

# **Doctrinal Statement Of Green River Bible Baptist Church**

## **Bibliology**

We believe that the Bible, the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God. Every word of Scripture is inspired and entirely accurate (2 Tim. 3:16). God used holy men to write the Bible, each with a distinct personality. God gave these men the words to write down which means that the original writings were God's Word without error (2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 17:17). The Bible is clear, finished, and complete, and sufficient to instruct the believer in all matters regarding the faith, godliness, and spiritual welfare (Ps 119:105, 130; Acts 18:28; 28:23; Rom. 15:4).

## **Theology**

We believe there is one God who is an infinite Spirit, and He is creator and sustainer of all things (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 6:25-33). God is one God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each person of God has the same attributes and perfections. Though undivided in nature and being, each person of God has different roles, eternally functioning with perfect harmony (Duet. 6:4; Matt. 3:16,17; 28:19; John 1:1-14; 14:5-14).

## **Christology**

We believe Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity. He is God and was with God in the beginning (John 1: 1-2, 14). Jesus became man, without ceasing to be God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin so that He could reveal God and save man from sin (Isa. 7:14, 9:6; Luke 1:35; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:5-8). Because He is perfect and sinless, Jesus was the only One able to be the sacrifice for our sins. Bearing our sin, Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood to take our punishment, and He rose again showing He had power over sin and death (Acts 2:18-36; Rom. 3:24-25, Eph. 1:7; I Pet. 1:3-5; 2:24; John 14:6).

## **Pneumatology**

We believe the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the supernatural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (Eze. 36:27; John 14:7; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 3:16; Matt. 3:11; I Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:13-14) He is our comforter, and He helps us to understand the Bible and what God wants us to do with our lives (I John 2:27). The Holy Spirit also convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. (John 16:8-11) He also gives us certain gifts that we can use to glorify God, and God uses evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip believers in the church to do the work of the ministry. (Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:7-12)

## **Angelology**

We believe that angels were created by God to serve and worship Him in heaven. God gave the angels a choice to follow Him in the beginning, and Lucifer chose to become prideful and jealous of God. Lucifer took one third of the angels with him when God cast him to the earth. The angels Lucifer took with him are demons and are his agents and associates in completing his will while others who fell are "reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." (Isa. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:11-19; 1 Tim. 3:6; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). Satan is given permission by God to tempt people to sin, and he opposes God, God's work, and God's people. (Job 1:6-12; Eph. 6:12; Gen. 3:4-5; Zech. 3:1)

There was a great company of angels that kept their holy estate and are before the throne of God, from where they are sent forth as ministering spirits to minister to believers (Luke 15:10; Heb. 1:14; Rev. 7:11-12).

## **Hamartiology**

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but when Adam disobeyed, the human race fell. Adam's sin nature passed to every man after him and became alienated from God. Man is totally depraved, and by himself, he cannot get rid of his sin. (Gen. 1:26-27; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; 4:17-19)

## **Soteriology**

We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who trust in Him as their Savior are justified by His shed blood (Isaiah 53, Ephesians 2:8,9, Hebrews 2:14-18). When Jesus died on the cross, He satisfied the righteousness and justice of God, and He made it possible for man to be reconciled to God and man's sins to be forgiven him (Romans 3:22-26, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

I believe that when a man trusts in Jesus as his Savior, he can never lose his salvation because he becomes God's child (John 1:12). Believers can trust that God keeps them secure in their salvation, and Scripture also tells men that they can know for sure that they have eternal life through the sufficiency of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (John 6:39-40, 10:28-29; 1 John 5:13, John 6:37, Romans 8:31-39).

## **Ecclesiology**

We believe that the Church is a local, self-governing body of baptized believers (Acts 2:41-47). Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the church is the Body and espoused Bride of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23-27). Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only Scriptural ordinances both of which are administered only to believers. The mission of the church is to preach the Gospel, baptize believers, and disciple believers so that they can become more like Christ (Matthew 28:19-20; I Cor. 11:23-26).

## **Eschatology**

We believe that one day, Jesus Christ is coming again to take His church out of the world (John 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). The rapture will be visible, personal, premillennial (2 Tim 4:1; Rom 11:25-27), and pretribulational (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; 2 Pet 2:7, 9; John 14:1-3; Rev 3:10; 4:4; 13:6; Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24-27). After the rapture, the seven-year tribulation period begins. The events of the tribulation are not part of God's program for the church but for Israel (Jacob's trouble Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24-27). The church will be in heaven during the tribulation at which time the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:8-10; Rom 14:10-12) and the Marriage of the Lamb (Rev 19:1-10) will take place.