

Statement of Faith

A Wide Table, Low Fences

Colorado Bible Church

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Preamble

This is what we believe. The core convictions that hold us together as a church. We have written it deliberately as a wide table and low fences: wide enough to welcome any Christian who confesses faith in Christ, and low enough that secondary disagreements never become walls.

The essentials are non-negotiable: the triune God; the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ; the authority of Scripture; salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone; the bodily resurrection of our Lord; and his personal return. On these, we will not move.

Beyond the essentials, faithful Christians have long held different views on the timing of Christ's return, the operation of spiritual gifts, the precise mechanics of God's sovereignty and human freedom, and the application of biblical wisdom to many contested questions. On most of these, we choose deliberately to be quiet here. Our silence is not indifference. It is love.

Scripture, not this document, is the final authority. This is our best, most careful summary of what we read in the Bible. Where we have misread, the Bible wins.



Article 1. The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Bible, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, breathed out by the Holy Spirit through human authors, fully trustworthy in all that it affirms, and the supreme authority for what we believe and how we live. Scripture is completely sufficient for salvation, doctrine, and living the kind of life that pleases God, and we humbly read it together, expecting the Spirit who wrote it to teach us through it.

2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:105; John 17:17.

Article 2. The Triune God

We believe in one God, eternally self-existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in power, glory, and essential being, distinct in person but one in substance. God is the

creator of all that exists. He made the heavens and the earth out of nothing. He exerts comprehensive sovereignty over all of his creation. He possesses exhaustive and perfect knowledge of all events past, present, and future. He is present everywhere at all times. He is infinitely good with no shadow of sin in any part of his being, and worthy of all worship, trust, and love.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 1:1–18; Ephesians 4:4–6.

Article 3. God the Father

We believe in God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, who in love calls and adopts those who come to him through his Son. He hears prayer, governs history, gives every good gift, and brings to completion every work of redemption.

Genesis 1:1; Ephesians 1:3–6; John 6:44; Romans 8:15; James 1:17.

Article 4. God the Son

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who became fully human while remaining fully God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, taught with authority, performed signs and wonders, and gave himself as a substitutionary sacrifice for sinners by his death on the cross. On the third day, he rose bodily from the grave, ascended to the Father, and reigns now as Lord. He will return personally and visibly to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

John 1:1, 14; Luke 1:30–35; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Philippians 2:5–11; Hebrews 4:14–16; Acts 1:9–11; Revelation 22:12–13.

Article 5. God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is fully God, sent by the Father and the Son. He convicts humans of their sin, brings new birth, indwells every believer, seals us for the day of redemption, sanctifies us through the Word, equips the church with spiritual gifts, and empowers us for love, witness, and obedience.

John 14:26; 16:7–11; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9–17; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; Ephesians 1:13–14; Galatians 5:16–25.

Article 6. Humanity, Sin, and the Need of Salvation

We believe that God created human beings, male and female, in his image, with dignity, vocation, and the capacity to know and love him. Through the disobedience of our first parents, sin entered the world, and through sin, death. All humanity is now born with a sinful nature, alienated from God, and unable to save themselves. Man's ultimate need is for the broken

relationship with God to be restored. Therefore, man needs sins forgiven and peace with God. All perceived needs are reflections of this core reality.

God made mankind in two complementary genders, male and female, who are equal in dignity and worth. Men are called to roles of spiritual leadership, particularly in the home and in the church. Women are called to respond to and affirm godly servant leadership, particularly in the church and home. God created the human person with a physical body and an immaterial soul, each possessing equal honor and essential to humanity. The Bible depicts the soul as that which motivates the physical body to action. These constituent aspects are separable only at death. The great hope of Christians is the restoration of body and soul in a glorified existence in the new heavens and new earth.

We affirm the sanctity and worth of every human life, made in God's image — including the unborn, the aged, the disabled, the marginalized, and the stranger. To love God is also to love every neighbor he has made.

Genesis 1:26–28; 2:7; 3:1–24; Psalm 139:13–16; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 1 Cor 11:3; Ephesians 2:1–3, 5:22,23; 2 Peter 1:3–9 James 3:9.

Article 7. Salvation in Christ Alone

We believe that salvation is the gracious gift of God, received through faith in Jesus Christ alone, not earned by any work or merit of our own. Christ's death paid for our sin in full; his resurrection secured our justification, our adoption as children of God, and the promise of our own resurrection.

Saving faith is not bare intellectual assent. It is wholehearted trust in Christ that receives him as both Savior and Lord, and that bears the fruit of repentance, obedience, and love over time.

