

Shalom Bible College & Seminary

Our Statement of Faith

As a Christian constituency of Bible Believers, we at Shalom Bible College & Seminary subscribe to the following declaration of things that are most surely believed among us.

1. Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Bible is God's Holy Word. Both the Old Testament and New Testaments were written by individuals divinely inspired.

2 Peter 1:21 We believe that it is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct, and that the Holy Scriptures present to us the complete Revelation of God's Divine will for the Salvation of humanity. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. The Godhead

Our **God** is a Trinity manifested in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. God, being the Father, is the Creator of all.

The Son is Jesus Christ, was Begotten of the Father, accepting the robe of flesh, being the True God – True Man, conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, and all who believe in Him are justified by His shed Blood. He arose from the dead and is now at the right hand of Father God. He is our Intercessor and Great High Priest, and He will return again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and justice. Jesus Christ, being the Son is the Co-creator with God. The **Holy Ghost** is a Divine person, Executor of the God-head on earth, the Comforter sent by Jesus Christ to indwell, guide, illuminate, and teach the believer. He is the Spirit of Truth.

3. Humanity - The Fall -Redemption

Man is a created being, made in the likeness and image of God; but through Adam's transgression, rebellion and fall, sin came into the world. Rom. 5:12; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 3:10 Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was manifested to undo the work of the devil; and through Jesus' shed Blood on Calvary, redeemed and restored man

back to God. John 3:8 Salvation is the Gift of God to man through our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. The Church

The True Church is the living spiritual body of Jesus Christ, Col. 1:18, Eph. 4:15, Christ being the Head. The Church is made up of born-again believers, born of the Spirit and by the Word. 1 Peter 1:23

5. Ministry

We believe that God calls men and women by His Holy Spirit to serve as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Counselors and Teachers for the perfecting of the Saints. Ephesians 4:11-12 We believe that the Father also calls men and women to serve in the nations of Christ, and that the laity of the Church have a responsibility to serve in the area of Deacons and Elders and in the Ministry of Helps.

6. Concerning the Sacraments: Acts instituted by Jesus Christ.

A. Water Baptism:

Immersion is a direct command of our Lord Jesus Christ -Matt. 28:19 for the Born-again believer. Biblical instruction should be given to all candidates before the immersion. Water Baptism is a drama of Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection and truly identifies the one immersed with Jesus Christ -Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

"Make me to go in the Path of Thy Commandments; for therein do I delight! Psalm 119:35

B. Spirit Baptism:

We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire -Matt. 3:11. It is a Gift of God, promised by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers in this dispensation and is given after Salvation. John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 2:4, 38-39; 10:44-48 This immersion/Baptism in the Spirit is evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. This is the physical sign of the inward fulfillment. We believe in the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit. -1 Cor. 12:4-17

C. The Lord's Supper:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ and is a Memorial to His death and Resurrection - 1 Cor. 11:26-27. The Bread and the Fruit of the Vine become an expression of the Body and Blood of our Saviour when blessed, broken and given. Matt. 26:29; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:18. We believe that the Lord's Supper should be received often, kept sacred, and that the children should be taught this worship at an early age. We also believe in the humility of foot washing, as set forth by our Lord Jesus Christ.

D. Intercession:

We believe in prayer for the sick, prayer for deliverance, the laying on of hands, the Anointing with Holy oil, and intercession of the Spirit -Mark 16:18; James 5:14-15; Romans 8:26.

7. Rapture – Revelation – Eternal Life:

We believe the Word of God teaches us, "This same Jesus shall come in like manner...." Acts 1:11. His coming is imminent, 1 Thess. 4:16-17. We believe in the Thousand Year Reign of Revelation 20:6. We also believe that it is unwise to teach a fixed time for His return, but to exhort readiness at all times -Matthew 24:43. Eternal Life is spent in heaven or hell. We believe that if one dies in an unregenerated condition, he is eternally lost. Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:41-46.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I get started? Give us your address and we will send you an Information Packet.
2. Do you accept transferred credit from other schools? Yes, we accept all credit, both secular and divinity. Also Christian Life Experience Credit is given where there has been an accumulated amount of ministerial experience.
3. How much does it cost? Our fees are attainable by anyone, if they truly desire to pursue Christian Education. All students are evaluated and fees are set according to each individual program. The General Application fee is \$25 and there is a \$25 credit fee for evaluating

previous Education or Christian Life Experience. Most education can be used for God!

4. Can we get a Chartered School going in our Church? We at present are not chartering schools. However, if you have a need for a Bible study, we will sincerely help you. You may need some type of foundational study for your ministry or mission. Call us: we can help you and give permission for copying the study.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a worker that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." 2 Tim. 2:15

We at *Shalom Bible College & Seminary* will be happy to send you our Beginning Bible Study, Thoroughly Furnished, free of charge to get you started. "Thoroughly is correct." ***Thoroughly Furnished***" is a very basic Bible study, an inspirational review for the learned, and a foundational study for the young in the Lord. You may write or call Shalom Bible College [515-225-6651] and request this first free study. There is a credit fee if you decide to take the course for college credit. Please check out our Web Site [smbcs.org] to learn more about Shalom Bible College and Commerce Community Church.

It is the Principle of Shalom Bible College & Seminary that our instructors teach from, and use only, the Authorized King James Bible. All Collegiate work is required to be completed with the King James Bible.

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