

Freedom Church FWTX INC.

1. The Statement of Faith

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible both Old and New Testaments is supernaturally inspired, so that it is inerrant in the original manuscripts and preserved by God in its verbal and plenary inspiration, so that it is a divinely authoritative standard for every age and every life.

(Matthew 5:18; I Corinthians 2:13; II Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

GOD

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in and reveals himself in three different manifestation: The Father as a creator, The Son as our Savior, and The Holy Spirit as our sustainer.

(Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19 John 1:1-2,14; 10:30; 14:15-17; I Corinthians 8:6; Corinthians 13:14)

We believe that He saves all who come to Him through Jesus Christ from sin and death.

(John 3:16; I Timothy 1:1, 15; John: 4-14)

Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God in flesh and fully man. 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 that he was crucified, shed his blood, died to pay the penalty for our sins and was raised bodily from the dead on the third day. Forty days later he ascended to the father's right hand where he is head of the Ministry and intercedes for believers. We believe that Jesus Christ taught and performed mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as revealed in the four gospels.

(Isaiah 7:14; Hebrews 1:1-2, 7:25; Luke 1:30-35; Ephesians 4:8; John 1:1-5, 10-14, 14:6; Colossians 2:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Acts 1:3, 11; Revelations 3:20-21)

MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature and became alienated from God.

(Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 1:18, 3:23, 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12)

THE ATONEMENT

Christ's vicarious death on the cross, paid the penalty for the sins of the whole world, but its benefits are only applicable to those who receive Jesus as personal Savior. Healing—body, soul and

spirit—and all of God's provisions for His saints, are provided for in the atonement, but these must be appropriated by faith

SALVATION

The Word of God declares clearly that salvation is a free gift of God, based on the merits of the death of Jesus, and is appropriated by faith. Salvation is affected by personal repentance, belief in the Lord Jesus (justification) and personal acceptance of Him into one's life as Lord and Savior (regeneration). The new life in Christ includes the privileges of adoption as sons of God and inheritance in the kingdom. Salvation is an act of free will in response to God's personal love for mankind. Salvation should produce an active lifestyle of loving obedience and service to Jesus Christ our Savior. We believe that man is justified by grace through faith apart from works. We believe that all people are sinners by nature and choice and therefore, are under condemnation; that God regenerates by the Holy Spirit, those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord; that Jesus Christ baptizes the seeking believer with the Holy Spirit, empowering them for service.

(Acts 13:38-39; Romans 4:5, 6:23, 8:1, 38-39; John 10:27-29; Ephesians 2:8-9)

THE CHURCH

We believe in the ministry of the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members that are united together in the body of Christ of which He is Lord; and are commissioned for the God-given task of worshiping, fellowshiping, teaching, evangelizing and exercising the spiritual gifts. (The priesthood of the believers)

The goal of the church is to make disciples of all nations and to present the saints complete in Christ. The five-fold ministries listed in Ephesians 4 governs the church, along with the Elders and service of the deacons, as well as other leadership roles mentioned in Scripture. Church policy is a balance between congregation and Pastoralship authority, emphasizing the final authority of the church leadership. It is essential to the life of the church that scriptural patterns of discipline are practiced and that oversight for church discipline, individual and corporate, is exercised by the leadership of the church.

(Acts 2:42, 47; Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23-24; I Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelations 1:5-6)

ORDENANCES OF THE MINISTRY

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Ministry: 1) water baptism by immersion, and 2) the Lord's Supper as a memorial. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation but are evidence of obedience and fellowship with the Lord.

(Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Act. 10:47, Acts 19:1-6; Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-29)

We believe also in the laying of hands, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the anointing with oil, the foot washing, the children dedication, the ordination of pastors, elders, and deacons, the receiving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the holy matrimony to be only between a biologically born man and a biologically born woman.

(Genesis 2:24)

We believe in divine healing that includes not just the physical body, but also the soul in all its ramifications as part of God's provision for us through the atonement sacrifice of Jesus Christ at the cross.

[Exodus 15:26d reads, I the Lord am thy physician (healer)]

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe that the Scriptures portray the life of the saint in this world to be one of balance between what is imputed to us as Christians and what is imparted to us according to our faith and maturity. Therefore, God's provision for His children is total, and His promises are final and forever. The shortcomings of the individual and of the church are because of the still progressing sanctification of the saints. The Christian life is filled with trials, tests and warfare against a spiritual enemy. To remain faithful through all circumstances of life requires dependence upon the Holy Spirit and a willingness to die to personal desires and passions.

THE SECOND COMING

We believe in the personal, visible return of Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom, in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment and eternal blessing of the righteous and the endless suffering of the wicked.

(I Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51; Titus 2:11-13; John 14:1-6; 2 Peter 3:10)

MARRIAGE, GENDER & SEXUALITY

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18- 25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Living Presence Ministries' members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of our church.