



Declaration of Faith

We Believe...

- a) The Bible, the Scriptures
- *are fully inspired by God;*
 - *not only contain but are themselves the complete word of God without error and in all things the Scripture is the final authority;*
 - *the New Testament is a reliable testimony to the character and authorship of the Old Testament;*
 - *can only be truly and spiritually understood as a whole through the teaching of the Holy Spirit.*
- b) The fact that God is one and that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are divinely equal.
- c) That God is supreme and sovereign in Creation, Providence (all things work to bring about God's glory), and Redemption.
- d) The total wickedness and sinfulness of human nature as a result of the fall, and the total need for regeneration.
- e) Jesus Christ...
- *That the Lord Jesus Christ is truly and properly divine and that he was born of a virgin.*
 - *That even though he is truly God he is really and perfectly human.*
 - *That his teaching has power and authority, and that everything that he said was perfectly correct and had no fault.*
 - *That by suffering and dying as a substitute for the sinners of the world he secured atonement for us.*
 - *That he rose from the dead in his body and went up into Heaven.*
 - *That he is presently interceding for us, his people, at the right hand of the Father.*
- f) That the sinner is justified only by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- g) That the work of the Holy Spirit is required in regeneration, conversion, and sanctification and also in ministry and worship.

- h) The Church...
- *In the universal Church and that Christ is the head of his body the Church which includes all the redeemed, i.e. the saved, those called by God through the Gospel, born of the Spirit and justified by faith.*
 - *In the local church, which includes believers who are the expression of the universal church and in the fellowship between such churches, demonstrating the unity of the body of Christ.*
- i) In the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. We **do not** believe that Baptism in any way results in regenerating grace, and we do not believe that the Lord's Supper is in any way a sacrifice for sin, or involves any change in the substance of the bread and wine.
- j) In the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory.
- k) In the resurrection of the body; the judgement of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked.
- l) The Ordinance of Baptism will be administered by immersion and only to those who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Communion at the Lord's Table shall be open to all who sincerely love the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.



Plains Evangelical Church is an independent evangelical church. This means that we are a Bible believing church who are independent of any governance from a denomination or any other organisation outside the local eldership. That being said, we do not believe that we should be in isolation. Therefore, we are affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). The FIEC gives us support and accountability through their own statement of faith (and associated documents) which we have signed up to. We are free to unsubscribe to this at any time. For more information on the FIEC please visit...

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