

Statement of Faith

Below is the statement of faith for Lakes Church. It sets out the doctrinal position of the church, which is affirmed by our leadership team. If you have any questions about any position taken here, or would like to discuss something further, we're more than happy to discuss it with you.

THE BIBLE

We believe that the sixty-six books of the Bible are God's revelation to people, written by human authors who were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that the Scriptures are without error. The Bible is our complete and final authority for Christian faith and practice. We also believe that the Bible should be read and understood in terms of its plain meaning in context, taking note of literary, grammatical, historical and cultural features ([2 Tim. 3:16-17](#); [2 Pet. 1:20-21](#); [1 Tim. 4:11-16](#); [2 Tim. 2:15](#)).

THE TRINITY

We believe in one God, existing eternally in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are co-equal in deity and glory ([Deut. 6:4](#); [Matt. 28:18-19](#); [2 Cor. 13:14](#)).

THE FATHER

We believe that the Father is fully God, and is the Creator of the universe. He is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all those who believe in Christ and who are adopted as His children ([Gen. 1:1-2:3](#); [Rom. 8:14-17](#); [Gal. 4:4-7](#)).

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, the only Son of God. He existed eternally with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, but in due time He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, and offered Himself as the perfect and complete sacrifice for sin by dying on a cross. He rose bodily from the dead and ascended to heaven, where He intercedes for us at God's throne. We look forward to Him returning to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords ([Jn. 1:1-14](#); [8:58](#); [10:30](#); [Phil. 2:5-11](#); [Col. 1:15-19](#); [2:9](#); [Matt. 1:18-25](#); [Heb. 10:12-14](#); [Mk. 16:1-6](#); [Heb. 4:14-15](#)).

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is fully God, co-equal in deity and personhood with God the Father and God the Son. He convicts people of their sin and need for Jesus Christ, and performs the miracle of the new birth at conversion. At that moment, He permanently indwells each new Christian and baptises them into the Body of Christ, the Church. He provides us with power for godly living, progressively transforming us to become more like Jesus. He also gives every believer gifts and abilities to humbly serve others. ([Acts 5:3-4](#); [Jn. 16:7-11](#); [Eph. 1:13-14](#); [1 Cor. 12:12-13](#); [Rom. 8:9-17](#); [Gal. 5:16-26](#); [Rom. 12:6-8](#); [1 Cor. 12-13](#); [Eph 2:20](#); [2 Cor. 12:11-13](#)).

HUMANITY

We believe that men and women are unique in creation, being made in the image of God. Adam sinned and passed on that sinful nature to the human race. Everyone is with sin, alienated from God and under His judgment. Apart from believing in Jesus for salvation, human beings are lost eternally ([Gen. 1:26-27](#); [Gen. 3:1-7](#); [Ps. 51:5](#); [Rom. 3:9-20](#); [Eph. 2:1-3](#)).

SALVATION

We believe that only through repentance from sin and the confession of faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ can someone be reconciled to God. The believer receives forgiveness of sin, security of salvation for eternity and experiences all the blessings of salvation. ([2 Cor. 7:10](#), [Rom. 5:6-11](#), [2 Cor. 5:18-20](#), [Acts 16:31](#), [Rom. 10:9](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Eph. 1:7](#), [Mark 10:29-30](#), [Eph. 1:13](#)).

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church is composed of all those who are joined to Jesus Christ through saving faith and are His body. We believe that the local church is a gathering of professing Christians who commit themselves to one another to fulfill God's purposes under God-ordained and biblically qualified leadership, and practice the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper ([1 Cor. 12:12-27](#), [1 Cor. 11:23-26](#), [1 Tim. 3:14-15](#); [Tit. 1:5-9](#), [Matt. 28:19-20](#)).

ANGELS, DEMONS AND SATAN

We believe God created personal, angelic beings some of whom rebelled against God under the leadership of Satan and wage war against God and His people, while the remaining loyal angels continue to obey God in ministering to believers ([Angels: Isa 6:1-7](#), [Heb 1](#), [Rev 5:11-12](#); [Satan and Demons: Isa 14:12-15](#), [Luke 10:18](#), [Eph. 6:11-12](#), [1 Pet. 5:8-9](#); [Rev. 12:7-9](#)).

THE FUTURE

We believe that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and will one day return physically to the earth to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. All people will be resurrected and judged, with the unsaved condemned to Hell for eternity, while believers will enjoy eternal life with God forever ([Luke 24:50-53](#); [Acts 1:9](#), [Rev. 19:11-21](#), [Jn. 14:1-4](#); [1 Cor. 15:42-57](#); [Isa 2:2-5](#); [Isa 11:4-12](#); [Rev. 20:1-6](#); [Rev. 20:11-15](#); [Dan 12:2-3](#); [Matt. 25:46](#); [Rev. 21:1-4](#)).