

# Grace Church Doctrinal Statement

## What We Believe

### About the Bible

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, divinely inspired; that it contains no errors in the original manuscripts and is preserved by God for us; that it is authoritative for this church and each of us for every age.

### About God

We believe that God exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are one God.

We believe God created the universe by His power and word.

We believe that God is all-knowing, all-powerful and ever present.

### About Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ was sent by God the Father into the world to save sinners.

We believe that Jesus Christ was virgin born, sinless in life, and mighty in words and deeds.

We believe Jesus was both God and man, that He was crucified for our sins, and was bodily raised from the dead. He then ascended to His Father's side where He is head of the Church and intercedes for believers.

We believe Jesus Christ is coming again personally, visibly, and bodily to reign as Lord.

### About the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is a person, and as God has all the divine characteristics. He indwells, baptizes, and seals all believers at the moment of salvation. He fills them in response to their confession of sin and surrender to Him.

## About Salvation

We believe that Jesus, through His death on the cross, provided salvation for all. However, to receive salvation one must repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ alone. The true believer is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation. He may, however, lose his joy by sin and bring the loving discipline of the Father upon himself.

All who have received Christ will at death depart to be with Christ in their spirits, and at Christ's return receive a new body which will be like His glorious body.

## About the Church

We believe a New Testament Church is a local body of baptized believers who have agreed together to worship Jesus Christ, edify the believers, evangelize the lost and minister to others.

The Church has two ordinances: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

*Baptism* symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life we have in Him.

*The Lord's Supper* is a reminder of Christ's death and anticipates His Second Coming.