

COVENANT AND DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF LIBERTY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

UNITED UNDER THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN ORDER TO REACH AND CONVERT THE LOST THROUGH THE GOSPEL AND ADVANCE THE BRETHREN IN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST UNTIL HIS CALLING OUT OF THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY.

We, the willing members of Liberty Bible Baptist Church, do hereby covenant and agree before God and our fellow Christians to hold the following biblical admonitions in high regard not only in the presence of the brethren but also before the lost so as to demonstrate the true character of Christianity and Spirituality that the Spirit of God may move freely among them and us and that our witness, testimony, and the words of the living God may be presented in truth and in purity without scorning or hindrance from us.

We will submit ourselves to one another in honor, preferring one another.

We will forgive one another even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us.

That we will, with gentleness and meekness, care for one another, the elder guiding the younger in the Lord, and by word and deed, being spiritual examples, both to express God's presence and be humbly used according to God's will and to strengthen those we have given to our fellowship.

We will pray for one another with compassion and concern, caring for one another and helping to bear one another's burdens in times of affliction and trouble.

We will unite together as God allows us in an organized service to worship in spirit and in truth with prepared yet humbled hearts and minds in joyful and holy communion.

We will continue faithfully supporting the work of the ministry through purposeful and cheerful giving and offerings as God hath prospered us in obedience to the scripture while seeking no temporal reward but looking for his blessing and love, realizing that if we sow bountifully, we shall also reap bountifully.

We will consider the world, the flesh, and the devil our adversaries while in our mortal bodies, but we will remain untangled from the affairs of this life to avail ourselves in the work of the Lord.

We will read, search, study, and memorize the scriptures as God allows so that we might show ourselves approved unto God in doctrine and spiritual understanding, recognizing that all truth is revealed by the Holy Spirit and defined from the scripture alone and no man may alter this truth, but only believe or deny it.

Furthermore, it is the very words of scripture and not the intent of the message or doctrine that is vital, and that we possess these very words in English by the mercy and grace of God in the confines of the Authorized King James 1611 Version entirely and without error.

It is the expressed and clear purpose and right of this church to disseminate, teach, promote, publish, preach, distribute in several forms, proclaim by voice in a righteous manner, and preserve these words as directed and supplied by the Spirit of God, to the fullest extent possible before the resurrection of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, in what we know and believe to be the rapture or translation of the saints.

THE A.V. 1611 KING JAMES BIBLE

We believe that the word of God is given by inspiration and is kept inerrant and infallible by the power and preservation of God and that the A.V. 1611 King James Bible is the final authority for English-speaking people. Furthermore, we believe that the A.V. 1611 does not just contain the word of God but is, in fact, the very words of God and the final authority of this local church in all matters of faith and practice.

THE FINAL AUTHORITY OF LBBC FOR PREACHING, TEACHING, DISCIPLESHIP, COUNSELING, SOUL-WINNING, AND OTHER METHODS OF IMPARTING TRUTH IS THE AUTHORIZED VERSION 1611 KING JAMES BIBLE PREACHED
Genesis 2:7; Job 33:4; Ezekiel 37:9-10; Psalms 12:6-7; 119:89; 138:2; 2 Peter 1:19-21, 23; Proverbs 30:5-6; John 17:17

DISPENSATIONALISM (RIGHTLY DIVIDING)

We believe that the Scriptures, interpreted in their natural, literal sense, reveal divinely determined dispensations or rules of life that define man's responsibility in successive ages. These are divinely ordered stewardships by which God directs man according to His purpose. These dispensations are the subjects of detailed revelation in Scripture
2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 2:7-8; Galatians 3:22-25; Romans 16:25-26; 11:6; 5:13-14

THE GODHEAD

We believe in one and only one living and true God. God is a Spirit and, as such, is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He is the infinite and intelligent Creator of Heaven and Earth. The Godhead is eternal in being and identical in holiness and righteousness. The Godhead is inexpressibly glorious and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love. We believe that in the unity of the Godhead, there are three persons: the Father, the Word (Jesus Christ, the Son of God), and the Holy Ghost, equal in divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

**Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19, 2
Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1-4; 14:10-26, 1 John 5:7**

1. GOD THE FATHER

We believe that God the Father, in His Power, rules over the affairs of mankind. In His Providential care over His creation, He set in motion a Divine plan to manifest His love for mankind, often revealing Himself to man through His voice, visions, dreams, and appearances, but He Himself, His person, or His shape, have never been seen in His glorious state and power. In His Divine Purpose, God the Father sent His only begotten Son into the world to redeem and reconcile man to Himself, being seated on His throne in glory.

Exodus 6:3; Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; John 5:37; John 1:18; 1 John 4:12; John 3:16; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22

2. THE WORD, JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, was eternally existent as the Word until He was made in the likeness of men, having been manifest in the flesh. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of Mary, a virgin, and given the name of a man, JESUS. He exists as God and Man, the Lord and Christ, so He might reveal Himself as God and redeem sinful man through his death on the cross and the shedding of his blood. Furthermore, he rose again on the third day for our justification and to impute his righteousness and everlasting life to us. He sits, exalted, at the Father's right hand as our heavenly representative in making intercession for us and advocating on our behalf until the Day of his Second Advent.

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-8; Acts 1:9-10; 2:18-36; 4:12; 20:28; Romans 3:24-25; 8:34; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2

3. GOD THE HOLY GHOST (SPIRIT)

God the Holy Ghost is a divine person with the same nature as God the Father and God the Son. He was active in the creation, being present with the Father and the Word. In His relation to the saved and the lost, He convicts the world of sin, judgment, and righteousness. He bears fruit in the life of the believer and bears witness to the truth of the gospel in preaching and testimony. He regenerates the spirit of the believer at his conversion, sealing, indwelling, empowering, guiding, teaching, witnessing, sanctifying, interceding, and helping the believer unto the day of redemption.

TONGUES, SIGNS, AND WONDERS ARE NOT MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH AGE, AND THERE IS NO INITIAL EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT REQUIRED OF A BELIEVER IN THE CHURCH AGE.

John 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:4-11; 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 1:13-14; 5:1 1 John 2:20,27

THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but in Adam's sin, the human race fell and inherited a sinful nature, becoming alienated from God. In this condition, man is totally depraved to remedy his lost state. However, he is not totally depraved of his free will and soul liberty to either accept or reject the gospel, calling upon the name of the Lord, based upon the supernatural, illuminating work of the Holy Spirit. **Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12,23; 6:17; Ephesians 1:13; 2:1-3; 3:22; 4:17-19; Romans 10:9-10; John 1:13; 6:28-29; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Timothy 2:4**

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the gift of God, brought to man by grace, and received freely and willingly by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, calling upon His name, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of sins. We believe that once a person has received the gift of eternal life, he can never lose it. We believe in the eternal security of the believer after his new birth.

John 3:16; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 1:16; Romans 5:8; Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; I Peter 1:18-19

THE BODY OF CHRIST

Once an individual is born again, they are spiritually "baptized" into the body of Christ, which is the Church, by the Holy Spirit. This church body consists of all born-again believers and is the invisible, universal, eternal body with Jesus Christ as its Head. **1 Corinthians 10:32; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:6; 4:12; 5:22-25; Colossians 1:24; Romans 12:5; Acts 20:28-32**

THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe the local church is an independent, autonomous, local “organization” free from the laws and mandates of the State, ideally made up of like-minded individuals who have been saved and are striving together for the purpose of serving the Lord Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and singing for the glory of God. We believe in the worship of Jesus Christ in spirit and truth. The local church may have in its services both the saved and the lost, and we have within our constitution and by-laws, according to scripture, the right to keep those out who pose a threat to our safety and unity

THE LOCAL CHURCH IS A TEMPORAL, LITERAL, PHYSICAL, EARTHLY REPRESENTATION OR PATTERN OF THE HEAVENLY, SPIRITUAL, UNIVERSAL, ETERNAL BODY OF CHRIST.

