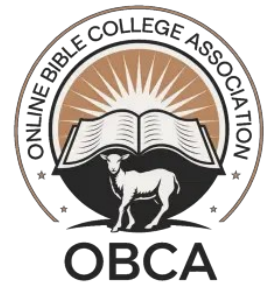


OBCA Statement of Faith

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“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

(Acts 4:12, NIV)

God

We believe in one God, consisting of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has revealed Himself through His Word, the Bible, and (through Christ Jesus, Colossians 1:16) He is the creator of all things (Genesis 1:1), both visible and invisible.

Through Jesus Christ, God has brought salvation and new life to humanity, and He continues to sustain the church and all creation until the end of the age (Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14).

Jesus

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin named Mary (Isaiah 7:14). He is the embodiment of Eternal Life and the only true God.

Jesus died as a sacrifice for our sins, conquered death by rising from the dead, and through His suffering, death, and resurrection, He has opened the way to God for all humanity. Whoever believes in Him will have eternal life (Matthew 1:23, John 3:16, Acts 4:12).

We believe that our blessed hope (Titus 2:13) is that Jesus will return in power and glory (Zechariah 14:4, Matthew 24:30, Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7, Revelation 19:11-16)

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is fully God and has been poured out upon believers. The Holy Spirit dwells in every Christian, leading them into all truth. The Spirit guides, empowers, and sanctifies believers, enabling them to live a life pleasing to God (John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:22-23). The moment a person becomes a Christian the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in their life. Although certain individuals in the New Testament exhibited signs when they received the Holy Spirit, such as speaking in tongues, the Bible does not allow us to make this the norm, since in most cases there were no outward signs (Acts 6:7; 8:38; 17:32-34; 1 Corinthians 12:30). The evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling is a changed life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Bible

While the Bible itself does not claim inerrancy, we believe that the Scriptures [in their original form] are the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

The Bible is the primary source of knowledge and revelation about God and His will for humanity. It serves as the foundation and authoritative standard for our faith and teachings (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Creation and the Fall of Mankind

We believe that God created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in them. Humans, Adam and Eve, were created in the image of God. However, through their disobedience, sin entered the world, and all humanity has fallen short of God's intended purpose. Sin has marred the image of God within us, disrupted order, and subjected us to the powers of evil and death (Genesis 1:27, Romans 5:12).

Grace

We believe that God's grace is offered to everyone through Jesus Christ. It is up to each individual to choose to accept this grace through faith. Accepting God's grace results in a new birth, whereby the believer is reconciled to God and becomes a child of God. We reject the doctrine of predestination and affirm that salvation is available to all who repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 2:11, John 1:12).

Repentance and Rebirth

Through repentance and rebirth, the believer is adopted as a child of God (Ephesians 1:5). Repentance involves turning away from sin and turning toward God, while rebirth signifies a spiritual transformation and new life in Christ (Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 1:23).

Church

We acknowledge that no single church or denomination possesses the full truth, as unity in Christ is our ultimate goal (Ephesians 1:22-23, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).

Israel

We believe that Israel is the land and people chosen by God. The Christian church is grafted onto Israel, and God has not rejected His chosen people (Romans 11:1-24, Jeremiah 31:35-36).