

Bible Baptist Church of Nashua, NH

Articles of Faith

The Holy Scriptures

By “Holy Scriptures”¹ (or, “Scriptures” or “Bible Canon” or “Bible”) we believe and stand firm on the position that the words of the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament (O.T.) and New Testament (N.T.)² are *inspired*³ of God; and, *every* word of the Holy Scriptures to be *verbally*,⁴ *plenary*,⁵ inspired of God, and entirely *inerrant*. We stand firm upon the position that God not only *inspired* His words *perfectly* in the original autographs (manuscripts), but that He has perfectly *preserved*⁶ His words providentially.

By “Inspired” we mean the unique and miraculous process of God breathing out the words of Scripture, which process ceased with the originals (or “autographa”), which were written by men⁷ moved by the Holy Ghost.⁸

By “Preserved” we mean that all of the inscripturated words of the Bible have been kept, that is preserved, perfectly, by the singular care and providence of God, through the Lord’s institutions of O.T. Israel⁹ and His N.T. churches.¹⁰

We believe that these preserved words are available in the texts of the original language manuscripts (or “apographa”), which have been received by the Lord’s churches, namely the *Masoretic Text* of the Hebrew and Aramaic O.T., and the *Textus Receptus* (the “Received Text”) of the N.T. We believe that accurate translations using the principles of

¹ Rom. 1:2; II Tim. 3:15.

² We believe that the Bible Canon consists of no more and no less than the thirty-nine books of the O.T. and the twenty-seven books of the N.T.

³ II Tim. 3:15-17; I Cor. 2:13; II Pet. 1:21; Mt. 4:4; Jn. 10:35; 14:26; 16:13.

⁴ Psa. 12:6; I Cor. 2:13; Jn. 12:49,50; Mt. 4:4.

⁵ II Tim. 3:16.

⁶ Psa. 12:6,7; 78:1-8; 105:8; 119:89,111,152,160; Prov. 22:20-21; Mt. 4:4; 5:17-18; 24:35; Jn. 10:35; Col. 1:17; I Pet. 1:23-25.

⁷ Isa. 51:16; Jer. 36:4; Acts 1:16.

⁸ II Peter 1:21.

⁹ Deut. 17:18,19; Prov. 25:1; Acts 7:38; Rom. 3:1,2; 9:3-5.

¹⁰ Matt. 28:20; Jn. 17:8; I Tim. 3:15; Col. 4:16; I Thess. 5:27.

formal equivalency (word-for-word translation) can be made from these preserved, received texts into receptor languages of all people.¹¹ For English-speaking people, the Authorized Version of the English Bible, commonly called the King James Version (KJV), is the only accurate, modern English translation of the preserved original language texts and is the Word of God in English for English-speaking people.

Therefore, we *only* use and promote the King James Version of the Bible. All other modern translations claiming to be English versions of the Bible are in fact not to be considered the Word of God, because they contain numerous words and phrases that are not translated from God's preserved words. Thus, each such book is a false bible and should be rejected in its entirety¹² and should not be relied upon to any extent for faith and practice. We believe that the Bible testifies to its own Bibliology (doctrine of the Bible), as well as to the constant and deliberate satanic attack upon it.¹³

We believe the Scriptures plainly teach that it is the responsibility of man to *receive*¹⁴ and *obey*¹⁵ the words of Scripture. Also, the N.T. is clear in its teaching that it is the *responsibility* of local N.T. churches to *guard*¹⁶ the Bible Canon and the words of the Bible Canon.

Finally, we believe that the Scriptures are to be the *sole* authority for faith and practice for the believer in Jesus Christ and are *completely sufficient*;¹⁷ and that the Bible Canon, the sixty-six books of the Bible, is complete. Nothing shall be added to it or taken from it.¹⁸

¹¹ Matt. 28:19; Rom. 16:26.

¹² I Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9.

¹³ Gen. 3:1; Rev. 22:18,19; I Cor. 2:17; II Pet. 3:16.