LBBC STANDS IN OPPOSITION OF ECUMENISM, CALVINISM, CATHOLICISM, PENTACOSTALISM, OR ANY “SCHISM” IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
Acts 9:31; 15:41; 16:5; Romans 16:4; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; Galatians 1:2, 22; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is going to rapture or deliver the body of Christ, which is the church, from this evil world before the tribulation period begins. He is our blessed hope, and we believe it is always “at hand”.

LBBC STANDS ON THE DOCTRINE OF A PRE-TRIBULATIOAL RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH; AS SUCH, WE STAND IN OPPOSITION TO THE FALSE DOCTRINAL TEACHING THAT THE CHURCH/BODY OF CHRIST WILL GO THROUGH ANY PART OF THE TRIBULATION/GREAT TRIBULATION. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THE FALSE DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS OF A MID-TRIB, POST-TRIB, OR POST-TRIB-PRE-WRATH RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

Romans 8:9-15; Titus 2:13; Galatians 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:9; Revelation 4:1; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

SECOND ADVENT/MILLENNIUM

We believe the Second Advent is the final, physical, visible, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth before taking the throne and reigning in Jerusalem. This event will take place at the end of the tribulation/great tribulation period, and the Lord will set up His Kingdom on earth for the Millennium Age (1,000 years).

LBBC STANDS ON THE DOCTRINE OF A PRE-MILLENNIAL RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST; AS SUCH, WE STAND IN OPPOSITION TO THE FALSE DOCTRINAL TEACHING OF A-MILLENNIALISM, POST-MILLENNIALISM, OR PAN-MILLENNIALISM.

Ezekiel 39:29; Zechariah 12:10; Joel 3:17; Revelation 20:1-6; Colossians 2:16-17; Matthew 26:29; Isaiah 66:23; Zechariah 14:16-21

HELL AND THE LAKE OF FIRE

We believe the unsaved are those who have chosen by their own free will, not the love of the truth and have chosen to reject the gospel of the grace of God. As a consequence, they will consciously, finally, and eternally be cast into the lake of fire along with hell itself and all of its inhabitants. This is called the "second death".

Romans 3:22; 1 Timothy 2:4; Mt 25:41; Revelation 20:11-15; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16; 22-31; Isaiah 66:24.

ORDINANCES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH: BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

By baptism, we mean the physical immersion of the believer in water after their testimony of salvation, where or when available, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This act is not for salvation but is rather a figure of the gospel, which is Christ's death, burial, and resurrection

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 1 Peter 3:21; Matthew 1:16

By the Lord's Supper, we mean the commemoration of our Lord's death by the bread and the fruit of the vine. Self-examination should always precede the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 11:23-28; John 6:52-53; Matthew 26:26-30

CREATION

We believe the Genesis account of creation is historically and literally accurate. That God created all things pertaining to heaven and earth in the literal six days of creation and that he rested on the seventh day. That God created both male and female “in his own image” and that in the image of God created he them.

EVOLUTION AS A MEANS OF TEACHING AN UNSCIENTIFIC THEORY REGARDING THE ORIGINS OF MANKIND AND THE WORLD IS UNBIBLICAL, AS IS THE FALSE SCIENCE OF A BIG BANG, THEISTIC EVOLUTION, DARWINISM, AND NEO-DARWINISM. THE GENESIS ACCOUNT OF CREATION DESTROYS THE FALSE SYSTEMS OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHIES SUCH AS POLYTHEISM, HUMANISM, PANTHEISM, FATALISM, EXISTENTIALISM, AND MATERIALISM.

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-23; 3:20; Deuteronomy 4:32; Isaiah 43:5; 45:18; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 14:7