Cor 12, 1 Cor 14, Rom 12)
 - d. Two ordinances have been given to the Church by explicit command of Jesus Christ, namely:
 - i. Baptism, being immersion in water into the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt 28:19, Matt 3:16, Rom 6:10, Mark 1:10)
 - ii. The Lord's Supper, in which those who have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ take bread and cup in an act of remembrance of the death of Christ. (1 Cor 11:28-32, Matt 26:26-28)
 - e. Jesus Christ has commissioned His church to evangelise the whole world. Each Member then, has a duty to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ in daily life and to share in the wider task of reaching the world and those in need as opportunity presents itself. (Matt 28:18-20, Act 6:1-4)