

What the Bible teaches about...

7. We believe that there are both **holy angels and fallen angels**. Holy angels are created beings who serve God and watch over man. Satan is also a created angel who was once holy. He rebelled against God, authored sin, and took numerous angels with him in his fall. Satan is the enemy of God and man who has been defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He will be eternally punished in the lake of fire. (Luke 2:9-14; Hebrews 1:6-7, 14; 2:6-7; Revelation 5:11-14; 19:10; 22:9; Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:1-14, Genesis 3:1-15; Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:10)

8. We believe that at the moment of death the unsaved enter into everlasting punishment and the saved into conscious bliss with Christ. **Christ is coming again** and He will raise the dead, sit in judgment, and bring in God's everlasting kingdom. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all people - those who are saved will be raised at Christ's coming, unto everlasting life with the Lord in heaven, and those who are unsaved will be raised at the final judgment and will live in eternal separation from God in hell. (Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 25:31-46; Hebrews 9:27; Philippians 1:21-24; II Corinthians 5:8; John 5:28-29; 6:39; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-7)

During the Spring of 2008, Pastor Nelson preached a series on major Bible doctrines that was called, "What the Bible teaches about..." From those messages the eight statements that are given in this brochure immersed from our existing statement of faith and comprise our doctrinal statements at Gulfhaven—'What We Believe and Teach'.

As part of the preparation for each of the messages the elders met weekly with Pastor Nelson to study the subject matter together. Here is a list of the preaching message titles:

- The Inspiration and Infallibility of the Bible—II Timothy 3:16
- God Is! - Acts 17:24-34
- The Lord Jesus Christ—John 1:1-14
- The Holy Spirit—John 14
- The New Birth—Ephesians 2:1-10
- The Church—Ephesians 5:22-33
- The World of Angels, part 1—Ezekiel 28:11-19
- The World of Angels, part 2—Revelation 12:1-12; Psalm 91
- The End Times—John 14:1-4

Each message is available for listening on the Gulfhaven website:

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Join us for worship, we gather at 10:30 on Sunday morning at Gulfhaven.

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We Believe and Teach

1. We believe the **Bible**, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired and infallible Word of God, the original manuscripts, of which were verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit and are thus inerrant. We accept the Bible as our only trustworthy authority for faith, life, and in all matters to which it speaks. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20, 21; I Thessalonians 2:13)

2. We believe there is one living and true **God**, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who is creator, redeemer, perfect, infinite, and eternal. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; I Thessalonians 1:9; I Timothy 1:17)

3. We believe in the deity of **Jesus Christ**, in His Virgin Birth, sinless life, miracles, His shed blood, and His atoning substitutionary death on the cross for sin. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, His ascension into heaven, His present ministry of intercession and Head of

the church, and His glorious Second Coming. (John 1:1-5, 14; 10:30; Romans 5:6-8; I Corinthians 15:3-5; Philippians 2:6-8; I Peter 1:18, 19; 2:24)

4. We believe that the **Holy Spirit** is a person, eternal and co-equal with God, sent from God the Father to convict the world of sin, to regenerate, indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer to pursue a Spirit-filled life characterized by personal holiness and faithful discipleship in obedience to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gives each believer gifts as He wills for the building up of the body of Christ. (John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8, 2:38-39; I Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 6:19-20; 12:11; Galatians 5:16, 22-24; Ephesians 1:13-14; 5:18)

5. We believe that Adam and Eve were created perfect but rebelled and became fallen, lost, estranged from God, and in need of salvation. Now, all persons are born with a sin nature and therefore separated from God. We believe the only provision for sin is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe that **salvation** is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Only those who, in repentance and faith, receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are converted - born again of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God. (Genesis 1:26-27; 3; Matthew 4:17; John 3:3-7; 16-18; Romans 3:23; 5:12, 18-19; I Corinthians 15:3-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

6. We believe that the **church**, the 'body of Christ,' is composed of all those who through saving faith have entered into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ, who is the 'Head.' We believe that local congregations of baptized believers exist to equip the body through worship, teaching, fellowship, ministry, and prayer. We believe the church also exists to evangelize by spreading the Gospel of Christ. The church is at the very center of God's purpose for making Christ known throughout the world and the church and every member have been given this task. (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-48; Acts 2:42-47; I Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:22-33; I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Revelation 7:9)