



Northside Christian College Statement of Faith

- 1. The Bible:** We believe that the Bible is the word of God, and that its original manuscripts were inspired by the Holy Spirit such that they are free from errors and contradictions. We embrace the Bible as the one and only infallible, authoritative, and trustworthy source of truth for faith and life.
- 2. God:** We believe that the one living and true God eternally exists in three persons (the Trinity): Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is the creator of everything that exists and sustains the existence of the universe by His power.
- 3. Jesus Christ:** We believe that Jesus Christ eternally exists as God and is God's only begotten Son. At one point in time past, He was born as a man of the virgin Mary, being conceived of the Holy Spirit. He lived a sinless human life and atoned for human sin through His crucifixion. He was raised bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and will, sometime in the future, return personally to Earth.
- 4. The Holy Spirit:** We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Godhead and is of one substance and co-exists with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father in the Son's name to convict humans of sin, to bring us to repentance and salvation in Christ, then to indwell, instruct, guide, comfort, and empower the believer for righteous living and service.
- 5. Human Beings:** We believe that human beings were created perfect in God's image and are loved by Him. However, all humans became sinners and alienated from God through Adam's sin and are unable to gain God's approval or reconciliation with him through our own efforts. We and our communities manifest our sinfulness in various forms of evil, corruption, sickness, injustice, and social disruption. Our only hope of salvation and reconciliation to God is through faith in Jesus Christ. Repentant sinners are justified by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
- 6. The Church:** We believe that the church is the body of Christ both local and universal, including all who have been reconciled to God through faith in Jesus. This body of believers is given life by the Holy Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God, to proclaim the gospel, and to bring transformation to people and communities through God's truth, wisdom, and love.
- 7. Satan and Evil:** We believe that Satan exists as a personal spirit being and that he is the father of all evil through his rebellion to His creator God. He is active in the world in opposition to God and the work of God's people. However, Satan is ultimately subject to God's authority and, after the return of Christ to Earth, he is destined to be confined forever in Hell and will be powerless to affect God's or His people's work.
- 8. The work of Christians in the world:** We believe that, until the return of Christ, one of the tasks of the individual Christian and the church is to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ and to facilitate the doing of God's will on Earth. Our main work is to bring the transforming power of God's truth, wisdom and grace to ensure that our individual and family lives, our communities, and our nation develop to increasingly reflect the order, peace, justice, beauty, joy and productivity that comes from our honour and obedience to God and our living in His provision.
- 9. The second coming of Christ:** We believe in the personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to complete and fulfil the purposes of God on Earth.
- 10. Eternity, Heaven and Hell:** After his return, Jesus will raise all people (living and dead) to judgement. Those who have faith in Jesus will be ushered into an eternal life of peace and righteousness in a new heaven and new earth and God's presence. Those who reject Christ will suffer eternal separation from God, and will dwell in Hell.