



# *Woodmont Bible Church*

## **Doctrinal Statement**

**(1) The Holy Scriptures.** We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the verbally inspired Word of God, authoritative, inerrant, infallible, and God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20; Matt. 5:18).

**(2) The Godhead.** We believe in one Triune God, existing in three persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; eternal in being; identical in essence; equal in power and glory; and having the same attributes and perfections (Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor. 13:14).

**(3) The Total Depravity of Man.** We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, became alienated from God, and is totally unable to regain his former position (Gen. 1:26; 3:1-24; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:12).

**(4) The Person and Work of Christ.** We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. We believe that He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice. We believe that our redemption and salvation is guaranteed to us by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (John 1:1, 14, 18;

(Luke 1:35; Rom. 3:24-26; 4:25). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is now in heaven, exalted to the right hand of God, where, as His people's High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of intercession and advocacy (Heb. 1:3; 3:1; 7:23-25; 9:24; 12:2; 1 John 2:1, 2).

**(5) The Personality of the Holy Spirit.** We believe the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He also in the present age regenerates believers in Christ, baptizes them into the Church, the body of Christ, indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon each one, and fills those yielded to Him (John 15:26, 27; 16:7-15; John 3:8; 1 Cor. 12:13; John 14:16; Eph. 4:30; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 5:18).

**(6) Salvation.** We believe that salvation is a gift of God in grace and is received by man through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins (Eph. 2:8, 9; John 1:12; Eph. 1:7).

**(7) The Eternal Security of the Believer.** We believe that all true believers, once saved, are kept secure in Christ forever (Rom. 8:1, 29-30, 38-39; John 10:27-30).

**(8) The Church.** We believe that the Church, the body and bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this present age, irrespective of their affiliation with Christian organizations (Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:25-27; 1 Cor. 12:12, 13).

**(9) The Ministry and Spiritual Gifts.** We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of all His gifts, and that the gifts of evangelist, pastor, and teacher are sufficient for the perfecting of the saints today; and that speaking in tongues and the working of the sign miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established (1 Cor. 12:4-11; 1 Cor. 13:9-11; 1 Cor. 14:21-23; Eph. 4:11-13).

**(10) The Second Coming of Christ.** We believe in the personal, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own, the Church, and His subsequent pre-millennial return to earth to set up His kingdom (1 Thess. 1:9, 10; 4:13-18; Zech. 14:1-5; Rev. 20:6).

**(11) The Eternal State.** We believe that the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence, and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming for the Church, when soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in glory; but the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final judgment of the great white throne at the close of the millennium, when soul and body reunited shall be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power (Luke 16:19-26; 23:43; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:11-15).

**(12) The Responsibility of the Believer.** We believe that all believers should seek to walk by the Spirit, not bringing reproach upon their Lord and Savior, and that

believers are to serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of their life (Rom. 12:1, 2; Gal. 5:16f 25; 2 Cor. 6:14; 7:1).

We believe that it is the obligation of every believer to witness by life and by word to the truths of Holy Scripture and to seek to proclaim the gospel to all the world (Acts 1:8). We believe that it is the responsibility of all believers to remember the work of the Lord in prayer and to support it with their means as the Lord has prospered them (I Cor. 16:2).

**(13) Church Ordinances.** We believe that the Lord Jesus instituted the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper to be observed by all believers until His return (Matt. 28:19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).