

FELLOWSHIP OF FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE CHURCHES

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Please return to Ron Whitehead by July 15th along with the \$15.00 registration fee made out to the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches. Only ministerial members and delegates are responsible for this fee.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We believe the Holy Bible, the Old and New Testaments, with its sixty-six canonical books in the original manuscripts is the verbal, plenary, inerrant, and infallible Word of God, entirely without error or contradiction in all matters of which it speaks; we additionally believe that God by His singular care and providence, has preserved His Holy Scriptures; and that the Holy Bible is, therefore, the only sufficient final and supreme rule and authority of faith and practice (Ps. 12:6, 7; 119:89, 108, 132, 160; Mat. 5:18; 24:35; Luke 16:17; II Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 4:12; 1 Pet. 1:24, 25; 2 Pet. 1:21; Rev. 22:18-19).

We believe that God is Triune; that there are three persons in the Godhead, and these three are one God (Mat. 28:19).

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus; that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (John 1 and Mat. 1).

We believe that the only way to be saved is by faith in the blood sacrifice, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and that to those who thus become His sheep. He says, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (Jn. 10:28 and Eph. 2:8-9).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father; that He ever liveth to make intercession for all that come to God by Him (Acts 1:9-11; Mat. 4:14 and Eph. 1:20-21).

We believe that the Church, which is the Body of Christ, began with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; and that each one who receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior is a member of the Body of Christ, and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:12-28; 6:19-20).

We believe that the Gospel commission is for the Church; that the Lord's Supper and Water Baptism by immersion for believers only are Divine Institutions and that Christ desires us to practice them in this age (Mat. 28:18-20 and 1 Cor. 11:23-29).

We believe that Christ may at any moment return in the air to rapture the Saints, and that a Tribulation period of approximately seven years shall follow, after which He will come to earth with His Saints, and rule for a thousand years. After this the wicked will be judged and cast into the Lake of Fire (I Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15-21; 24:27; 25:26; Rev. 19:11; 20:10-12).

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of the Fall, and he shall be eternally punished (Job 1:6; Gen. 3:1-19; Rev. 20:10).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust; in the eternal conscious punishment of the lost and the eternal joy of the saved (Rev. 20:11-15; 22:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:1-58).

BIBLICAL DISTINCTIVES

As Fundamentalists we adhere to the following historical Biblical Distinctives; Biblically literal in our interpretation; dispensational (not covenantal) in our theology; premillennial and pretribulational in our eschatology; evangelistic and missions-oriented in our outreach; Biblically separated in personal life and ecclesiastical associations, and baptistic with regard to the mode and subjects of baptism.

BIBLICAL POSITIONS

We believe the following to be essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith; the inspiration of the Scriptures; the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ; the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; the Vicarious Death of Jesus Christ; the Bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ecclesiastical Separation

We believe that it is imperative to the testimony of the Lord and our Fellowship that each church associated with the FFBC stand firmly and boldly against all ungodliness, apostasy, false teaching and fanatical cults.

We therefore shall not knowingly cooperate with nor encourage organizations or individuals that do not hold to the fundamentals of the faith as set forth in the Word of God, or that refuse to separate themselves from organizations that harbor modernism or support the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, or other such organizations.

The Charismatic Movement

We believe the sign gifts of the Spirit, in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, to be miraculous gifts, sovereignly bestowed by the Holy Spirit for a limited time and for specific circumstances. These gifts are all transitory in nature and limited in operation. By transitory in nature we mean that by the time the New Testament Canon closed, these gifts had gradually come to an end, with none of them being operative past the end of the first century. By limited in operation we mean that these were not gifts which were continually exercised by an individual over an extended period of time; and that the purpose of the usage determined the exercise of the gift.

The purpose for which the Holy Spirit gave these gifts was: (1) as signs to unbelievers until the completion of the canon; (2) for authentication of the gospel; (3) as the seal of divine approval upon the Church; (4) of revelatory significance to the believers. All of these purposes were and are served with this completed Word of God.

Therefore we are convinced that these gifts which were operative in the early Church were discontinued by the time of the close of the New Testament Canon and are not to be sought nor to be exercised in our day. The completion of the New Testament assured accessibility through the Word of God to knowledge and power adequate for the life and service of all believers. Therefore, to seek the transitory gifts is a denial of the efficacy of the Word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

No minister of the F.F.B.C. shall allow himself to become involved with any group, movement, or organization which fosters or tolerates the Charismatic Movement in any of its various forms. By this action, we can assure the continued propagation of the gospel through our Fellowship, as we rightly divide the Word of Truth.

Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage

We believe that marriage is a divine and sacred institution uniting one man and one woman in a life-long bond. Our Lord declares that "a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:4-6). By God's design the marriage bond is only to be dissolved by death.

We also believe it is contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures for any person who is divorced to remarry while the other party of the marriage contract is still living.

Believing that such a union would be detrimental to an individual's effectiveness in full-time ministry, we will not recommend to the ministry anyone who violates this statement nor anyone who will perform a marriage ceremony uniting such divorced people.

I assert my agreement with the Doctrinal Statement, Biblical Distinctives, Biblical Positions, and Constitution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches. I hereby agree that in the event I should have a grievance with the FFBC, or any of its personnel or agencies, I will bring said grievances before the proper boards or committees of the Fellowship before making known publicly the same. Be it further affirmed that in the event of any grievance I will not influence in any manner the relationship of any other church to the Fellowship.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____