



GRACE AND TRUTH CHURCH
of Jackson County, Missouri

Section 1 - The Word of God

We believe the Holy Bible as preserved in the King James 1611 Authorized Version to be the verbally (every jot & tittle) and plenary (completely) inspired Word of God (2nd Timothy 3:16-17); that all portions of the scriptures are equally inspired and contain no contradictions; that the scriptures are inerrant, infallible and God breathed; that they are the final authority of faith and practice; and that the canon (the sixty-six (66) books of the Bible) is the complete and divine revelation of God to man. Nothing should be added to it nor taken from it. We believe the bible is its own commentary, dictionary, and contains all truth; and shall be interpreted literally, and grammatically and historically (Hebrews 1:1; 2nd Peter 2:20-21; Revelations 22:18-19; Psalms 12:6-7; John 17:17).

Regarding translations, we believe that the King James Version is the preserved Word of God which comes from the first Christians in Antioch of Syria using the Greek Textus Receptus translated to the KJV. We reject all other modern versions, which are derived from the corrupt Alexandrian manuscripts (Vaticanus & Siniaticus). The KJV of the Bible shall be the only official Bible and the only translation to be used by workers in all our services and ministries.

We believe that the scriptures interpreted in their literal sense reveal God's plan and purpose through the ages; past, present, and future. We believe there are three groups taught in the Bible (Jews, Gentiles and the Church) 1st Corinthians 10:32; and God has and will deal with these groups through several dispensations; (Colossians 1:25; Ephesians 1:10, 3:2; 1st Corinthians 9:17).

We believe the theme of the bible is the Kingdom, we further believe there are two Kingdoms taught in the Word of God: the Kingdom of Heaven (a literal, physical Jewish Kingdom on earth which was promised to Abraham and his seed) (Genesis 1:26-28; Luke 1:26-33; Matthew 3:1, 2:4, 17-23; 10:7; Luke 10:1-9; Daniel 7:13-14, 2:34-35; 44-45; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 14:9); and the Kingdom of God (a spiritual Kingdom given to New Testament believers) (Romans 14-17; Luke 17:20-21; John 3:5).

Section 2 - Doctrine of God

We believe in one Triune God, who is The Creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; Colossians 1:16), eternally existing in three distinct Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2nd Corinthians 13:14), yet one in being, essence, power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections (John 10:30). God is our creator (Genesis 1:1), is eternal (Psalm 90:2), infinite (1st Timothy 1:17), sovereign (Psalm 93:1) and unsearchable (Romans 11:33-34).

God is omniscient (Psalm 139:1-6), omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-13), omnipotent (Revelation 19:6), and unchanging (Malachi 3:6). God is holy (Isaiah 6:3), just (Deuteronomy 32:4), and righteous (Exodus 9:27). God is love (1st John 4:8), gracious (Ephesians 2:8), merciful (1st Peter 1:3), and good (Romans 8:28).



Section 3 - Doctrine of Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is fully God, the expressed image of the Father, who without ceasing to be God, became man in order that HE might reveal God and redeem sinful man (Matthew 1:21; John 1:18; Colossians 1:15). We believe that God the Son became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ; that he was conceived of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary; that He is truly God and truly man; that He lived a perfect, sinless life; that all His teachings are true (Isaiah 14; Mathew 1:23).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for all mankind (1st John 2:2) as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice (Isaiah 53:5-56). We hold that His death is efficacious for all who believe (John 1:12; Acts 16:31); that our justification is grounded in the shedding of His blood (Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:17); and that it is attested by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:6; 1st Peter 1:3). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven in His glorified body (Acts 1:9-10) and is now seated at the right hand of God as our High Priest and Advocate (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25).

Section 4 - Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and a distinct person of God, co-existent and co-eternal with God; and we believe the Holy Spirit is the indwelling person of God in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 3:3-6, 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; 1st Corinthians 6:19, 12:12-14; 2nd Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 1:13-14).

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine teacher who guides believers into all truth, and upon salvation the believer is indwelt with the Holy Spirit of God. It is the privilege and duty of all saved believers to be filled with the Spirit (John 16:13; Acts 4:29-31; Ephesians 5:18; 1st John 2:20, 27). We believe that the bible teaches that the believer receives gifts of the Holy Spirit at salvation, but that the gifts of tongues, healing and miracles were for the Jew and ended at the Church age dispensation.