¹⁴ Jn. 17:1-26; Acts 2:41; 8:14; 11:1; I Thess. 2:13.

¹⁵ Gal. 3:1; 5:7; II Thess. 3:14.

¹⁶ Mt. 28:19,20; I Tim. 3:15; Rev. 22:7.

¹⁷ II Tim. 3:17.

¹⁸ Rev. 22:18,19; Ecc. 3:14; Prov. 30:5,6; Deut. 4:2; 18:18-20; 28:14; Num. 22:35.

The True God

We believe there is one and only one living and true God,¹⁹ an infinite,²⁰ sovereign²¹ Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity²² of the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,²³ equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

We believe God is a Spirit;²⁴ He is eternal;²⁵ He is unchangeable²⁶ in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, and goodness. God is Omnipotent,²⁷ Omniscient,²⁸ and Omnipresent.²⁹ God is the Creator.³⁰ God is distinct from His creation,³¹ and yet He desires closeness and nearness³² to His creation. God is perfect in His hatred for sin, therefore He is a God of wrath³³ and righteousness.³⁴ God is good, merciful, gracious, kind,³⁵ and a God of love.³⁶

¹⁹ Ex. 20; Deut. 6:4; 32:39; Psa. 86:10; Isa. 43:10, 11; 44:6, 8; 45:5-6, 18; Mal. 2:10; I Cor. 8:4, 6; I Tim. 2:5a.

²⁰ Job 11:7; I Kings 8:27.

²¹ I Chron. 29:10-13; Psa. 115:3; 135:6; Rom. 8:28; Eph. 1:11.

²² Rom. 1:7; Heb. 1:8; Acts 5:3,4.

²³ Gen. 1:1, 26-27; 11:7; Ex. 20:1; Deut. 6:4; 32:39; Psa. 86:10; Mt. 28:19; I Cor. 8:4,6.

²⁴ Jn. 4:24.

²⁵ Isa. 57:15a; Psa. 90:2.

²⁶ Psa. 33:11; 102:25-27; Isa. 11:5; Mal. 3:6a; Heb. 13:8; James 1:7.

²⁷ Gen. 17:1; 18:14; Psa. 62:11; 89:8; Mk. 10:27; Rev. 4:8.

²⁸ Psa. 139:1-6; I Sam. 23:11,12; Job 28:23,24; 42:2; Psa. 44:21; Mt. 10:29; I Jn 3:20.

²⁹ Gen. 28:15; 26:24; Deut. 10:14; Psa. 46:1; 73:23; 139:7-12.

³⁰ Gen. 1-2.

³¹ Isa. 57:15;55:9; Hab. 2:20; Ecc. 5:2; Psa. 115:3; Eph. 1:20,21; Lk 1:32.

³² Psa. 73:28; Prov. 18:24; Heb. 10:22; Mt. 11:27.

³³ Ex. 32:9,10; Deut. 9:7,8; Jn. 3:36; Rom. 1:18.

³⁴ Gen. 18:25; Psa. 89:14; 97:1,2.

³⁵ Psa. 34:8; 68:19; 107:1-9, 15, 21, 31; 23:6; 100:5; 119:68; 145:7-9; II Cor. 1:3-7.

³⁶ Jer. 31:3; I Jn. 4:7-10; Gal. 2:20; I Jn. 4:8,16.

The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is “the Christ, the Son of the Living God,”³⁷ and that He was the fulfillment of numerous O.T. prophecies concerning the Messiah.³⁸ We believe in the absolute divinity of Jesus Christ,³⁹ the second Person of the Trinity; in His eternal⁴⁰ existence with the Father, yet distinct from the Father and the Holy Spirit. We believe that He humbled Himself, to be born of a virgin,⁴¹ conceived of the Holy Spirit, to become a man.⁴² We believe that He is truly man, and truly God. We believe that, although He was tempted in all things, He was sinless in His life,⁴³ and always obedient to the Father. We believe in His substitutionary death through His shed blood on the cross,⁴⁴ and that He arose bodily from the dead on the third day,⁴⁵ then ascended into Heaven shortly thereafter, where He is now seated at the right hand of the Father;⁴⁶ where He is our High Priest⁴⁷ and Divine Advocate⁴⁸ with the Father; and where He ever liveth to make intercession for His saints.⁴⁹

The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a Divine Person,⁵⁰ not an influence or some mystical power. The Holy Spirit is equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same

³⁷ Mt. 16:16.