Our salvation's security is objective and rests on the finished work of Christ and the faithful promises of God, not on the strength of our own performance. For those who are in Christ Jesus, there is no condemnation. Assurance of salvation is subjective and is based on a personal understanding of beliefs that accord with what the Bible teaches and conduct that seeks to please the Lord.

John 3:16; John 10:29; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:21–26; 5:1; 6:23; 8:1, 31–39; 10:9–10; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:4–7; 1 John 5:11–13; 1 John 2:3–6; 1 John 3:16–24; 1 John 5:2

Article 8. The Christian Life

Jesus is what the Christian life looks like. We believe that all who are joined to Christ are being progressively transformed into his likeness by the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures, prayer, the gathered worship of the church, the Lord's Supper, and the ordinary providence of God. The

Christian life is a life of growing love for God and neighbor, ongoing repentance, joyful obedience, and active participation in the mission of Christ.

We hold to the historic Christian sexual ethic: that God's design for sexual intimacy is the lifelong covenant union of one man and one woman in marriage, and that singleness is also a high and honored calling.

Romans 6:1–14; 8:12–17; 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:13–26; Ephesians 4:17–5:21; Philippians 2:12–13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8; Hebrews 12:14; 2 Pet 1:3–9; 1 John 1:5–10.

Article 9. The Church

We believe that the church is the people of God, every person redeemed by the blood of Christ, indwelt by his Spirit, and called to his service, drawn from every nation, tribe, language, and age. The universal church is one body, with Christ as her only Head. The local church is its visible expression: a community of believers committed to one another in love, gathered around the Word, the ordinances, prayer, and mission, led by qualified shepherds (elders, pastors, overseers) and served by deacons.

Membership is a covenant of mutual care, mutual accountability, and shared mission. We welcome any believer who confesses Jesus as Lord and walks in repentance, regardless of background, history, or where they are on the road of following Christ.

Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:42–47; Ephesians 2:19–22; 4:1–16; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; Hebrews 10:24–25; 1 Peter 2:9–10.

Article 10. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

We believe Jesus has given his church two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed as signs of his grace and seals of our union with him.

Baptism is the public confession of faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and the sign of entrance into the visible community of his people. It is not a means of salvation but a witness to the salvation already received by faith.

The Lord's Supper is the regular remembrance, proclamation, and communion of the Lord's death until he comes. As we share the bread and the cup, we receive Christ by faith, we are knit together as one body, and we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb. The table belongs to the Lord and is open to all who trust in him and walk in repentance.

Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 2:38–42; Romans 6:3–5; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–32; Colossians 2:11–12.

Article 11. The Mission of the Church

We believe the church is sent. Christ commissioned his disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything he commanded.

Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8; Luke 4:18–19; Romans 10:14–17; James 1:27.

Article 12. The Return of Christ and the Hope of the World

We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally, visibly, and gloriously to consummate his literal physical kingdom on earth, where he will govern the world from Jerusalem. The faithful dead will be raised at that time to govern the earth with Him. The 1000-year reign will be followed by a final rebellion against God and the final battle against Satan and his followers, and God's ultimate victory. After this comes the Great White Throne and a general resurrection where believers from the millennial kingdom are raised to everlasting life with the Lord, and the impenitent to everlasting judgment. Creation itself will be renewed, every tear wiped away, and God will dwell with his people in a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

The precise timing and sequence of these final events have been understood differently by faithful Christians throughout church history. We hold the certainty of Christ's return as essential; we hold the details with humility and with charity toward those who read these texts differently.

Matthew 24:30–31; John 14:1–3; Acts 1:11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, 51–58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 2 Peter 3:10–13; Revelation 20:1–15; 21:1–5; 22:20.



Closing: Essentials, Convictions, and Charity

We confess these things as the foundation on which we gather. They are not all that we believe, but they are the floor we share. Within them is real room for genuine, faithful Christians to hold different convictions on matters Scripture has not made fully plain, and on those matters we will be slow to bind consciences and quick to extend grace.

We will extend grace in conversations about the timing of the rapture, operation of the gifts, the finer points of God's sovereignty and human responsibility, or the application of biblical wisdom to many contested questions on which good Christians genuinely differ. We will hold our convictions where we have them. We will hold them lovingly. We will hold them open to Scripture, and we will hold each other above the difference.

We commit ourselves to one another in love. We commit ourselves to the truth of God's Word. We commit ourselves to the worship of the triune God and the proclamation of Jesus Christ until he comes.

To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24–25.



Adoption Record

This Statement of Faith was adopted by the founding leadership of Colorado Bible Church on _____ (date), and may be amended only by the process specified in the church's Bylaws.

Signatures of Founding Leaders:

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