

# Ceres Christian Church Statement of Faith

## *We Believe...*

1. ***In the Authority of Scripture*** both Old and New Testaments and that they are a complete and a final revelation from God. We further believe that they are divinely inspired, without error in their original manuscripts (*autographa*), and sufficient in themselves as our only rule of faith and practice.
2. ***In the Holy Trinity***-We believe that within the nature of the One True God, there exists Three Persons; namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are co-equal, co-existent, and co-eternal; (i.e.) the Three Persons are One God. (John 1:1, 14; 5:18; 10:30, Acts 5:1-6; II Cor. 3:17).
3. ***In the Person and Work of Jesus Christ***, being 'God of very God' who manifested Himself in flesh (John 1:14), was born of a Virgin, lived a sinless life, was crucified, paying the debt and penalty of our sins, resurrected from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and is coming back again to establish His Kingdom on the earth.
4. ***In the Ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 16)***, who, being the Executive of the Godhead, convicts the world of sin, regenerates the unbeliever, baptizing them into one body in Christ, and comes to dwell within the believer, empowering, sealing, sanctifying, guiding, and teaching him, as well as filling and controlling those who walk in obedience to His Word.
5. ***In the Creation, Fall, and Total Depravity of Man (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12)***. We believe that man was created by God in His own image, and is not the product of evolution and random chance; that he fell into sin by disobedience to the revealed will of God, that all men are totally depraved and without the prompting of the Spirit of God are incapable of responding to the Gospel.
6. ***In Salvation of Man*** (Ephesians 2:8, 9) by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Salvation is a gift of God's grace to everyone who trusts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Every believer is eternally and totally secure in Christ thus guaranteeing our salvation.
7. ***In the bodily Resurrection of mankind***—the believer in Christ to the resurrection of Life; the nonbeliever to the resurrection of damnation.
8. ***In the Existence of Hell*** as a literal place in which unbelieving men and women will spend eternity separated from God.
9. ***In the Existence of Angels Both Good and Evil***, including Satan who, along with the other Angelic beings was created by God, and who, along with approximately 1/3 of the Angels, rebelled after pride entered his heart, thus becoming the great Adversary of God and His people. Satan and his demons possess supernatural powers, but are limited by the permissive will and sovereignty of God. Satan and his demonic host was defeated and judged at the cross of Jesus Christ and their final destiny will be everlasting punishment in the lake of burning sulfur (Revelation 20-21).
10. ***In the Universal Church of Jesus Christ*** as His body which began to be formed on the Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2 and will continue to be added to until the return of Christ. We also believe in the local church where believers assemble for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and observance of Communion or the Lord's Supper. We believe in water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as the first step of obedience after conversion.
11. ***In the Great Commission*** which our Lord commanded just before His ascension; that His followers are to make disciples of all nations, and that every believer is a witness for Jesus Christ, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, and that we are responsible to pray for support and send missionaries into all the world.