³⁸ Jn. 1:41;4:25.

³⁹ Isa. 7:14; Lk. 1:32; Jn. 8:24; 10:9; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1; Phil. 2:6-11; Rev. 1:8,11.

⁴⁰ Isa. 9:6; Mic. 5:2; Jn. 1:1; 8:58; 17:5,24; Col. 1:17; Rev. 1:18,19.

⁴¹ Isa. 7:14; Lk. 1:35.

⁴² Isa. 9:6; Lk. 2:40,52; Jn. 1:1, 14; Gal. 4:4; Rom. 1:3,4; Heb. 2:14.

⁴³ Heb. 4:15.

⁴⁴ Isa. 53:5,6, 11,12; Rom. 5:8; I Cor. 15:3,4; Gal. 1:3,4; 3:13; I Pet. 2:24.

⁴⁵ Mt. 28:6; Lk. 24:36-48; Acts 2:24-32; 4:33; Jn. 20:3-7; I Cor. 15:5-11.

⁴⁶ Lk. 24:51; Jn. 17:5; Phil. 2:9; Psa. 110:1; Eph. 1:20,21; I Thess. 4:17.

⁴⁷ Heb. 4:14,15; 5:9,10; 6:20; 8:1,2.

⁴⁸ I Jn. 2:1.

⁴⁹ Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; I Jn. 2:1,2; I Tim. 2:5.

⁵⁰ Isa. 63:10; Acts 5:3,4; Rom. 8:27; 15:13; I Cor. 2:10-11,13; 12:11; Eph. 4:30; I Thess. 4:8; 5:19; Heb. 10:29.

nature, yet He is also distinct.⁵¹ We believe that He moved “holy men of God” in the writing of the Scriptures;⁵² that He was active in the creation of the world;⁵³ and that He restrains the evil one⁵⁴ until God’s purpose is fulfilled. We believe that He convicts the world of sin;⁵⁵ He quickens and regenerates the believer in the new birth;⁵⁶ He seals the believer and then is the earnest of their salvation;⁵⁷ He permanently indwells⁵⁸ the body of each believer at the instant of salvation; He then illuminates,⁵⁹ guides,⁶⁰ and comforts⁶¹ each believer in and through the Word of God; and He enables the believer to be filled with power for holy living and service.⁶² The Holy Spirit bears fruit in the believer⁶³ and gives believers spiritual gifts to exercise in the context of the local church.⁶⁴ However, we believe that sign gifts ended with the completion of the Bible Canon.⁶⁵

The Devil or Satan

We believe that God created⁶⁶ an innumerable company of spirit beings (the majority of whom remained faithful to God) who are now serving as ministering spirits,⁶⁷ worshipping

⁵¹ Matt. 28:19; Jn. 14:16,26; II Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:18; 4:4-6; I Jn. 5:7.

⁵² II Pet. 1:20,21.

⁵³ Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; 27:3; 33:4; Psa. 33:6; Isa. 40:12-14.

⁵⁴ II Thess. 2:7,8.

⁵⁵ Jn. 16:7-11.

⁵⁶ Jn. 3:3,5; I Cor. 6:11.

⁵⁷ Eph. 1:13,14; II Cor. 1:22.

⁵⁸ I Cor. 3:16; 6:19,20; II Cor. 6:16; Jn. 14:17; Eph. 2:22; I Jn. 2:27; 3:24; 4:13.

⁵⁹ Jn. 16:12-15; I Cor. 2:10-13; I Jn. 2:19-27.

⁶⁰ Psa. 119:133; 25:5; Prov. 2:6; 6:22; Jer. 10:23; Rom. 8:14; I Cor. 16:9; Rev. 3:7-8.

