



Pleasant Valley Bible Camp

Statement of Faith

It is the purpose of Pleasant Valley Bible Camp to put forth basic Christian doctrines essential for salvation and establishing guidelines for proclamation and conduct. We believe it is the responsibility of the local church to proclaim and teach other doctrines outside of those stated herein. It is our intent to allow freedom of conviction in other doctrinal issues as long as they are based on God's Holy Word and their interpretation does not become a hindrance to the ministry of Pleasant Valley Bible Camp.

Section 1: The Bible

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12-13). We accept the sufficiency of scripture comprised of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is inerrant in the original writings with every part equally inspired (or God-breathed). We trust the Bible as our final authority in all matters of doctrine, faith, and conduct.

Section 2: God

We believe in one God eternally existing in three distinct persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are one in being, in essence, and in glory, and each of these persons is fully God (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 John 1:1; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4). God is eternal (Psalm 90:2), infinite (1 Timothy 1:17), sovereign (Psalm 93:1) omniscient (Psalm 139:1-6), omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-13), omnipotent (Revelation 19:6), and unchanging (Malachi 3:6). God is holy (Isaiah 6:3), just (Deuteronomy 32:4), and righteous (Exodus 9:27). God is love (1 John 4:8), gracious (Ephesians 2:8) merciful (1 Peter 1:3), and good (Romans 8:28). God is creator of heaven and earth of things visible and invisible (Gen 1:1; Colossians 1:16).

Section 3: Jesus Christ

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The eternal Son of God became man without ceasing to be God (Col 2:9, 1 John 1:1). The incarnate God was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a Virgin. Being fully God and fully man, He lived a sinless life (Luke 1:26-33; Matthew 1:20-23; Hebrews 4:15). We believe in his atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His imminent return (1 Peter 1:18-19; Philippians 2:8-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-10,). We hold that His death, burial, and resurrection is sufficient to provide salvation for all who receive Him as Savior (John 1:12; Acts 16:31). We believe Jesus Christ is our advocate interceding for us with God the Father guaranteeing eternal salvation (Romans 8:34-39; Hebrews 7:24-25).

Section 4: The Holy Spirit

We believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit. He is co-eternal with the Father and the Son (Acts 5:3-4). He regenerates sinners (Titus 3:5) and indwells believers (Romans 8:9). He is the agent by whom Christ baptizes all believers into His body (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). He is the seal by whom the Father guarantees the salvation of believers unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 1:13-14). He is the Divine Teacher who illumines believers' hearts and minds as they study the Word of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-12).

Section 5: Angels and Demons

We believe in the reality and personality of angels. God created the angels as heavenly hosts to be His servants and messengers (Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 148:2; Hebrews 1:14). There is an innumerable host of angels who are faithful and true to God (Psalms 91:11; Hebrews 12:22). We believe Satan is a fallen angel who led a group of angels in rebellion against God (Isaiah 14: 12-17; Ezekiel 28: 12-15). His ultimate goal is to overthrow God which makes him the great enemy of God and man. The fallen angels, or demons, are his servants in evil. Satan and his demons will be eternally punished in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

Section 6: Man in Creation

We believe that man is a direct creation of God and is uniquely made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). God gave man dominion over the created world (Gen 1:28) and that the primary purpose of man is to glorify God (Isaiah 43:7, Ephesians 1:11-12). We believe God created Man as Male and Female (Gen 1:27, 5:2), and marriage is designed by God to be a union between one man and one woman (Mathew 19:3-6), male and female as genetically defined at birth. Sexual intimacy other than heterosexual relations between a legally married male and female is in defiance of God and is sin (Rom 1:26-27).

Section 7: Sin and Salvation

Through Adam's **sin**, all humanity has inherited a sinful nature, and every person chooses to sin (Romans 3:23, 5:12). All sin is offensive to God (Romans 6:23). Man is utterly unable to remedy this fallen state (Ephesians 2: 1-5, 12). Jesus Christ came to save man from sin (Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15). **Salvation** is a gift of God's grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross (Ephesians 2:8-9; Col 2:9-14). Christ's death fully accomplished justification through faith and redemption from sin. Christ died in our place (Romans 5:8-9) and bore our sins in His own body (1 Peter 2:24). We believe that Jesus Christ is the only means to salvation (John 3:16-18, 14:6).

Section 8: The Church

We believe that the Church is a spiritual organism made up of all believers who are baptized by the Holy Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). Christ is the head of the Church, the body of Christ, and all believers are united together in spirit and purpose to glorify God (Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:23; John 17:21-23). We believe the local Church is central to God's universal plan for proclaiming and teaching the Word, encouraging and admonishing the saints, in addition to fulfilling the Great Commission (1 Corinthians 1:2; Colossians 1:24-29, 3:16; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7).

Section 9: The Future

We believe in the personal, visible, and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ to exercise final judgment on all mankind (Acts 10:42; 2 Tim 4:1; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:31-46). The saved will be resurrected to spend eternity with Christ in a new heaven and a new earth and the unsaved will be resurrected to eternal damnation (John 5:26-29; Revelations 20:12-15).