

Navigation Church Statements of Faith

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The fundamental teachings of Navigation Church (ie what we believe) are reflected in the following, clear statements of faith.

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God

We believe in the Eternal Godhead who has revealed Himself as ONE God existing in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; distinguishable but indivisible, co-equal and co-eternal (Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14).

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, who revealed Himself as Yahweh, the self-existing One, and who is the Supreme Being, Creator, Sustainer of all, and deserving of matchless worship and unqualified obedience (Genesis 1:31; Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 40:28).

God the Son

We believe in the pre-existence, incarnation and virgin birth of Jesus Christ who came into the world to reveal the Father and who was the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person. Jesus was very God and very Man. We further believe that Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, for by Him the worlds were made and that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (John. 1:1-3,14; Colossians 1:16-19; 2:9).

We believe in Jesus Christ's sinless life, earthly ministry, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, His ascension into Heaven, and His enthronement. We acknowledge His Lordship over His everlasting kingdom and over all things in heaven. in earth, and under the earth (Phillipians. 2:9-11; Colossians 1:16; Acts 1:11; 3:19-21; Daniel 7:14; Revelation 20:4).

We believe Christ died for the sins of humanity, was buried, and rose again the third day and that the curse of sin can only be removed through the substitutionary atoning work of Jesus Christ on the Cross (Galatians 3:13; Romans 4:25; I Corinthians 15:3-4; II Corinthians 5:21).

We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exaltation, and His personal and bodily coming again the second time at the end of the age (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11; Phillipians 2:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 9:28).

God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified (Titus 3:4-7, 2 Peter 1:19-21).

We believe that the Holy Spirit was sent by Christ to His church to function as a Paraclete, a Teacher, a Rabbi, an Intercessor, and as Earnest of the inheritance in Christ (John 14:16-18, 26;16:7-11; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 1:13-14).

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a distinct aspect of the Christian foundational experience with the primary evidence of speaking in tongues as well as evidences such as empowerment to witness, to conquer sin and to live a holy life (Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-17; 19:6).

We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world and the perfecting of holiness in the fear of God as an expression of Christian faith (II Corinthians 6:14; 7:1; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 5:18).

We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit as manifested in the early church and enumerated in I Corinthians 12-14 (Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:8-12).

Humanity (the family of God)

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God (Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19).

We believe in the creation, test and fall of mankind as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to divine righteousness (Romans 5:12,18).

We believe that sin is a transgressing of, or falling short of, God's standard in action, thought, and character. All individuals are born with a sin nature that affects their motivation, affection, volition, and actions. The results of sin include separation from God, and death (Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23; 14:23; James 4:17; I John 5:17).

We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the cross of Calvary, by which we obtain remission of sins (Romans 5:11; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:12,22).

We believe that "by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works lest any man should boast." We further believe that the Scripture requires believers to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh in a lifestyle that demonstrates the character, standards and convictions of Jesus Christ, not being conformed to the world (Ephesians 2:8-9; Jude 24; Romans 12:2; Galatians 5:16-25; James 2:14-20).

We believe in eternal life for believers (John 3:16; 5:24) and eternal punishment for unbelievers (Mark 9:43-48; II Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:10-15).

Angelic Spirits

We believe that God created spirit beings identified in Scripture as angels and that these beings were created good to worship God, serve God, and participate with God in the working of His eternal realms and purposes (Psalm 103: 20-21; 89:5-8; 148:2; Job 38:8; Hebrews 1:6).

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan who, along with other sinning angels fell from his first estate in glory, has warred against the purposes of God and God's people, but whose authority and power was defeated by Christ through His death, burial and resurrection and that Christ has delegated His authority over all the works of Satan to His body the Church. We, likewise, believe in the eternal judgment of Satan and his angels (Genesis 3; Jude 1:6; Matthew 4:1-11; 25:41; Ephesians 1:19-23; Col. 2:15; Revelation 20:10-15).

Word of God

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man as the authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).

We believe the Scriptures, as originally given, are infallibly and uniquely authoritative and free from error of any sort in all matters with which they deal, including truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, and are the sole and final source of all that we believe (I Corinthians 2:13; II Timothy 3:16; I Peter 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12).

The Church of Jesus Christ

We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her Great Commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23).

We believe that the sacraments of water baptism, the eucharist, and ordination by the laying on of hands are ordinances given by Christ to His church. Therefore, we believe in the necessity of water baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus in order to fulfill the command of Christ (Matthew 28:19 Acts 2:38,39; 19:1-6). Likewise, we believe in the celebration of the eucharist, or Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, which is a covenant meal consisting of the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine as reference to His broken body and His shed blood (2 Peter 1:4; 1 Corinthians 11:26). We believe in the laying on of hands for confirmation of God's call on a person, for the impartation of spiritual gifts, and for the recognition, ordination, and setting apart of persons in ministry (Acts 13:1,3; I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6).

We believe in the five-fold ministries given to the Church at the ascension of Jesus Christ namely Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, who were provided by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, for the oversight of the body of Christ unto maturing of the church and equipping the believers to do the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:11-12; Psalms 68:18, Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:8-13; Acts 20:28).

We believe in tithing, offerings, and giving of alms as found in both Old and New Testament Scriptures, which teach tithing as God's financial plan; and these are to be practiced continually by all believers as outward expressions of the unity of the church, the Body of Christ, as it joins together in support of the work of the Lord. (Gen 14:18-20; 28:20-22; Prov. 11:24, 25, Mal. 3:8-10; Matt. 23:23; Lu. 11:42; 1 Cor. 16:22; 2 Cor. 8:7- 8; 9:6-9).

The Nuclear family

We believe that, since the Bible is the inspired Word of God, it is authoritative in all areas of human behavior, including marriage, family, sexuality, morality and ethics (Psalm 119:11,105; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; Hebrews 5:12-14).

We believe in the creation and in God as the Creator. We believe that God created mankind; He created them male and female in the image of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. He created two

sexes differently so as to complement and complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family, the basic structure of human society (Gen. 2:24; 12:3; 28:14).

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; I Corinthians 6:9-10).

We believe that the Bible defines marriage as the covenant relationship between a man and a woman. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

((Genesis 2:18-25; Romans 1:27; Ephesians 5:22,25; 1Peter 3:1-7) I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4).

A New Heaven and Earth

We believe that there shall be a new heaven and a new earth. We believe in the physical return of Christ and the bodily resurrection of the dead. At the last judgement those who have believed in Christ and have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life will enter into their eternal reward and those that have not believed or received the love of the truth, to eternal damnation. We believe that the Lake of Fire is literal and physical. We believe Satan and the demons will be cast into the Lake of Fire. (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pet. 2:13; Revelation 21, 22).

We believe, according to His promise, there will be a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21, 22).