⁶¹ Jn. 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7.

⁶² Zech. 4:6; I Cor 6:19,20; Eph. 5:18; Philip. 2:13.

⁶³ Gal. 5:19-23.

⁶⁴ Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:1-11, 28-30; Eph. 4:11; I Pet. 4:10-11.

⁶⁵ I Cor. 14:1,2,22; 13:8,10.

⁶⁶ Neh. 9:6; Psa. 148:1-5; Col. 1:16.

⁶⁷ Heb. 1:14; 13:2.

God and executing His will on earth.⁶⁸ However, Lucifer, the “anointed cherub” (the Devil or Satan) was created the highest of angels,⁶⁹ but through the sin of pride, fell and became the author of sin,⁷⁰ the god of this world,⁷¹ the enemy of God and man,⁷² and is destined to eternal punishment in the lake of fire.⁷³ Also, Satan has his demons that followed him in the rebellion against God.⁷⁴ These demons are Satan’s agents in carrying out his unholy purposes⁷⁵ and shall likewise share his fate in the lake of fire.

Creation

We believe the Genesis account of creation as being neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God in six literal twenty-four hour days without any evolutionary process; that man (spirit, soul and body) was created by a direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all men are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, first parents of the entire human race.⁷⁶

Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God,⁷⁷ and that being made in His image is what distinguishes man from the rest of God’s creation. Mankind was given dominion over the earth and was told by God to be fruitful, and multiply, and to fill the earth.⁷⁸ Man was created in holiness, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy

⁶⁸ Psa. 103:20,21; 148:2; Heb 1:6; Rev. 5:8-13.

⁶⁹ Ezek. 28:12-14.

⁷⁰ Ezek. 28:15-17; Isa. 14:13; I Tim. 3:6.

⁷¹ Matt. 4:8,9; Jn. 12:31; II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2.

⁷² Gen. 3; I Chron. 21:1; II Cor. 11:3, 13-14.

⁷³ Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10.

⁷⁴ Matt. 9:34; 12:24; 25:41; Eph. 6:12; Rev. 12:4, 7-9.

⁷⁵ I Kings 22:21-23; Psa. 106:37; II Thess. 2:1,2; I Tim. 4:1-3; Eph. 6:12; James 3:15; I Cor. 10:20-21.

⁷⁶ Gen. 1 and 2; Lk. 3:38; John 1:3; Col. 1:16,17; I Tim. 2:13.

⁷⁷ Gen 1:26,27; 2:7, 18-25.

⁷⁸ Gen. 9:1,2.

state.⁷⁹ Scripture teaches that *all* mankind sinned with Adam and are guilty. Therefore, physical death was passed upon all mankind, because of this original sin.⁸⁰ All men are conceived with a sin nature through their parents; thus man is unable to do justly that which is good,⁸¹ and when one first sins knowingly, that person comes under the just condemnation of eternal damnation without defense or excuse.⁸²

Redemption & Salvation

We believe in a literal heaven and a literal hell. Heaven, is a place of eternal, conscious blessedness,⁸³ where one will live for evermore with God and all those who have by faith received the free gift of eternal life. Hell is a place of eternal conscious separation from God and punishment in the lake of fire.⁸⁴

We believe that God had determined before the foundation of the world that the redemption of man would be accomplished by the physical blood of His Son.⁸⁵ The exact image of the work of redemption is found in the Mosaic Law. The plan of God required the shedding, the presentation, and application of the blood.⁸⁶ The earthly models prefigured the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the presentation of His literal blood in a heavenly sanctuary.⁸⁷ Our redemption is therefore perfect and eternal. There is no other offering or sacrifice for sin.⁸⁸ We believe that through Jesus Christ's substitutionary sacrifice on the cross,⁸⁹ He shed His blood to redeem fallen mankind;⁹⁰ that when the

⁷⁹ Gen. 3.

⁸⁰ Rom. 5:12-21.

