

Heart Lake Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

(June 6, 2006)

Based on our orthodox interpretation of Scripture, we declare the tenets listed below:

1. We believe the 66 books of the Bible, to be the inspired Word of God, the complete Rev. of His will for the salvation of humanity, and the final authority for all Christian faith and life. 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:20,21; Matt. 5:17,18; John 10:35; 2 Pet. 3:15,16; Ps. 19:7,8.
2. We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All things are for His glory, and it is God alone we worship. Deut. 6:4; 1 Tim. 2:5; Gen. 1:1,26; 1 Kings 8:27; Ps. 90:2; 1 John 1:5; 1 Tim. 1:17; John 6:27; Eph. 4:6; John 1:1,14; Heb. 1:8; Acts 5:3,4; Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Rom. 11:36.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is true God and true man, who was supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where now, at the right hand of the Father, He is our mediator and advocate. Matt. 1:18,23; Matt. 16:16; John 1:1,14; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 1:8; 1 Tim. 2:5,6; Matt. 20:28; Luke 23:33; Rom. 3:23,24; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 2:1; Luke 24:6,7; 1 Cor. 15:3-8; Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:9-11.
4. We believe that the Holy Spirit glorifies the Father and the Son, convicts people of sin, brings to spiritual life the believing sinner, indwells, guides, instructs, grants spiritual gifts, and empowers the believer for holy living and service. John 16:13-15; John 15:26; John 16:8-11; John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5; John 14:16; 1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:14; Rom. 8:26,27; Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16-23; 1 Cor. 12:7.
5. We believe that both man and woman were created in the image of God but disobeyed Him. They consequently incurred physical death, and also spiritual death, which is separation from God. This disobedience brought sin, guilt, moral depravity, and suffering on humanity which is lost and in need of salvation. Gen. 1:26,27; Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 1:18-3:20.
6. We believe that God, by His mercy and grace, restores to Himself all those who, through faith, turn from their sin and trust in the resurrected Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for their salvation. Only those who receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour are spiritually born anew by the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. Since Christ gives the believer life, the Christian life is lived as a joyful offering to God in relationship with Him. Luke 5:32, John 3:16; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8,9; 1 Tim. 1:15; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31; John 14:6; 1 John 5:11,12; John 1:12; Rom. 12:1; 6:13; John 15.



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7. We believe that water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church but are not to be regarded as a means of salvation. Only those who have a saving relationship with Christ are to be baptized and receive the Lord's Supper. [Matt. 28:19](#); [Acts 2:41](#); [Rom. 6:3,4](#); [Matt. 26:26-28](#); [1 Cor. 11:17-34](#).
8. We believe that the true church is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been made spiritually alive by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ, of which He is the head. All faithful believers will unite themselves with a local church for worship, teaching, fellowship, service, and mission. [Matt. 16:18](#); [1 Cor. 12:13,14](#); [Eph. 2:19-21](#); [Col. 1:18](#); [1 Pet. 2:4,5](#); [Acts 2:41-47](#); [1 Cor. 1:2](#).
9. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ will return triumphantly, take to Himself his people, and bring to fulfillment the kingdom of God. [Matt. 24:30](#); [Acts 1:11](#); [Rev. 1:7](#); [Rev. 22:20](#); [John 14:1-3](#).
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment with Satan and his followers. [John 5:28,29](#); [John 11:25](#); [1 Cor. 15](#); [1 Thess. 4:13,14](#); [Rev. 21:1-4](#); [Rev. 21:11-15](#); [Rev. 21:8](#); [Rev. 20:10](#); [Matt. 25:41](#).
11. We believe God instituted marriage to be a lifelong, monogamous, loving relationship between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others. God's gift of sex is designed to be protected within the covenant of marriage. We affirm that marriage between a man and a woman is the only context for sexual activity that is in keeping with God's will and biblical principles. We believe that a healthy marriage is the best foundation for families and the raising of children. [Gen. 2:18-25](#).
12. We believe that God intends that all human life from conception to death should be considered and treated as possessing great worth and dignity. [Gen. 1:26-31](#); [Ps. 8](#); [Rom. 12:9-21](#).

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I have read the Heart Lake Baptist Church Statement of Faith and the HLBC Relational Commitments Policy. I will support these beliefs fully in my involvements at Heart Lake Baptist Church. If my personal beliefs are not, or at some time in the future, cease to be in harmony with those of Heart Lake Baptist Church I will withdraw my participation without trying to influence others.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

