

Mountain View Bible Fellowship Statement of Faith

The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (2 Tim 3:16,17; Heb 1:1,2; 2 Pet 1:21)

The Trinity

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they perform distinct but harmonious functions in the work of creation, redemption, providence, and sanctification. (Mat 28:19; John 10:30; 1 Cor 12:4-6, 2:10,11; 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 2:18)

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Psa 139:7-12, 147:5; Mat 7:11, 19:26; John 3:16, 4:24, 17:11)

Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, sent by God the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His eternal existence, His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth. (Mat 1:18-25; John 20; Acts 1:9-11; Rom 3:24, 25; Heb 4:15; 1John 2:1, 5:20)

Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher, and guide. (John 15:26, 16:7-11; Gal 5:16-23; Eph 1:13,14; Titus 3:5)

Satan

We believe Satan is a created being who rebelled against God, led a host of angelic beings in the rebellion, is active in the world, and will ultimately be cast into the lake of fire. The true believer need not fear him because "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

Regeneration

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice, and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe the Holy Spirit regenerates those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. (Rom 3:23, 6:23, 10:8-13, Titus 3:5)

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The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body, of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. (Acts 2:41-47; Rom 16:16; Heb 12:23)

Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians will desire to live for the glory of God and the well being of others, that their conduct should be blameless before the world, that they should be faithful stewards, and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ. (Eph 4:11-16; 1 Thes 5:22; Titus 2:11-15; 1 John 5:18)

The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Christ instituted the Lord's Supper for commemoration of His death and it should be open to all believers in Christ. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Mat 28:19; Acts 8:36-39; 1 Cor 11:23-28)

Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has a direct relationship with God and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; therefore, the church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority. (Mat 22:21; Acts 5:29)

Church Cooperation

We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Our church may likewise choose to cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis. (Eph 4:4-6)

Last Things

We believe in the personal visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His Kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal blessedness and joy of the righteous, and the endless punishment and suffering of the wicked. (1 Cor 15:42-44, 52; 1 Thes 4:13-17; Rev 20:11-21:7)