⁸¹ Gen 8:21; Psa. 14:2,3; 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Eph. 2:1-3.

⁸² Jam. 2:10; 4:17; Rom. 1:32-2:1; 3:10, 23; I Jn. 5:17.

⁸³ Psa 16:11; 20:6; Phil. 1:21,23; Rev. 21:18-21.

⁸⁴ Matt. 13:42,50; 25:41-46; Mk. 9:44-48; Lk. 16; Rev. 14:10; 20:15.

⁸⁵ I Pet. 1:18,19.

⁸⁶ Lev. 4:16.

⁸⁷ Heb. 9:11-14.

⁸⁸ Heb. 10:4-18.

⁸⁹ I Pet. 2:24; 3:18.

⁹⁰ Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Titus 2:14.

believing sinner repents of his sin and places his total faith⁹¹ in Christ's shed blood⁹² and substitutionary sacrifice, the believing sinner is justified⁹³ and reconciled⁹⁴ to God. We believe salvation is a free gift to all who will put their complete faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross.⁹⁵ Salvation secures everlasting life for this one who has received this gift.⁹⁶ Heaven is his eternal home.

We believe that all those that have been saved, are saved only once, and that they cannot lose their salvation. They are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ forever⁹⁷ and have an inheritance reserved for them in heaven.⁹⁸ We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word. However, we believe that the Scriptures clearly forbid the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh.⁹⁹

Repentance

We believe that repentance is a change of mind and purpose toward God prompted by the Holy Spirit; that it is characterized by godly sorrow for sin as offensive to God and ruinous to the soul; and that true repentance is inseparably related to true faith.¹⁰⁰

The Church

The English word "church" is translated from the Greek word *ekklesia*. *Ekklesia* is a compound word consisting of *ek* meaning "out of" and *kaleo* meaning "to call." The use of the *ekklesia*, in the first century, always meant a group of individuals *called from something* for the purpose of *assembling*.¹⁰¹ Consequently, we believe that the Bible clearly

⁹¹ Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8.

⁹² Lev 17:11; Heb 9:9,11-14,19,22; 10:29; 13:20; Rev 1:5.; 5:9; 12:11.

⁹³ Rom 3:20-28.

⁹⁴ Rom 5:10; II Cor 5:18.

⁹⁵ Gal. 2:16,21; Eph 2:8,9.

⁹⁶ Jn. 1:12; 3:14-16; 5:24; 6:37; 10:27-30; 17:24; I Pet. 1:3-5; Rom 8:29,30.

⁹⁷ John 6:37-44, 10:27-30; Romans 8:1, 8:38-39; I Corinthians 1:4-8; I Peter 1:5; I Jn. 5:13.

⁹⁸ Eph. 1:11; I Pet. 1:4.

⁹⁹ Romans 13:13-14; Gal. 5:13; Titus 2:11-15.

¹⁰⁰ Luke 13:1-3; 15:7; Acts 8:22; Rom. 2:4; II Cor. 7:10; Acts 20:21.

¹⁰¹ Acts 19:32,39,41.

teaches that a local church is comprised of assembled individuals that have placed their faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross, and have been scripturally immersed.¹⁰² For this assembly to constitute a Biblical, N.T. church several truths are necessary. First, a local church must have the *Proper Gospel*.¹⁰³ The Proper Gospel also calls for *ordinances* which symbolize the gospel. Second, the *Proper Leadership* is necessary.¹⁰⁴ Biblically, there are only *two offices* mentioned in the context of the local N.T. church: the *Pastor and Deacon*. Third, the *Proper Doctrine* is also necessary.¹⁰⁵ A local church is to be grounded in the whole counsel of God, pertaining to Bibliology, Theology Proper, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, and the Biblically based doctrines that they clearly set forth.

Therefore, we believe that the church is an assembled, local, visible body of believers called out from the world for the purpose of obeying the Great Commission, and that the assembled members are to be separated unto Christ. We believe that the supreme mission of the local church in this age is to preach the Gospel to every creature (“going” = N.T. church planting) and, in the context of the local church, to disciple (by “baptizing” and “teaching” the “all things” of Scripture) those who believe on His name¹⁰⁶ according to the geographical outline given by our Saviour in Acts 1:8.

