

VCBC's STATEMENT OF FAITH

VCBC is committed to the following statement of faith:

Scriptures

1. We believe the Holy Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God. Scripture is the supreme and final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed.

Ex. 24:4; Psalm 19:7-10; 119:11, 105; Isa. 34:16; Matt. 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 24:44-46; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:15-17

Trinity

1. We believe in one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory and having the same attributes and perfections.

Genesis 1; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 20:1ff.; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 6:9ff.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; Romans 8:14-15; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 5:6-8

Jesus Christ

1. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men.
2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice and that our justification is made sure by His literal physical resurrection from the dead.
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor and Advocate.

Psalms 2:7ff.; 110:1ff.; Isa. 7:14; 53; Matt. 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:30-35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Rom. 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; 8:9; Gal. 4:4-5; Ephes. 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:11-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Rev. 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16

Holy Spirit

1. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption.
2. We believe that He guides believers into all truth and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Gen. 1:2; Judg. 14:6; Psalms 51:11; 139:7; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-29; Matt. 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Ephes. 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:19; 1 Tim. 3:16; 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14; 3:16; Heb. 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-8; Rev. 1:10; 22:17.

Man

1. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature and became alienated from God and that man is totally depraved and of himself, utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

Gen. 1:26-30; 2:18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 51:5; Isa. 6:5; Acts 17:26-31; Rom. 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Cor. 1:21-31; 15:19-22; Eph. 2:1-22

Salvation

1. We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins.
2. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever.

Ex. 3:14-17; 6:2-8; Matt. 1:21; 27:22-28:6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:11-14,29; 3:3-21,36; 5:24; 10:9,28-29; 15:1-16; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 15:11; 16:30-31; 17:30-31; 20:32; Rom. 1:16-17; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6:1-23; 8:1-18,29-39; 10:9-10; Gal. 2:20; 3:13; Ephes. 1:7; 2:8-22; 2 Tim. 1:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 11:1-12:8,14; 1 Peter 1:2-23; 1 John 1:6-2:11; Rev. 21:1-22:5.

Satan

1. We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire.

Matthew 25:41; Luke 4:1-13; John 16:11; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Ephesians 6:10-20; Revelation 12:7-17; 20:10

Resurrection

1. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead and the judgment of all; the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous into everlasting life.

Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 16:27; 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-26; John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; Hebrews 9:27-28; Revelation 20:1-22:13.

Second Coming

1. We believe that the personal and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the blessed hope of the church.

Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 16:27; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; Mark 8:38; Luke 16:19-26; 17:22-37; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13

Baptism

1. We believe that the ordinance of baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit by a person authorized by the Church. It shows the believer's union with the crucified, buried and risen Christ and His death to sin and resurrection to a new life.

Matthew 3:13-17; 28:19-20; John 3:22-23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12

Lord's Supper

1. We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance to commemorate the death of Christ. The elements are symbolic of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus who died upon the cross.

Matthew 26:26-30; Acts 2:41-42; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-32

Church

1. We believe that the church is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons.
2. We believe that the local church is an autonomous body of baptized believers voluntarily banded together for worship and service of God, recognizing the need for mutual counsel and co-operation with other bodies of like faith.

Matthew 16:15-19; 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-47; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 12; 16:1-3,19; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; Colossians 1:18; Revelation 7