

CLEAR LAKE BIBLE CHURCH  
Doctrinal Statement

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A. The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures, as originally given, are the verbally inspired word of God, infallible, and the final authority in doctrine and practice. We also believe that divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of Scripture. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20, 21.

B. The Godhead

We believe in the one living and true God, who is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, an infinite being who is manifest in three persons--the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe that the three persons of the Godhead are distinct in office and activity, yet, have the same nature and attributes and are due precisely the same reverence, confidence, and obedience. Psalms 139:7-10; Matthew 28:19; Matthew 3:16, 17.

C. The Person and Work of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, that His absolute deity and perfect humanity was joined in one unique person. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe that He accomplished our redemption through the shedding of His blood on the cross, that His sacrifice was complete and that no human act of work or faith can be added as an offering for our sins. This redemption is assured by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and as High Priest represents us as advocate and intercessor. Matthew 1:18, 23; John 1:1, 14, 18; Romans 4:24, 25; 8:34; Colossians 2:8, 9; I Peter 1:18, 19; I John 2:1.

D. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person of the God-head. He convicts man of sin. To those who believe in Christ, He gives eternal life through spiritual birth, identifies them completely with Christ and unites them with all other believers in one body over which Christ is the head, indwells them permanently, seals them, guaranteeing their redemption, and bestows on them spiritual gifts. His present ministries include filling, empowering, leading, comforting, teaching, and illuminating. It is the believer's responsibility to be yielded to Him and to be steadfast in prayer and in study and obedience to His word. We do not believe that baptism is a second work of grace nor that it is accompanied by the sign of tongues. We believe that God sovereignly heals according to His will through the prayers of believers (James 5:14) but that complete deliverance from bodily sickness and death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 13:8). John 14:17; 16:7-11; Romans 8:9; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18.

#### E. Heaven

We believe that Heaven is a literal reality. It is the abode of God. All born-again believers shall ascend to heaven at God's appointed time to abide there for eternity with God and Christ. Ecclesiastes 5:2; Matthew 6:9-10; 25:34; John 14:1-3; Ephesians 6:9; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 21, 22.

#### F. Hell

We believe that Hell is a literal place of misery and torment. It was created to be the final abode of Satan and his angels. All Christ-rejecting mankind will spend eternity there as a penalty for sin under God's righteous judgment. Psalms 9:16, 17; Matthew 25:41; Luke 16:23-26; Romans 1:18-23; II Peter 2:4; Revelation 20.

#### G. The Lost Estate of Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God. Through Adam's sin, the race fell, inherited a sin nature, and became alienated from God. Man is totally unable to redeem himself from his lost condition. Genesis 1:26; 2:17; Romans 3:10, 23; 5:12; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9.

#### H. Salvation

We believe that salvation is the deliverance from everlasting condemnation and separation from God, to eternal life and union with God. It is gift of God and must be received on a personal basis through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His atonement. John 1:12; 3:18, 36; 5:24; Romans 6:23; 10:9; Ephesians 2:8,9.

#### I. Eternal Security

We believe that a person who has accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord is eternally secure in his salvation. The knowledge and assurance of this security in Christ is available to every believer through the message of Scripture, his ability to understand spiritual truth, and the fruitful ministry of the Spirit in his life. Such assurance should excite love, gratitude, and obedience. Psalms 121:7, 8; John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 10:27-29; Romans 6:23; 8:38, 39; Hebrews 10:14.

#### J. The Church

We believe that the Church, the body and bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons irrespective of their affiliation with Christian organizations. Being members of this one body gives each believer responsibility to maintain the unity established by the Holy Spirit in an attitude of love. I Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:3-13; 5:23-27; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 19:6-9.

#### K. The Local Church

We believe that the local church is an assembly of believers in Jesus Christ voluntarily joined together as a miniature of the Body of Christ in order to reflect the character of Christ and to give Him honor and praise. This is done by group worship and prayer, observance of the ordinances, the study of God's word, Christian fellowship, by the development of a servant's attitude toward God and toward one another, and by the equipping of each servant to minister in love according to the spiritual gifts with which the Holy Spirit has endowed him. Acts 2:42-47; I Corinthians 1:1, 2; Galatians 1:1, 2; Ephesians 4:11-13.

L. Church Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are to be observed until He returns. Matthew 28:19; Luke 22:19, 20; Acts 2:38-41; 8:36-38; Romans 6:3, 4; I Corinthians 11:23-26.

M. The Responsibility of Believers

We believe that Christians are called to walk in a manner which reflects the life of the resurrected Christ in us. As His representatives in a world foreign to our citizenship, but very much in keeping with our old life, we must maintain a character that is inwardly pure, above reproach before men, yet gentle and without strife so that the gospel of Christ is unhindered to deliver those who oppose themselves. Primary goals include personal conformity to Christ (Romans 8:29), an attitude of unity and service to other believers (Ephesians 4:1-16), and making disciples among all nations through the sharing of the Good News of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).

N. The Person of Satan

We believe in the existence and activity of Satan, a fallen angel, who is the open and declared enemy of God and man. Matthew 4:3-11; Ephesians 6:11, 12; I Peter 5:8; I John 3:8; Revelation 12:7-9.

O. The Return of Christ

We believe in the imminent, premillennial, bodily, visible and personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 24:36-51; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; 5:1, 2; II Thessalonians 2:1, 2.