



Crossover Church

Statement of Faith

God

God is the uncreated Creator of all things visible and invisible. We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections.

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 14:10, 26; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men.

(Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Luke 1:35; John 1:1-2, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-8)

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, substitutionary sacrifice; and, that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead.

(Acts 2:18-36; Romans 3:24-25; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate.

(Acts 1:9-10; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2)

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He is the supernatural agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling, and sealing them until the day of redemption.

(John 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 1:13-14)

We believe that He is the divine Teacher who assists believers to understand and properly use the Scriptures.

(Ephesians 1:17-18; 5:18; 1 John 2:20, 27)

We believe He gives spiritual gifts to every believer and uniquely uses evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip believers in the body for the work of the ministry.

(Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28; Ephesians 4:7-12)

We believe that the Holy Spirit gave some gifts, such as speaking in tongues and the gift of healing, to certain individuals as authentication for the Gospel in the early church.

(Acts 8:14; 10:44-48; 11:15-18; 19:1-6)

Speaking in tongues was never the common or necessary sign of the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit but always was presented in the New Testament as a known language to proclaim the Gospel.

(Acts 2:6-13)

Ultimate deliverance of the body from sickness or death awaits the consummation of our salvation in the resurrection, though God frequently chooses to answer the prayers of believers for physical healing.

(1 Corinthians 1:22; 13:8; 14:21-22)

The Bible

We believe the Bible to be inspired, inerrant and God-breathed in the original writings. The Bible is the final authority for doctrines and practices for the Christian faith. The 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament are the complete and divine special revelation of God to man.

(Psalm 19:1-14; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:11-13; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Human Beings

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin humanity fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God which brought both physical and spiritual death. Man can do nothing to merit God's favor and is unable to remedy his lost condition because of sin.

(Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 3:22-23; 5:12; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-19)

Although we have been created in God's image, our sin incites rebellion against our Creator and distorts our understanding of reality, good versus evil, harm to others, and ultimately judgment, despair and death.

(Genesis 1:31; Galatians 5:16-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; James 1:13-15)

We stand on the truth from God's Word that mankind is created by God who forms each person in their mother's womb from conception *(Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 44:2; 49:5; Jeremiah 1:4-5)* until their last breath when they physically die *(Genesis 25:8; Luke 23:46)*. God designates gender to His people, male (man) and female (woman), as He created them biologically and sexually different, but with equal dignity and value. *(Genesis 1:26-28)*

We stand on the truth from God's Word that God ordained marriage as a lifelong union between one man and one woman *(Genesis 2:18; Matthew 19:4-9; Ephesians 5:31-33)*. God blesses those who honor His design for sex, biological gender, and marriage. *(Psalm 1:1-3; 128:1-4)*

We reject the belief to change, alter, or modify God's will in marriage, sex, or sexuality because to practice such ideas are a result of man's brokenness that leads to despair.

(Romans 1:21-22; James 1:13-15)

We believe God loves and draws people to be restored by His grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) and offer forgiveness, healing, and abundant life for those who repent and humbly turn to Him for life, identity, and restoration.

(*John 3:16-17; 10:10; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 5:5-7*)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God received by man through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sin. It is Christ's precious blood shed on the cross that offers forgiveness of sins and justification by grace through faith and not of works.

(*Matthew 12:31-32; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:9*)

We believe that all the redeemed are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ forever.

(*John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Romans 8:1; 38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:4-5*)

Because God gives eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

(*John 10:28-29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5*)

The Church

We believe that the Church is the Body and Bride of Christ and solely consists of born-again persons of this present age.

(*1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27*)

We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. Each local church is a gathering of professing believers in Jesus who willingly join in one locality for the purposes of discipleship through the study of God's Word, genuine worship both personally and corporately, being equipped for Kingdom work, and stewarding their lives for fulfilling God's mission.

(*Acts 14:27; 20:17, 28-32; 1 Timothy. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11*)

Two Ordinances Practiced

We recognize Water **Baptism** by immersion and the Lord's Supper, also known as **Communion**, are the Scriptural ordinances of obedience for the church until Christ returns.

(*Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; 8:36-38; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

We believe water baptism is a public proclamation to obey Jesus' command and follow Him because of His death, burial, and resurrection. We believe children can be dedicated to the Lord but should not be baptized until they have personally believed in Christ for their salvation.

We believe Communion is the symbolic reminder of Christ's death and an expression of our faith in His promise to return. We believe only those who have come to faith in Jesus should partake in Communion and do so after self-examination so that they are right with both God and others.

End Times

We believe the next event in God's unfolding plan of redemptive history will be the imminent appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church, commonly known as the Rapture (*Romans 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:42-57; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13*), followed by the Great Tribulation (*Matthew 24:15-28; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8; Revelation 3:10*) and will culminate at the Second Coming of Christ who will rule the nations and establish His millennial Kingdom. (*Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6*).

Eternal State

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all people, the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment.

(*Matthew 25:46; John 5:28, 29; 11:25-26; Revelation 20:5-6, 12-13*)

We believe that the souls of the redeemed are, at death, absent from the body and present with the Lord, where they wait the first resurrection, when spirit, soul, and body are reunited to be glorified forever with the Lord.

(*Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:4-6*)

We believe that the souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious punishment and torment until the second resurrection when the soul and body are reunited. At that time, they will appear at the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting conscious punishment separated from God.

(*Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-26; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Jude 6-7; Revelation 20:11-15*)

Statement on Israel

We believe God chose the nation of Israel (any descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) as a unique possession unto Himself and to uniquely bless all the people of the world. We believe that the covenants and promises to Israel will one day literally be fulfilled. As a church we desire to bless and support the nation of Israel. They are still the apple of God's eye, and all God is doing in the world revolves around His purposes for Israel.

(*Genesis. 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-16; Jeremiah 31:31-37; Ezekiel 36:1-15, 22-38; Romans 9-11; Galatians 3:7-9*)