

Doctrinal Statement of International Commission

This doctrinal statement does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs.

The Word of God

The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

The Sovereignty of God

We believe in the sovereignty of God. He is Lord of creation, redemption, judgment, and the affairs of man. (Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 4:11)

The Trinity

We believe that God has been revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary. He is Man and God in one. (Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-20)

Sin

We believe man was created in the image of God. He disobeyed God and fell into sin. As a result, sin, condemnation, and judgment is passed upon all men. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)

Christ's Atoning Death

We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins. Through His death we are freed from the guilt, the penalty, and the power of sin. (Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18)

The Resurrection of Christ

We believe Christ was raised from the dead and is now our mediator before God the Father. (Luke 24:6-7; John 14:6; Hebrews 9:15)

The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is the administrator of the affairs of God. His prime function is to glorify Jesus Christ in the believers. (John 16:7-14; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is given by God's grace. It begins with repentance and faith whereby the sinner is justified by having a changed mind from disbelief to belief in Jesus the divine son of God (Regeneration); is lived out as the believer progresses toward moral and spiritual maturity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Sanctification); and culminates when the believer is ushered into the presence of Jesus upon their death or His return (Glorification). (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16-18; Romans 10:9-10; Romans 5:1-2, 8-10; Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 4:16-17).

The Christian Church

We believe the church was established during the ministry of Christ. Christ is the Head of the church. All born again people are in the body of Christ called the church, which is visibly seen as a local body of baptized believers. The church has two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper. (Acts 2:41-42,47; Ephesians 5:22-32)

Baptism

We believe baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. The mode of baptism is immersion and is administered only to those who are born again. (Acts 8:35-39; Romans 6:3-5)

Lord's Supper

We believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death. Baptized believers are to be in fellowship with God and one another in order to receive the Lord's Supper. (Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

The Great Commission

We believe the Great Commission of the church to share the Gospel of Christ with the world, baptize them, and teach the Word of God in such a way that the believers will grow as disciples. (Matthew 28:17-20; Acts 1:8)

Mission and Ministry

We believe that God calls His people and equips them to do his work. (Matthew 4:19; Romans 12:3-8)

Evangelism

We believe we are called to do partnership evangelism. To this end we are committed. (Luke 10:1-2; Acts 16:9)

Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality

We maintain these biblical standard views:

- Gender—defined simply as male and female. (Genesis 1:26-27)
- Marriage—exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6)
- Human Sexuality—biblical sexual relations are exercised solely within the marriage relationship as defined above. (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4)

Christian Responsibility

These biblical standards are to be upheld by staff, project participants, and hosting church leaders. (Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1)

Interpretive Authority

For the purposes of International Commission of Lewisville, Texas, faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the President and Governing Board of International Commission shall function as the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. (Acts 17:11; Hebrews 13:17)

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