

**NORTHEAST BIBLE CHURCH
STATEMENT OF BELIEF**

SECTION 1: THE SCRIPTURES

We believe:

- the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God;
- that they are inerrant in the original writings; and
- that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and practice (Luke 24: 44; II Tim 3:16; II Pet 1:20-21; 3:16).

SECTION 2: THE GODHEAD

We believe:

- that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; and
- that these three are one God deserving precisely the same homage, confidence, and obedience, each one executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (Deut 6:4; Matt 3:16-17; 28:18-20; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-4; Tit 3:3-7; Heb 1:1-3; I Pet 1:2-3; Rev 1:4-6).

SECTION 3: SATAN

We believe:

- that Satan is an actual person, and not an imaginary influence;
- that he once enjoyed high heavenly honors and glorious heavenly privileges;
- that he, through pride, ambition and self-will, attempted to betray the Almighty and brought down upon his head the judgment of God (Job 1:6-12; Isa 14:12-20; Ezek 28:12-19);
- that he operates today as the prince of the power of the air (Matt 24:11; Eph 2:2);
- that he is a diabolical inventor, an arch deceiver, and the father of all lies (Gen 3:1-6; John 8:44; I Pet 5:8);
- that he is the greatest enemy, the mightiest tempter, and the most relentless accuser of the saints (Rev 12:10);
- that he shall one day be incarnated in the person of the Antichrist; and in that role will finally meet the Christ in the battle of Armageddon; that there "the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head" (Rev 13:1-9; Gen 3:14-15);
- that he shall eventually be cast into the lake of fire, the eternal place of punishment prepared for the devil and his angels (Rev 19:20; 20:10).

SECTION 4: CREATION

We believe:

- that God personally created the heavens and earth (Gen 1:1; John 1:1-3);
- that man was originally created in the image and after the likeness of God; and that he disobeyed God, bringing sin (total depravity) and its condemnation upon the whole human race (Gen 1:26; 3:17); and
- that every child of Adam is born into the world with a nature which not only possesses no spark of divine life, but essentially and unchangeably is evil apart from divine grace (Psa 14:1-3; 51:5; Jer 17:9; Mark 7:20-23; Rom 1:24-32; Rom 3:10-19; 5:12; Eph 2:1-3).

SECTION 5: THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

We believe:

- that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, is true God and true man (John 20:28);
- and in the sacrificial and atoning death of Christ through His shed blood upon the cross (Job 19:25; Isa 53; Matt 28; Luke 24);
- in His bodily resurrection and ascension to heaven where He sits as the mediator between God and man today (Acts 1:10; 2:32-36; Heb 1:1-3; I John 2:1-2); and
- in His literal future return to earth as the greater son of David who shall sit upon David's throne and establish an everlasting Kingdom (II Sam 7:16; Dan 7:27; Isa 9:6-7; Ezek 37:24-25; Rev 19:16).

SECTION 6: THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe:

- that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to testify of Him (John 14:26; 16:7-15);
- He is the infallible interpreter of the infallible Word (Heb 3:7; II Pet 1:21; 1 John 2:27); and
- He convicts men, regenerates the believing sinner, indwells, guides, instructs, and empowers the believer for Godly living, service, and worship (John 14:26; Rom 8:26-27; I Cor 2:10-13; 3:16; 6:19; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30).

SECTION 7: THE BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

We believe regarding:

A. Sanctification Past

- that when an unregenerate person (child of Adam) exercises that kind of faith in Christ which is illustrated and described of Abraham in Rom 4:3, he passes immediately out of spiritual death into spiritual life and from the old creation into the new (John 5:24; Acts 13:39; Rom 5:1, 8:35-39; I Cor 3:21-23; Eph 1:3; Rom 4:3; Col 2:10; I John 4:17, 5:11-12); and
- that he has been justified from all things, and is accepted before the Father as Christ is, having his place and portion as linked to Him and one with Him forever; therefore, he is in no way required by God to seek a "second work of grace" for justification, nor to maintain his justification by his own works of righteousness (Rom 6:20-23).

B. Sanctification Present

- that God has already perfected our sanctification because our position toward God is the same as Christ's position (I Cor 1:30);
- that we retain our tendency to sin (i.e., it is not eradicated in this life) and thus our present state is no more perfect than our experiences in daily life (Phil 3:12; Rom 7:20, 23);
- that if a person has experienced salvation, his walk should demonstrate that God is working in him to produce good works; therefore, it is the privilege and responsibility of every believer to "press on" in holiness of life (Heb. 12:14; Phil 3:10-16); and
- the means of experiencing daily victory over the flesh, world, and devil is through faith in appropriating Christ's death and life, by reading the Word of God, by prayer, and by fellowship with other believers (Luke 9:23-24; John 17:17; Eph 6:18; II Tim 3:15).

C. Sanctification Future

- that our sanctification is made complete in experience when we partake of bodily resurrection, at which time our bodies become like unto His (Rom 8:18-23; Phil 3:20-21).

SECTION 8: CHURCH ORDINANCES

NEBC practices the following ordinances in obedience to Christ's teachings. Although not essential to salvation, we believe regarding:

- Baptism:** That Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit, to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior and that baptism is a symbol of our death to sin and resurrection to a new life (Matt 28:19; Acts 8:36-39; Rom 6:4).
- Communion:** That the Lord's Supper is a memorial by which we commemorate together the sacrificial love of Christ until He returns, and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination (Acts 2:41-42; I Cor 11:23- 26).

SECTION 9: THE RAPTURE

We believe in the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive to Himself all those who have believed in Him, and so shall we ever be with the Lord (Dan 9; John 14:1-6; I Thes 4:13-18; Rev 3:10-11).

SECTION 10: THE PRE-MILLENNIAL RETURN AND REIGN OF CHRIST

We believe in the bodily return of Christ with His saints as prophesied in the Davidic covenant prior to the era of Israel's restoration and universal peace for a thousand years, thus fulfilling prophecy (II Sam 7; Isa 2:2-5; Zechariah 14; Rev 19:11-20:5).

SECTION 11: THE ETERNAL STATE

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the just to everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the unjust to the everlasting condemnation of the lost (II Cor 5:10; I Thes 4:16-17; II Thes 1:9; Rev 20:4-15).

SECTION 12: MARRIAGE

We believe that marriage was the first institution established by God and as such is to be held in the highest regard. In light of the clear biblical teaching on marriage we believe that God has ordained marriage to be an exclusive and covenantal union between one man and one woman (Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-6) and that this covenant of marriage was designed by God to be a lifetime commitment (Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:9). We further believe that the biblical instruction holds that legitimate sexual relations are reserved solely for marriage and within marriage (Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Hebrews 13:4) and that any sexual activities outside of marriage [such as, but not limited to, adultery, incest, sodomy, pornography, pedophilia and bestiality] are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. We will faithfully follow this scriptural definition of marriage in the teachings and practices of this church; accordingly, the ministries and facilities of Northeast Bible Church may not be used for any activities that are in conflict with these deeply held beliefs.