



Statement of Faith

THE BIBLE

We believe that all scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16) and that God has promised to preserve His pure words (Ps. 12:6-7). We believe that the Authorized King James Bible is the inspired and preserved words of God in the English language and is therefore the supreme, inerrant, infallible, and final authority in all matters of faith, creeds, and conduct.

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is a free gift of God (Eph. 2:8,9) offered to man by His grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It requires neither culture, character, religion, nor good works to get it or secure it. We believe every born again child of God is eternally secure in Christ with a forever sealed salvation (Eph. 1:13). Salvation will be evident through the fruit of repentance, faith, and newness of life (2 Cor. 5:17).

THE GODHEAD

We believe that there is only one living and true God (1 Tim. 2:5). He is an infinite, intelligent Person, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth (Deut. 4:39). In the unity of the Godhead, there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (1 Jn. 5:7).

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is God (Jn. 1:1-3), He was born of a virgin (Is. 7:14), He was God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16), He lived a sinless life (Heb. 4:15), He laid down His life on the cross for our sins (Rom. 5:8), He arose bodily the third day (1 Cor. 15:4), He ascended back to Heaven (Acts 1:9), He sits glorified at the right hand of the Father (Heb. 1:13), He is the Head of the Church (Col. 1:18), and He is coming again (Titus 2:13), and He is the only way to Heaven (Jn. 14:6).

THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe the local church to be a visible body of believers who come together in obedience to Christ to carry out the dictates of the New Testament (2 Cor. 5:17-21). The local church should be self-governing and independent from any interference of hierarchy, individuals, and organizations. Believers should assemble together locally in order to be edified in the word of God and to serve the Lord (Acts 11:23-26). The proper order for the local church is laid out especially in the Pastoral Epistles (1 Tim. 3:15). Open Door Baptist Church is an independent Baptist Church.

THE BODY OF CHRIST

We believe that every believer in the Church Age is baptized by the Holy Spirit into the spiritual body of Christ upon salvation (1 Cor. 12:13). We believe that the body of Christ was a great mystery that was hid from past ages until it was first revealed by Christ through the apostle Paul (Eph. 3:1-12). There is only one body (Eph. 4:4) of which Christ is the Head (Eph. 1:22-23). The body of Christ (the church) is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again Christians.

BAPTISM

We believe in following the Biblical pattern of baptism. Water baptism is only for those who have first believed in Jesus (Acts 8:37). It is full immersion into water symbolizing and identifying with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Mt. 3:16). Baptism will also identify you with the local church. It is obedience to the Lord's command (Mt. 28:19). Water baptism can in no wise impute grace or forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 1:17 & Rom. 4:24).

Code of Conduct LINK is a Christian homeschool organization, a ministry of Open Door Baptist Church, and as such a reflection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, during all LINK events we ask that all participants refrain from the use of foul language, the consumption of alcohol or the participation in acts of immorality or impropriety.

Facebook Usage I understand the LINK Facebook page is a means of communication for homeschool families, and is to be used solely for homeschool related questions and comments. I promise to refrain from using the group page for personal communications or the solicitation of involvement in activities or events that are not related to homeschooling.