



Bethel Church Basis of Faith

Our Basis of Faith sets out matters that we believe all Christian believers should be able to accept wholeheartedly and a person can only become a member of the Church if they have indicated that they do accept those beliefs.

The Scriptures.

The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given in both Old and New Testaments, as being in themselves, the word of God and their supreme authority and sufficiency in all matters of faith and conduct. 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19–21; Jude 3; Deut 4:2.

The Godhead.

The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption.

Deut 6:4–5; Gen 1:1; John 1:1; Matt 28:19; Dan 4:34–35; Col 1:16–17; Rom 8:28–29.

Man.

The total depravity of human nature as the result of the Fall making man subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and the necessity for regeneration. Rom 3:10–23; Jer 17:9; Ps 51:5; Eph 2:1–3; John 3:3.

The Lord Jesus Christ,

The true deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His incarnation, Virgin Birth, real yet sinless man-hood, the infallibility of His teaching, His substitutionary

atoning death as the sole ground for redemption from sin, His bodily resurrection, ascension to heaven and present priestly intercession for His people, His literal personal return in glory and power. Acts 3:12–26; 1 Cor 15:1–4; John 3:16; Acts 1:11.

Justification By Faith.

The justification of the sinner only by the Grace of God through faith in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph 2:8–9; Rom 3:21–26; 5:1; Gal 3:11; Titus 3:5.

The Holy Spirit.

The personality of the Holy Spirit and the necessity of His work in illuminating, regeneration, indwelling and sanctifying every believer, also in ministry and worship.

1 Cor 2:12–14; John 16:7–11; John 3:5; Rom 8:1, 9.

The Church.

The one Universal Church, the Body of which Christ is the Head, embracing all the Redeemed, born of God's Spirit. The Local Church being an expression of the Universal Church.

Rom 12:4–5; 1 Cor 1:2; 12:12–14; Gal 3:28; Eph 1:22.

The Ordinances.

The divine institution of Believers Baptism by Immersion, and of the Lord's Supper in which the bread and wine are but symbols. Matt 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 11:23–29.

The Last Things.

The resurrection of the body, the judgment of the world by Jesus Christ, the eternal bliss of the believer and the eternal punishment of the unbeliever.

1 Cor 15:24–26; John 3:17–19, 36; 5:25–29; Rev 20