

Children's Bible Ministries, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRIES, INC. (Formerly Children's Bible Mission)

Children's Bible Ministries, Inc. serves along nondenominational lines, and as such there are certain essential truths which we believe. As Christians we believe in the necessity of the new birth as the work of God, the Holy Spirit to be obtained only by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and that men are saved by grace through faith not by works.

A. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally inspired (God-breathed) Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings (Matt. 5:18; John 16:12-13; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21).

B. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ as fully God and fully man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin; as God, co-equal and co-existent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:1-2:13; John 1:1-11; 14:16; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:15).

C. We believe in man's fallen condition. Through nature, choice and practice he is guilty before God and is righteously judged fit only for everlasting punishment (Gen. 3:1-13; Matt. 25:46; Rom. 3:10 & 23; 5:12-21; I Cor. 15: 21-22; II Thess. 1:7-10; Rev. 20:12-15).

D. We believe Jesus Christ offered on our behalf the only acceptable sacrifice for sin and was raised in the same body from the dead according to the Scriptures. Christ has secured our redemption through the shedding of His blood, qualifying the saints for service here, a like resurrection, and a place in His divine presence for eternity (Matt. 28; Luke 24:39-43; Rom. 3:21-28; 5:10-11; I Cor.15: 3-4; I Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 9:11-22; I Pet. 1:18-20; I John 2:2; 5:10-13).

E. We believe that repentance, forgiveness and becoming a new creature are several of the many experiences of the Christian who is kept by God's power, being secure in Christ forever and that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of salvation. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38-39; II Cor. 5:17; I John 5:11-13).

F. We believe that God the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts sinners and who regenerates and baptizes them at the moment of their salvation into the body of Christ. We also believe that the Holy Spirit indwells and seals until Christ returns, all who believe, and fills and empowers for service those who are yielded to Him (John 16:8-11; Rom. 8-9; I Cor. 6:19-20; 12:12-14; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; Titus 3:5).

G. We believe in the visible, personal and imminent return of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His church (John 14:3; Acts 1:9-11; I Thess 4:13-18).

H. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and of the lost, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost (John 11:23-27; Rom. 8:11; II Cor. 5:1; I Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:12-15).

I. We believe that Christ made provision for all the effects of sin in the atonement and that God heals in answer to believing prayer according to His sovereign discretion. Healing may not be claimed on the same unconditional basis as salvation, and the final deliverance from sickness awaits the believer in glory (I Cor. 15:51-57; II Cor. 12:7-9; Phil. 3:20-21; I John 3:2).

J. We believe that some gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent and are intended for use throughout the entire Church age. Other gifts were temporary and were given in the Apostolic age for the purpose of founding the church. These include the gifts of Apostleship, Prophecy, Miracles, Healings, Tongues, and the Interpretation of Tongues. At the same time, we affirm that God performs miracles as He wills (John 14:16-17; John 16:7-15; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 28-30; Ephesians 2:20-22; Ephesians 4:1-16, 30; Hebrews 2:1-4; Titus 3:5).

K. We believe in the biblical view of marriage as sanctioned and defined by God, which is the exclusive, covenantal union between one naturally born man and one naturally born woman (Gen. 2:18-24; Eph. 5:22-23; Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9).