

# Little Mahoning Bible Conference

## Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe in the scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God; inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life and should be interpreted in a dispensational manner.
  - A. As verified by Christ: Matt. 5:17-18, 19:4; Mark 12:35-36; Luke 24:25-27.  
Concerning creation: Matt. 19:4
    - a. The flood: Luke 17:26-27
    - b. Jonah: Matt. 12:39-40
  - B. The Psalms and Prophetical books: Matt. 24:15; Mark 12:35-36; Luke 4:17-21; 24:44-48
  - C. By testimony of writers:
    - (1) Moses: Exod. 4:10-12, 34:27
    - (2) David: 2 Sam. 23:2
    - (3) Jeremiah: Jer. 36:1, 2
    - (4) Paul: 1 Cor. 2:12-13, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17
    - (5) Peter: 2 Pet. 3:15, 16
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
  - A. One God: Eph. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:5
  - B. The Father as God: John 6:27; 1 Pet. 1:2
  - C. Jesus Christ as God: John 1:1, 18; Tit. 2:13
  - D. The Holy Spirit as God: Acts 5, 3-4
  - E. God's eternal existence: Gen. 1:1; 1 John 1:2; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 9:6
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man.
  - A. Holy Spirit conception: Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:26-35
  - B. His deity: John 1:1, 14; 14:9; Col. 2:9; Tit. 2:13; 1 John 5:20
  - C. His humanity:
    - (1) Human birth: Matt. 1:16, 25; Luke 2:6, 11; 1 Tim. 2:5
    - (2) He wept: Luke 19:41; John 11:35
    - (3) He hungered: Matt. 4:2, 21:18
    - (4) He thirsted: John 4:7, 19:28
    - (5) He became weary: John 4:6
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that the man (Adam) sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and become sinners in thought, word and deed.
  - A. In the image of God: Gen. 1:26-27
  - B. Sin the cause of physical death: Gen. 3:19; 1 Cor. 11:30, 15:21-22
  - C. Sin the cause of spiritual death: Rom. 5:12, 6:23; John 5:24, Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 3:14
  - D. All have sinned: Gen. 6:12; Rom. 3:10, 23
  - E. In thought and deed: Matt. 15:19
  - F. In word: Matt. 12:34-37
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood; and all the justified and redeemed, once saved are kept by God's power and are eternally secure in Christ.
  - A. Christ's death: 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rom 4:25, 5:8-9, 16, 18; Eph. 1:7; 1 Tim. 2:5-6

- B. Salvation by faith: John 3:16; Rom. 3:22, 28, 4:5, 5:1; Gal. 3:11; Eph. 2:8-9
- C. Eternal security: John 3:16, 36, 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 35-39; Heb. 6:4-6, 7:25, 10:10, 14; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; 1 John 5:9-13

6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate.
  - A. Resurrection: John 20:1-9, 27; Acts 2:32-33; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Col. 1:18
  - B. Christ foretells His own Resurrection: John 2:19-22, 10:17-18
  - C. His ascension: Acts 1:9-11
  - D. As High Priest and Advocate: Heb. 4:14-16; Rom. 8:33-34; 1 John 2:1-2
7. We believe in "that blessed hope" the personal, pre-tribulational, pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
John 14:1-3; Tit. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:10, 4:13-18, 5:9-11; Rev. 3:10, 19:11-21, 20:4-6
8. We believe that all who believe, at the moment of saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are born again and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit and become sons of God.
  - A. Born again: John 3:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:23
  - B. As sons of God: John 1:12-13; Gal. 4:6-7; 1 John 3:1-3
  - C. Justified by faith: Rom. 3:28; Eph. 2:8-9
  - D. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit: 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:5; Tit. 3:5-7
  - E. Baptism by the Holy Spirit: 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:2
9. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowal of all His gifts. God, the Holy Spirit, bestows both foundational gifts (apostles, prophets, sign gifts such as miracles, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues) which ceased when the New Testament Scriptures were completed and furtherance gifts (such as pastor/teachers, administration, helps, etc.) which continue for the purpose of the edification and instruction of the church.  
Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28-31; 2 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:19-21, 4:7-12; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.
  - A. Resurrection: 1 Cor. 15 (entire chapter)
  - B. Resurrection of the just: Luke 14:14; John 5:28-29; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
  - C. Resurrection of the unjust: John 5:28-29; Luke 16:19-25
  - D. Conscious punishment of the lost: Rev. 20:10, 21:8; Luke 16:19-25
  - E. Everlasting blessedness of the saved: Rev. 21:9-27
11. We believe that Christians should conduct their lives, homes, activities and business in a righteous, godly and sober manner in order that they do not bring reproach on their Savior and Lord; and should have no allegiances with any secret or Christ dishonoring organization; nor should they marry unbelievers.  
Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Eph. 4:1-3; Col. 3:12-17; Tit. 2:11-14; 1 John 2:15-17; 1 Cor. 7:1-6
12. We believe that born again believers should be baptized in water and that all born again believers should partake in communion services to remember Christ's death till He comes again.  
Acts 8:12; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 10:48; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23-34
13. We believe members are members one with another and should so discipline their lives for the glory of God and the edification of one another.  
Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:1-8, 10:31; 12:12-13; Eph. 4:13-16, 25

14. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

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