

PREAMBLE

The following Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting Statement of Faith identifies the essential Biblical truths which we wholeheartedly believe, teach, and obey as fundamental to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We also understand there are other doctrinal issues that can have a range of interpretations within the Christian community and believe we should grant one another grace in interpretations of those beliefs.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe that the books of the Old and New Testaments found in the Bible are the inspired word of God and infallible and the final authority in all matters of Christian faith and conduct. We also believe that God has watched over these texts so that the various translations that we commonly use are sufficiently faithful transmissions from the originals which are lost.
2. We believe in one God existing in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are all of the same substance and power.
3. We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
4. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God and savior.
 - 4.1. For our salvation, he came from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary; and he became man.
 - 4.2. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death, was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures as the payment for the sins of those who would repent and place their faith/trust in Him.
5. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life in Christ, who with the Father and the Son is to be adored and glorified. He inspired the writers of the Bible, convicts us of sin, and comforts us in trials.
6. We believe that all men and women are made in the image of God and are of great value, but are estranged from God and eternally lost by our own disobedience to divine law and are in need of salvation.
7. Salvation is brought about by the grace of God renewing our hearts (being born again) with faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as payment for our sins which rightly deserve His punishment. We believe that one work of the Holy Spirit is to bring us to faith. None of our works or good deeds alone can restore our relationship with the Holy God.
8. God calls His saved people to be in fellowship with one another in the church the “Body of Christ” caring for, forgiving and supporting each other as “brothers and sisters” in the Lord. We are also to live out our faith with real compassion for the poor and justice for the oppressed.