

What We Believe

Innisfail Baptist Church

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The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the revealed Word of God, fully and verbally inspired, and preserved, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. We believe it is without error in the original manuscripts and is true and trustworthy in all that it asserts. It has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Thes. 2:13; Matt. 24:35; John 10:35

The Triune God

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute unique but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

Deut. 6:4; John 1:1; Matt. 3:16-17; Matt. 28:19; John 10:30; John 16:13-15

God the Father

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spiritual being, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

John 4:24; Is. 6:3; Is. 40:25-31; Acts 17:24-28; John 6:40

God the Son

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, existing eternally as God's Son. In His incarnation He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, led a sinless life, performed miracles and taught with authority. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

John 1:1; Col. 2:9; Luke 1:35; John 1:14; Acts 10:36-43; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 1:11; Heb. 7:25

God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the personality, deity, and power of the Holy Spirit, who came to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to enlighten, regenerate, sanctify and empower. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is the abiding Helper, Teacher and Guide. Believers have the privilege of being filled daily by the Holy Spirit, enabling them to live a victorious Christian life.

Angels

We believe in the existence of God-sent angelic beings, created to minister to human beings and to serve God as special messengers.

Ps. 104:4; Heb. 1:7,14

Satan

We believe in the existence of Satan, who rebelled with other angelic beings against the Creator. We believe that he is now the deceiver and god of this present world, exercising great but limited evil power. We believe that he was defeated at the cross and will be finally cast into the lake of fire “prepared for Satan and his angels.”

Rev. 12:7-9; 2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 2:15; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10

Creation

We believe the Triune God created everything—both physical and spiritual—out of nothing. We believe God created human beings, male and female, in His own image and likeness and therefore, while not divine, with unique, intrinsic worth from conception to natural death. We believe that God has ordained marriage and that the physical union of husband and wife must remain undefiled.

Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:15-17; Gen. 1:26-27; Ps. 139:13-16; Matt. 19:4-6; Heb. 13:4

Fallen Humanity

We believe that Adam and Eve were created in righteousness and holiness by God. We believe they sinned by choosing to disobey God and thereby brought sin and death to the human race.

Gen 2:7, 21-22; Ecc. 7:29; Gen. 3:14-19; Rom. 5:12-19

Atonement and Regeneration

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that Jesus Christ, through His obedience and by the shedding of His precious blood in death, made a complete payment for sins, thereby satisfying divine justice. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour are born anew and transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 3:23; Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 2:21-24; John 3:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 3:25-26

Eternal Life

We believe that the Word of God assures believers that they can know that they have eternal life, and that all those who come to Jesus, He will never cast out.

The Church

We believe that the Bride of Christ will consist of born-anew people from every tribe, tongue, and nation, a living body of which Christ is the Head. We believe in the local church, consisting of a community of believers in Jesus Christ, called to be baptized, and associated for worship, ministry, fellowship, and missions.

Rev. 7:9; Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:15-16; Heb. 10:24-25; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:12-14

Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

1 Cor. 10:31; Gal. 6:10; 2 Pet. 3:14; Luke 16:10-12; Eph. 4:15-16

Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that this symbolizes the believer's identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ in order to remember His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and celebrated by the church until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the endless suffering of the unbeliever apart from God and the eternal joy of the believer in the presence of God.

1 Thes. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:22-25; Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; Rev. 21:1-8