

What We Believe

Doctrinal Statement of International Baptist Church

1. The Bible

We believe in the Holy Scriptures (the Bible) as the inspired Word of God. In all its entirety, it is the Word of God. It contains 66 books, two testaments: Old and New, and has the final authority in matters of faith and Christian living.

2. God

We believe in one God, creator of all, and holy, is from everlasting, eternal, and in three persons equal in all their being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

1. The Christ

We believe in the complete divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, He is the Son of God and God the Son. We believe that He is eternal with God the Father. We believe in His virgin birth and that He lived a sinless life. We believe in His redeeming death on the Cross, and His resurrection on the third day as recorded in the scriptures. We believe in His ascension to heaven and His mediation on our behalf, and His second coming, in person, to establish His millennial rule on earth. We believe that He is our chief priest, and hence there is no need for any human mediation.

2. The Holy Spirit

We believe in the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Being a divine being He convicts people of sin, righteousness and judgment. He is the One who regenerates, sanctifies, instructs, and encourages those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Satan

We believe in the being of Satan. He is an evil being and the source of sin and the enemy of God and man.

4. Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God and His likeness, that he sinned and became guilty in God's sight, therefore man was thrown out of God's presence and was condemned to spiritual and physical death.

5. Salvation

We believe that salvation is the work of the grace of God through new birth, and justification by faith only through the redemptive sacrifice of Christ.

6. Future Events

We believe in the second coming of Christ and His public appearances, in the resurrection of all people, the righteous to life and the nonbeliever to eternal condemnation.

7. Local Church

We believe that the church is a group of people who have been redeemed and baptized in water through immersion, called out of the world to belong to Christ, to have a good testimony and work together in the ministry of the Word and the building up of the faith and spreading the gospel and keeping the ordinances. We believe that it is an independent spiritual body, working accordingly to godly gifts under the sovereignty and lordship of Christ who is the head of the Church, and under the instruction of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that pastors and deacons are raised to minister in it.

8. Ordinances

We believe that there are two ordinances practiced by the New Testament Church:

- a) Baptism: We believe that every person who has personally experienced the new birth must express this faith by obeying the Lord's command to be baptized through immersion, which symbolically resembles the death of Christ, His burial and His resurrection from the dead.
- b) Breaking the Bread: This ordinance must be practiced always and that is through eating and drinking bread and wine, symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, remembering His death till He comes again.

9. Spiritual Freedom

We believe in religious freedom and the rights of every individual to pursue and declare their beliefs. (This does not mean that this person is saved from the judgment of God in the case that their faith is not in accordance with the Bible.)

10. The Lord's Day

We believe that the first day of the week (Sunday) is the Lord's Day with a special meaning. It is appointed by the Lord for worship and religious activities.

11. Civilian Government

We believe that the civilian governments are instituted by God and beneficial for society and law giving. We need to pray for the rulers and to obey the civil laws without breaking the laws of Christ Jesus who is master of all and King of Kings.