



Hope Baptist Church accepts that there is a diversity amongst Christians regarding certain areas of Bible teaching. We accept the following central beliefs as core to our fellowship as believers.

1. We believe in the one true God living eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Bible (Old Testament and New Testament) is divinely inspired and is the written Word of God. They are authoritative and our sole source of truth for faith and basis for the Christian life.
3. We believe God created us male and female perfectly in His image, yet corrupted by sin. We believe biblical marriage is between a biological man and woman.
4. We believe that God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ was miraculously born of the virgin Mary. He is truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.
5. We believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross, in our place. He took on Himself the penalty for our sin. Forgiveness is made possible by this but only effective to those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ's work on the cross.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ and His ascension to the Father as the only Saviour of the world.
7. We believe in the justification solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.
8. We believe in the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who convicts us of sin, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.
9. We believe that the universal church encompasses all born again believers. The local church is given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts to worship God, proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.
10. We believe in the personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God. He will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.