

Meadows Christian Fellowship
Statement of Faith

1. The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (II Tim. 3:16 & 17, Rom. 15:4, II Peter 1:20 & 21, John 17:17, Matt. 5:18)

2. The Trinity

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three Persons; that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption. (Matt. 28:19, John 16:7-15)

3. God, the Father

We believe in God, the Father, an infinite personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of all people, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Matt. 5:48, I John 5:14)

4. God, the Son

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into Heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to Earth. (Luke 1:34 & 35, I Cor. 15:3 & 4, Rom. 8:34)

5. God, the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. (John 16:7 & 8, Rom. 8:9)

6. Regeneration (new Spiritual life imparted)

We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, condemned to eternal separation from God. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 3:23 & 24, Titus 3:5, Mark 16:16, Rom. 8:28)

7. The Church

We believe in the universal Church; a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for mission and purpose to the glory of God. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. (Acts 2:48, Rom. 12:5)

8. The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is a public statement of faith by the immersion of a believer into water in the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 11:23-33, Matt. 28:19)

9. Christian Conduct

We believe that a Christian should be Christ-like and live for the glory of God. God commands us to love others sacrificially and to live out our faith with care for the well-being of others, compassion toward the poor, and justice for the oppressed. (Ecc. 12:13-14; Micah 6:8; John 14:15, 21,23; Matt. 22:36-40; Eph. 5:1-5; I Cor. 4:2)

10. Christian Marriage

We believe that Christian marriage is a sacred institution ordained by God. It is a spiritual and physical union entered into by one man and one woman for the glory of God, and according to the scriptural ideal, is to be broken only by death. (Gen. 1:27-28, 2:22-25, Mark 10:6-9, Rom. 1:26-27, Eph 5:31)

11. Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith, that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other. (I Cor. 10:23 & 24, Matt. 22:21)

12. The Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to Earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal happiness of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked. (Matt. 24:30, I Thess. 4:15 & 16)