

## The Confession of Faith for the Bible Church of Cabot

- **Doctrine of Inerrancy:** We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired revelation of God, inerrant in the original writings, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Since the Bible is God's truth and the only revelation of His will, it is our ultimate authority in every area of life; and we seek to be subject to it in all things. (I Pet. 1:10-12; Eph. 3:4-5; II Pet. 3:2; II Pet. 1:21; Mt. 5:18; II Tim. 3:16-17; John 17:17; I Thes. 2:13)
- **Doctrine of the Trinity:** We believe there is only one living and true God who eternally exists in three equal but distinct persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe that God is the Creator of all and Sovereign over all, worthy of our worship and obedience. (Deut. 6:4; Mt. 28:19; I Cor. 8:6; I Chron. 29:11; Rev. 4:11; I Tim. 1:17)
- **Doctrine of Christ:** We believe that Jesus is the image of the invisible God; that He is fully God and fully man; that having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, He lived a sinless life, died as a substitute for our sins, rose bodily from the grave, and ascended into Heaven where He now is interceding for us as our High Priest; that all judgment has been given to him who will come again in great power and glory. (Col. 1:15; 2:9; I Tim. 2:5; Luke 1:34-35; I Pet. 3:18; Acts 10:40-41; Heb. 4:14; 7 :25; John 5:22; Mark 13:26)
- **Doctrine of Man and Sin:** We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; that man's created purpose is to glorify God and enjoy fellowship with Him; that in Adam all mankind were made sinners with the result that all men are born spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins, blinded by their father, the Devil, and enslaved to sin; that every man is under condemnation and separated from God so that salvation can come only from God. (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 11:36; 5:12-19; Eph. 2:1-5; II Cor. 4:3-4; John 8:34-47; John 3:18; Isa. 59:2; Rev. 19:1)
- **Doctrine of Salvation:** We believe that the only way of salvation is through repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; that the basis of our salvation is the shed blood of Christ who died in our place; that salvation is wholly by the grace of God who draws men to Himself, causes them to be born again, and protects them so that they will never perish; that God's free gift of eternal life is available to whosoever will believe in Christ. (Acts 4:12; 20:21; Heb. 9:22; Rom. 5:6; Eph. 2:8-9; I Pet. 1:3-5; John 6:44; 10:28; Rom. 5:23; John 3:16)
- **Doctrine of Man's Purpose:** We believe that our ultimate goal is to glorify God by loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and by loving our neighbor as ourselves; that our love for God is made evident by our obedience to His written Word. (I Cor. 10:31; Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37-40; Rom. 13:8-10; John 14:21)

- **Doctrine of the Holy Spirit:** We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ; that at Pentecost the Spirit was poured out and uniquely gifted the early Church as the apostles and prophets laid the foundation of the Church; that He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; that every believer has been regenerated by Him, indwelt with Him, baptized with Him into one Body, sealed with Him for the day of redemption, and gifted by Him for service; that as the Spirit of truth, He teaches and guides us in the truth of God's Word and is the source of all power for Godly living and acceptable worship and service. (John 16:14; Acts 2:4, 16-17; Heb. 2:3-4; Eph. 2:20; John 16:8-11; Titus 3:5; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:30; I Pet. 4:10; John 16:13; 17:17; Acts 1:8; Eph. 5:18 ff; Gal. 5:22-23)
- **Doctrine of the Church:** We believe in one true Church composed of all who have believed in Jesus Christ; that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of this spiritual body; that Christ's Church is to assemble as various local churches which should operate according to the teaching of the New Testament; that all those and only those who are members of the true church shall be eligible for membership in the local church; that every local church under Christ is to decide and govern its own affairs under the leadership and authority of its elders; that the Lord has given to His Church the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's supper both of which are to be observed by every believer; that each local church is to purpose to worship the Lord, instruct in the Word, encourage holy living and endeavor to propagate the Gospel throughout the world. (Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:18; Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 14:23; II Tim. 3:16-17; Acts 2:47; Heb. 13:17; Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 11:23-26; Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11-16; II Tim. 4:2-8; Acts 8:4)
- **Doctrine of Christ's Return:** We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ will return to earth personally, bodily, and visibly; that He will raise His sleeping saints both to share in the likeness of his glorious immortality and also to be rewarded according to their works; that He will reign until He has put all of His enemies under his feet, including the last enemy, death, and will deliver up the kingdom in righteousness and peace to God the Father; that He will raise the wicked and judge them according to their works so that they will receive their just and eternal punishment along with Satan and his angels in the lake of fire; that God will dwell eternally with his people; we shall be His people and He shall be our God. (Acts 1:11; I Thes. 4:13-17; I Cor. 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20-21; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 15:24-25; Rev. 20:10-15; Rev. 21:3)