

## ***DOCTRINAL STATEMENT of Valley Bible Church***

A few brief words are appropriate here to state our doctrinal position, particularly as to scripture, ordinances and objectives. As conservative, fundamental, evangelical Christians, our church leadership has made every effort to maintain and strengthen our position. We believe that strong, sound doctrine is the basis on which our service and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ must be based.

We believe in the plenary, verbal, inspired, infallible and inerrant Word of God as set forth in the original manuscripts of scripture. We believe that the Word of God is the sole authority for faith and practice, and that only as a Christian submits and commits himself to this authority will his life manifest the purpose for which he was created. We follow the plain, literal, historical and grammatical method of interpreting the scriptures, and believe this method logically leads us to the dispensational viewpoint concerning God's progressive revelation as recorded in scripture. Following this hermeneutical principle, we are confident in looking expectantly for the premillennial, pretribulation rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ, followed by the tribulation period, the millenium, and finally the eternal state of Glory with God.

Believing that all types and shadows as expressed in the rituals and ordinances prior to Jesus Christ were fulfilled in Him, we now worship God in reality, in the spirit and truth, not in rituals. We, therefore, recognize only two ordinances in obedience to God's Word, whereby we give testimony to the world of Jesus Christ and His saving work and authority among all who believe in Him. These are: 1) Water Baptism, and 2) Communion - the Lord's Table (open to all believers). Although immersion is preferable to other modes of baptism and is the historical practice of this church, other modes of believer's baptism are accepted in cases of transfers of membership.

Our church has two basic objectives: The evangelism of the unbelieving, and the edification of those believing in Jesus Christ. We wish to represent God in the world through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit by:

Reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ;

Teaching people the truth of scripture, bringing to maturity their understanding, faith and obedience to God;

Caring for people through mutual, encouragement and support of each member, and

Sharing the Gospel throughout the world through cooperation and support of various missionary enterprises.

All to the glory of our great God and Savior. To Him be all the praise, glory, and honor forever, because of who He is and what He has done! Praise the Lord!

## What We Believe

### **The absolute authority of the Bible God's Word.**

We believe that men inspired by the Holy Spirit were led to write the very words of Scripture. The whole Bible as it was written in the original manuscripts is without error. It is our infallible guide for faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21

**The Triune nature of the Godhead. God exists eternally in three persons - The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.** These three are one God, having the exact same nature, attributes and perfections, and are worthy of the same worship and obedience. I Corinthians 8:6 , John 17:21,23, John 16:14-15

**The Virgin birth of Jesus Christ.** He was made flesh when He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary. He is both fully God and fully man. Isaiah 7:14, Matt.1:23

**Salvation only through Jesus Christ.** Man has eternal life only through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that He died in our place for the removal of our sins, that he rose from the dead, and that His sacrifice is the redemptive price for our souls.  
Romans 6:23, 2 Cor. 5:21, Heb. 8:12.

**The assurance of salvation.** All true believers are saved for eternity. John 10:25-30

**The Church,** is made up of all who put their faith in Christ. He is the head of the church, The Holy Spirit baptizes all believers into this Body of Christ at the moment of their salvation. The members of this one spiritual body are directed to fellowship together in local assemblies. Two ordinances are performed by the church; Baptism and the Lords Supper.  
Matt. 16:18, 1 Cor.12:14-24, Eph 4:15

**Biblical Leadership** - The church leadership is organized around the headship of Jesus Christ and the model of leadership He taught to His disciples. Leadership and order developed by the apostles based in servanthood. Matt. 20:25-28, Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10, I Timothy 3 , Titus 1:5-9, 2:3-9

**The blessed hope of Christ's return for the church.** The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the air to receive to Himself all who are alive and those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. The rapture will be followed by the tribulation, the second coming of Christ, the millennial kingdom, and the eternal state. As found in the prophetic books of the Bible. I Thess.1:10, 4:13-18, Rev.20-21