

White Creek Baptist Church Declaration of Faith

1. *We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction, that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error, for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and therefore it is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the Supreme Standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.*
2. *We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, and Infinite Intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressible glorious in Holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love, that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection and expecting distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.*
3. *We believe that man was created in holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that Holy and Happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners not by constraint, but choice being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God positively inclined to evil and therefore under just condemnation to eternal punishments without deference or excuse.*
4. *We believe that the Salvation of sinners is wholly of Grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by appointment of the Father freely took upon Him our nature yet without sin, honored the Divine law by his personal obedience and by His death made a full atonement for our sins that having risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven and uniting in his wonderful person that the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection He in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Savior.*
5. *We believe that the great Gospel Blessings which Christ secures to such as believe in Him are justification. That justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness which we have done but solely through faith in the Redeemer's Blood by virtue of which faith is perfect. Righteousness is freely imputed to use of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needed for time and eternity.*
6. *We believe that the Blessings of Salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them cordial, pertinent, and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the Salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel which rejection involves him in aggravated condemnation.*
7. *We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again, that regeneration consist in giving a Holy disposition to the mind, that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper obedience to the Gospel and that its proper evidence appear in the Holy Fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.*
8. *We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, where by being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and the way of salvation by Christ we turn to God with unfeigned contrition confession and supplication for mercy, at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Savior.*

9. *We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners, that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's Sovereign being infinitely free, wise holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love and prayer, praise, trust in God and achieves unitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that It may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel, that it is the foundation of Christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.*
10. *We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his Holiness, that it is a progressive, work, that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy spirit, the Sealer and Comforter in the continued use of the appointed means, especially the Word of God, self examination, self denial, watchfulness and prayer.*
11. *We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end, that their preserving attachment to Christ Is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial profession: that a special providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the Power of God, through Faith unto Salvation.*
12. *We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government, that it is Holy, Just, and Good and that the inability which the scripture ascribes to fallen men, to fulfill its precept, arises entirely from their love of sin: to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law is one Great end of the gospel and of the means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.*
13. *We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of Baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel observing the ordinances of Christ governed by His laws and exercising the gift, rights, and principles invested in them by His Word, that its only scriptural officers are Bishops, Pastors and Deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.*
14. *We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer unto the name of the Father, The Son, and Holy Ghost, to show faith in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church by the sacred use of the bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self examination.*
15. *We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations by the devout observance of all the means of Grace both private and public and by the preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God.*
16. *We believe that civil government is by divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, consciously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only one the Conscious and the Prince of the King of Earth.*

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