We do NOT believe that the word “church” in the Scriptures ever refers to the existence of a mystical or invisible or universal body of Christ because such an entity could never assemble in one place prior to the rapture. But instead, we believe that each assembly is the body of Christ in that locale,¹⁰⁷ with Christ as its head.¹⁰⁸ A local church is a body properly organized according to the N.T. pattern set forth in I and II Timothy and Titus. Furthermore, we believe in the perpetuity of the Lord's churches, i.e. that there have been local churches from the days of Christ until the present who essentially believe what Bible Baptist Church believes; and that such churches will continue until the Lord returns.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰² Acts 2:41.

¹⁰³ Matt. 28:20; I Cor. 15:1-4; I Tim.. 3:15; Gal. 1:8,9.

¹⁰⁴ Titus 1:5-9; I Tim. 3:1-13.

¹⁰⁵ Matt. 28:20; Acts 20:27; I Tim. 3:15; II Tim . 2:2; Titus 2:1.

¹⁰⁶ I Cor. 12:12-27; Mk. 16:15; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Lk. 24:47.

¹⁰⁷ I Cor. 12:27.

¹⁰⁸ Eph. 1:22,23.

¹⁰⁹ Matt 16:18; Eph. 3:21.

We believe that it is God that sets “the members, every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.”¹¹⁰ Thus, we believe that once a believer has joined a local church, he or she can only be removed from the rolls of the church by death, church discipline (ie: Matt. 18:15-20, church constitution), or transfer of letter/membership¹¹¹ to a church of like faith and order.

Baptism and the Lord’s Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion¹¹² of a believer in water, under the authority of the local church, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior,¹¹³ through Whom we died to sin and rose to a new life.¹¹⁴ We believe that baptism is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership.¹¹⁵ While recognizing that water baptism has no saving merit, it is our conviction that after one is saved, baptism is the next step in order to portray to the world that believer's union with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection and with the Lord's local church.

We believe that Jesus Christ instituted the Lord’s Supper to commemorate His death until He comes,¹¹⁶ and that the elements (unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine) *symbolically* portray the body and blood of Christ. As such, we deny the doctrine of transubstantiation and consubstantiation. We believe this meal should be preceded always by solemn self-examination.¹¹⁷ We believe that the Biblical order of the ordinances is baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and that participants in the Lord’s Supper should be immersed believers.

Things To Come

We believe in the *blessed hope* of the personal, corporal, glorious, *imminent*,¹¹⁸ *pre-*

¹¹⁰ I Cor. 12:18.

¹¹¹ Acts 11:26.

¹¹² Matt. 3:6; Jn. 3:23; Acts 8:38-39.

¹¹³ Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12;

¹¹⁴ Rom. 6:4-6.

¹¹⁵ Acts 2:41,47; I Cor. 12:12-27.

¹¹⁶ I Cor. 11:23-26.

¹¹⁷ I Cor. 11:28,29.

¹¹⁸ I Thess. 1:9, 10; I Cor. 1:7; 16:22; 15:51, 52; Titus 2:11-13; Phil. 3:20, 21; 4:5.

*tribulation*¹¹⁹ return of the Lord Jesus Christ in the skies, where He will meet in the air all the dead in Christ (N.T. Saints) and the regenerated ones that are alive here on the earth. Shortly after this *catching away* (rapture¹²⁰), all N.T. believer's will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ at the *Judgment Seat of Christ* and give an oral account as to the character of the things done in his/her body.¹²¹ Then the *Marriage* of Christ and His bride, at the *Marriage Supper* will take place in heaven.¹²² These future events will take place during the seven year *tribulation* on the earth¹²³ which concludes with the *pre-millennial, Second Coming* of the Lord Jesus Christ!¹²⁴ After the Lord Jesus Christ defeats the armies of the world in the Battle of Armageddon,¹²⁵ the devil is bound for a thousand years,¹²⁶ while Christ's kingdom is established here on earth and the Lord Jesus Christ reigns with His saints for a *millennium*.¹²⁷ At the end of the millennial reign of Christ on this earth, the devil is loosed, the final battle takes place, and the earth is purged.¹²⁸ Then follows the *Great White Throne Judgment* when the unsaved of all the ages will be judged and cast into the lake of fire for evermore.¹²⁹ The Bible concludes with all the saints of God living for eternity in the new heaven and the new earth reigning with Him for evermore.¹³⁰

