



STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following Statement of Faith represents the core biblical doctrines held and taught by Faith Community Churches International. These beliefs are derived from the authority of Holy Scripture and serve as the doctrinal foundation for all ministries affiliated with FCCI.

The Scriptures

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, the product of holy men of old who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The New Covenant, as recorded in the New Testament, we accept as our infallible guide in matters pertaining to conduct and doctrine.

(2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21)

The Godhead

Our God is One, but manifested in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, being coequal.

God the Father is greater than all, the Sender of the Word (Logos) and the Begetter.

The Son is the Word made flesh, the One Begotten, and has existed with the Father from the beginning.

The Holy Spirit proceeds forth from both the Father and the Son and is eternal.

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Philippians 2:6; John 1:1; John 1:14; John 14:16; John 15:26)

Man, His Fall and Redemption

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God. Through Adam's transgression and fall, sin came into the world.

The Bible declares that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and that "there is none righteous, no, not one."

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to destroy the works of the devil and gave His life and shed His blood to redeem and restore mankind to God.

Salvation is the gift of God to man, separate from works and the Law, and is made operative by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, producing works acceptable to God.

(Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:14; 1 John 3:8; Ephesians 2:8–10)

Eternal Life and the New Birth

Man's first step toward salvation is godly sorrow that works repentance.

The New Birth is necessary for all people and, when experienced, produces eternal life.

(2 Corinthians 7:10; John 3:3–5; 1 John 5:12)

Water Baptism

Baptism in water is by immersion, is a direct commandment of our Lord, and is for believers only.

The ordinance is a symbol of the Christian's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

(Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:36–39)

On the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and by His authority, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire is a gift from God as promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is received subsequent to the New Birth.

This experience is accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit Himself gives utterance.

(Matthew 3:11; John 14:16–17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38–39; Acts 19:1–7; Acts 2:1–4)

Sanctification

Sanctification is both a definite and progressive work of grace beginning at the time of regeneration and continuing until the consummation of salvation at Christ's return.

The Bible teaches that without holiness no one will see the Lord.

(Hebrews 12:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:12–14)

Divine Healing

Healing for the physical body is provided through the atonement of Christ and is available through the prayer of faith and the laying on of hands.

It is the privilege of every believer today.

(James 5:14–15; Mark 16:18; Isaiah 53:4–5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24)

Resurrection of the Just and the Return of Our Lord

The angels said to the disciples of Jesus,

“This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.”

His coming is imminent.

When He returns:

“The dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

(Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)

Following the Tribulation, Christ will return to earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. Together with His saints, who shall be kings and priests, He will reign for a thousand years.

(Revelation 5:10; Revelation 20:6)

Hell and Eternal Retribution

Those who die without accepting Jesus Christ remain eternally separated from God.

The lake of fire is literal and eternal.

The terms “eternal” and “everlasting,” used in describing the duration of punishment of the lost, carry the same meaning as when describing the everlasting life of the redeemed.

(Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 19–20)

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