

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. Scripture

The Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures were written by men divinely inspired and are the only sufficient and perfect rule of faith and practice. *

2. The Trinity

There is one God and only one, who is self-existent, eternal, and infinite in every excellence. He revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, though distinct in personality.

3. The Fall of Man

Man was created innocent. By disobedience to the command of God, he fell, thereby losing his innocence, and becoming subject to death and to the eternal displeasure of God.

4. The Atonement

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of man, came into the world to save men from the guilt and condemnation of sin, offering His blood as an atonement which is available to all who exercise faith in Him.

5. Justification

The result of the heart acceptance of Jesus Christ is justification, whereby pardon is secured and one is brought into a state of peace and favor with God.

6. Repentance and Faith

The human means by which this result is secured is repentance and faith whereby one turns unto God in sincere contrition and accepts Jesus Christ as an all-sufficient Savior.

7. Freedom of Will

God has His purpose of grace in the salvation of man. These purposes are made effectual by the giving of His Son and in the constraining and regenerating influence of the Holy Ghost upon all who sincerely believe on Christ. But these purposes do not contravene the freedom of man's will nor render inoperative the proclamation of the gospel to all.

8. Security

Nothing can separate true believers from the love of God; but they are "kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation," progress in righteousness and in true holiness.

9. The Ordinances

The ordinances of the gospel are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Baptism symbolizes the fact of regeneration. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of His dying love. It symbolizes the fact that the believer is continuously fed and nourished by Christ. In its observance it is to be placed after Baptism, according to its symbolic and historic order, as required by the teaching of the New Testament.

10. The Church

The Church Spiritual includes the whole company of believers regardless of name, age, or country, and is known only to the eye of God. The Church Formal is a company of believers baptized in the name of the Triune God and observing the forms, ordinances, and principles laid down in the New Testament.

11. The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is to be observed as the Lord's Day.

12. Civil Government

Civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society, and magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and is the Prince of the kings of the earth.

13. The Second Coming

We believe in the pre-millennial coming of Christ. Jesus Christ is to come again, judge the nations, and fill the earth with His glory and power.

14. The Resurrection

There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust; the just for blessedness and reward, the unjust for judgment and eternal doom.

15. Creation

We believe that God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods. We reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution as unscriptural theories of origin.

16. Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity should be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex.

17. Divorce and Remarriage

We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Although divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may hold positions of service in the Church and be greatly used of God for Christian service they may not be considered for the offices of pastor or deacon. Persons divorced and remarried will not be considered for licensing or ordination.

18. Abortion

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable.

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THE KING JAMES BIBLE

We preach and teach from the KJV at Midwestern because we believe that God has chosen to preserve His Word in English through this translation. In the KJV, the original languages have been faithfully translated into our "mother tongue" (our words and thought processes), and therefore touches us at a very elemental level. It is the best translation and it is based upon the best manuscripts (Textus Receptus). The following are some supporting reasons for our conviction:

- a. It has no copyright.
- b. It was not published for profit.
- c. It was the Bible of the great revivals.
- d. It was the Bible of the great missionary movement.
- e. It contains a large and precise vocabulary.
- f. Its rhythm and meter make the words powerful and aids in memorization.
- g. It is punctuated for vocal (audio) understanding.
- h. Men and women have died to defend it. *(The last English Bible paid for in blood.)*
- i. The local church must have a standard text for unity.
We believe that the Greek N. T. (Textus Receptus) is the standard for the world - and that the KJV is the Bible for the English speaking peoples.
- j. Observation of the detrimental results that occur when a church switches to another version.

Official statement of Midwestern Baptist College:

'We believe that the King James Version is the perfect, impeccable, inspired, and preserved Word of God. We believe that inspiration took place when God spoke through holy men of old and that God has preserved His Word to this present moment. The Textus Receptus manuscript from which the King James is translated is the only completely reliable manuscript in existence. Midwestern Baptist College uses no other text or version and would not tolerate the use of any other.'

Dr. Tom Malone, Sr.