Separation

We believe that God commands Christians to be a separated people.¹³¹ Bible Baptist Church will separate itself from all forms of religious apostasy and neo-evangelical inclusivism. We reject the ecumenical movement which seeks to join all churches into one body regardless of doctrine or practice. We also reject the charismatic renewal movement

¹¹⁹ (All the above) + I Thess.5:9; Rev. 3:10; Rom. 5:9,10.

¹²⁰ Jn. 11:25,26; I Cor. 15:51-54; I Thess. 4:13-17.

¹²¹ I Cor 3:10-15; II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10-12.

¹²² Rev. 19:6-9; 22:17; Jn. 3:29; Rom. 7:4; II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-33.

¹²³ Dan. 9:20-27; Matt. 24; Rev 4-19; (Many O.T. Prophecies).

¹²⁴ Matt. 24:29-31; 25:31-46.

¹²⁵ Rev. 16:12-16.

¹²⁶ Rev. 20:1-3.

¹²⁷ Rev. 20:4.

¹²⁸ Rev. 20:3, 7-11.

¹²⁹ Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 13:41,42.

¹³⁰ Rev. 21-22.

¹³¹ II Cor. 6:17, 18; 7:1.

with its unscriptural emphasis on emotionalism, tongues, and healing. This church will enjoy fellowship with churches of like faith and order, but will have no membership in any Fellowship, Associations, or any council of churches that is ecumenical in nature or thrust.

We believe Christians are to be personally separated from all worldly practices that hinder spiritual growth and stability. We believe that God's people should not love the world or the things that are in the world.¹³² In addition, we believe that a Christian should live a holy life and maintain a testimony consistent with the New Testament. Separation affects such areas as dress and appearance, associations, amusements, language, and all other such areas as could be considered worldly.¹³³

Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment¹³⁴ for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, and conscientiously honored and obeyed,¹³⁵ except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ in Scripture,¹³⁶ Who is the only Lord of the conscience and is the coming King of kings.

Israel

We believe that God's covenant promise with Abraham¹³⁷ established an eternal lineage of Abraham's physical seed, and established the land of Israel as an eternal inheritance for his seed, and that all who are of faith are the true children of Abraham and heirs according to the promise.¹³⁸ We believe that the re-establishment of the political nation Israel is in fulfillment of prophecy concerning the end time.¹³⁹ We further believe that God will bless nations which bless Israel and will curse nations which burden Israel.¹⁴⁰

¹³² 1 Jn. 2:15, 16; Gal. 5:16,21.

¹³³ Jn. 17:15-19; James 4:1-10.

¹³⁴ Rom 13:1-7.

¹³⁵ Titus 3:1; I Pet. 2:13,14; I Tim. 2:1,2; Mt. 22:21.

¹³⁶ Acts 4:19; 5:29.

¹³⁷ Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:5, 18; 22:17; 26:4.

¹³⁸ Gal. 3:7, 29; 4:28; Rom. 4:11, 20-24; 2:28, 29; 9:6,7; Jn. 8:37, 39; Lk. 19:2,9; Isa. 45:25; 63:16.

¹³⁹ Gen. 13:14-17; Rom. 11:1-32; Ezek. 37.

¹⁴⁰ Gen. 12:3,17; 27:29; Psa. 105:14; Isa. 41:11,12; 51:22,23; Jer. 30:16-17; Zech. 2:8-9; 12:3,9; Rev:20:9.