

Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

1. **The Bible:** the Word of God, the sixty-six Books of the Old and New Testaments, verbally inspired in all parts, and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God (*II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21*).
2. **The One True God:** existing eternally as three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (*Luke 3:22; Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:14*).
3. **The Lord Jesus Christ:** His preexistence and deity (*John 1:1-3*), incarnation by virgin birth (*John 1:14; Matthew 1:18-23*), sinless life (*Hebrews 4:15*), substitutionary death (*II Corinthians 5:21*), bodily resurrection (*Luke 24:36-43*); ascension into heaven and present ministry (*Hebrews 4:14-16*), and coming again (*Acts 1:11*).
4. **The Holy Spirit:** His personality (*John 16:7-15*); and deity (*Acts 5:3-4*); and His work in each believer; baptism and indwelling at the moment of regeneration (*I Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:9*); and filling (*Ephesians 5:18*) to empower for Christian life and service (*Ephesians 3:16; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:22-23*).
5. **Man:** his direct creation in the image of God (*Genesis 1:26-28*), his subsequent fall into sin resulting in spiritual death (*Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12*), and the necessity of the new birth for his salvation (*John 3:3-5*).
6. **Salvation:** a complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone, received as the gift of God through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his finished work (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; I Peter 1:18-19*).
7. **The Church:** one true Church, the body and bride of Christ (*Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-32*), composed of all true believers of the present age (*I Corinthians 12:12-13*); and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for edification of believers, and for world-wide gospel witness, each local church being autonomous but cooperating in fellowship and work (*Ephesians 4:11-16*).
8. **Christian Life:** a life of righteousness, good works, and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world (*Romans 12:1-2*), manifested by speaking the truth (*James 5:12*), maintaining the sanctity of the home (*Ephesians 5:22-6:4*), settling differences between Christians in accordance with the Word of God (*I Corinthians 6:1-8*), not engaging in carnal strife but showing a Christ-like attitude toward all men (*Romans 12:17-21*), exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*), and maintaining a life of prayer (*Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6*), including the privilege, when sick, of calling for the elders of the church to pray and to anoint with oil in the name of the Lord (*James 5:13-18*).
9. **Ordinances:** the Christian should observe the ordinances of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are (1) baptism of believers by triune immersion (*Matthew 28:19*) and (2) the

threefold communion service, consisting of the washing of the saints' feet (*John 13:1-17*), the Lord's supper (*I Corinthians 11:20-22, 33-34; Jude 12*), and the communion of the bread and the cup (*I Corinthians 11:23-26*).

10. **Satan:** his existence and personality as the great adversary of God and His people (*Revelation 12:1-10*), his judgment (*John 12:31*), and final doom (*Revelation 20:10*).
11. **Second Coming:** the personal, visible, and imminent return of Christ to remove His Church from the earth (*I Thessalonians 4:16-17*) before the tribulation (*I Thessalonians 1:10; Revelation 3:10*), and afterward to descend with the Church to establish His millennial kingdom upon the earth (*Revelation 3:10*).
12. **Future Life:** the conscious existence of the dead (*Philippians 1:21-23; Luke 16:19-31*), the resurrection of the body (*John 5:28-29*), the judgment and reward of believers (*Romans 14:10-12; II Corinthians 5:10*), the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers (*Revelation 20:11-15*), the eternal life of the saved (*John 3:16*), and the eternal punishment of the lost (*Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:15*).