Section 5 - Doctrine of Man

We believe God created man in his own image and likeness, which is righteousness and true holiness, but that in Adam's sin, the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Adam's sin incurred not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is conscious and eternal separation from God (Genesis 1:26-27, 3:1-21; Romans 3:10-23, 5:12, 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3, 4:17-19).

We believe that all men are born with a sinful nature, evidenced by sinful acts: that man is totally depraved, and that if he is not born again, he is eternally lost (Psalms 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Luke 16:23; 1st Corinthians 15:21-22; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:8).



Section 6 - Doctrine of Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary (Ephesians 2:8-9). Christ shed His blood to accomplish justification through faith, propitiation to God, redemption from sin, and reconciliation of man. Christ died for us (Romans 5:8-9) and bore our sins in His own body (1st Peter 2:24).

We believe that all those who have truly placed their faith in Christ are eternally secure in their salvation, kept by God's power, secure and sealed in Christ forever (John 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1st Peter 1:5; Jude 24)

Section 7 - Doctrine of the Church

We believe that the Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again believers of the present age (1st Corinthians 12:12-14; 2nd Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-27). We believe in the ordinances of the believer's water baptism by immersion as a testimony of their faith in Christ and the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of Christ's death and shed blood (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42, 18:8; 1st Corinthians 11:23-26).

We believe in the priesthood of all believers (1st Corinthians 1:1; Revelation 1:6). We believe that the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Lord and Savior, and that separation from sinful pleasures, practices, and associates is commanded by God (Romans 12:1-2; 2nd Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 2nd Timothy 3:1-5; 1st John 2:15-17).

We believe in the Great Commission as the primary mission of the Church. It is the obligation of believers to witness, by word and life, to the truths of God's Word. The Gospel of the grace of God is to be preached to all the world (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2nd Corinthians 5:19-20). New believers are to be taught to obey the Lord and to testify concerning their faith in Christ as Savior, and to honor Him by holy living.

Section 8 - Doctrine of Creation

We believe in the Genesis account of creation; that it is to be accepted literally, not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life were made directly and God's established law was that they should bring forth only 'after their kind.' (Genesis 1, 2; John 1:3; Isaiah 42:5-6).



Section 9 - Doctrine of Civil Government

We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home; 2) The Church; and 3) the State. Every person is subject to these authorities and answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the Church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God (Acts 4:19-20; Romans 13:1-10; Ephesians 5:22-24; Hebrews 13:17; 1st Peter 2:13, 14).

Section 10- Doctrine of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God

We believe that the scriptures interpreted in their literal sense reveal God's plan and purpose through the ages; past, present and future. We believe there are three (3) people groups taught in the Bible (Jews, Gentiles and the Church) 1st Corinthians 10:32; That God has and will deal with these groups through several dispensations: (Colossians 1:25; Ephesians 1:10, 3:2; 1st Corinthians 9:17). We believe the theme of the bible is the Kingdom. We further believe there are two (2) Kingdoms taught in the Word of God: the Kingdom of Heaven (a literal, physical Jewish Kingdom on earth) (Genesis 1:26-28; Luke 1:26-33; Matthew 3:1, 2:4, 17-23, 10-7; Luke 10:1-9; Daniel 7:13-14, 2:34-35, 44-45; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 14:9); and the Kingdom of God (a spiritual Kingdom) that you are born into at the time of salvation (Romans 14:17; Luke 17:20-21; John 3:5).

Section 11 - Doctrine of Eternal Security (Standing and State)

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved are sealed unto the day of redemption and seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We believe the Christian's 'standing' is positional in Christ. (1 John 3:1-2, 9; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:17; Ephesians 2:6). We believe the saved are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ forever. (John 3:16, 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Romans 6:23, 8:1, 38-39; 1st Corinthians 1:4-8; 1st Peter 1:4-5; Romans 8:1, 38-39). We believe that a Christian's 'state' is one of the soul being born again and indwelt by the Holy Spirit and the flesh warring against the soul. Not until physical death is the flesh done away. (Romans 6:13, 8:12-13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:5-9).