

Bancroft Gospel Ministry Statement of Faith

The doctrine to which the Directors, Officers, and Workers of this Corporation subscribe is as follows:

1. We believe in the divine inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures. By this is meant a miraculous guidance of the Holy Spirit in their original writings, extending to all parts of the Scriptures equally, applying even to the choice of words so that the result is the very Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Moreover, it is our conviction that God has exercised such singular care and providence through the ages in preserving the written Word, that the Scriptures, as we now have them, are in every essential particular as originally given, and are God's revelation of redemption as accomplished through the person and work of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21; John 10:35; Luke 24:46, 47).
2. We believe in one God, revealed as existing in three equal persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth and that He is therefore God manifest in the flesh (John 1:14, 18; Col. 2:9).
3. We believe that as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin; so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned (Rom 3:23; James 2:10).
4. We believe that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; that He was buried and that He arose again the third day, according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3, 4). We believe, therefore, that His death and resurrection furnish the only righteous basis for the forgiveness of our sins, and our justification before God (Rom. 4:2; Eph. 1:6; Isa. 45:21; Rom. 3:21-26).
5. We believe that all receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life, who with the heart believe that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God; that He died for our sins and that He arose the third day according to the Scriptures (Rom. 4:5; 5:1; 6:23; 1 Thess. 4:14; Eph. 2:8, 9; John 3:36; 20:31).
6. We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved, and in the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (Matt. 25:41; John 3:36; Matt. 18:8; 25:46; Rev. 20:10).
7. We believe in the visible, personal, pre-millennial coming of our Lord for His church, and thereafter with His church, to establish a world-wide kingdom of righteousness and peace on the earth (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 19:11-21; Isa. 9:6, 7; 32:17).
8. We believe it to be the supreme responsibility of the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ to make His gospel known to all men; that all who will might believe and be saved (Matt. 28:19,20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8).
9. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, transgenderism, non-binary (genderqueer), bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex and/or God's created human sexuality. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)
10. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23)

11. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors, elders) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12)
12. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the physical or mental well being of the mother are acceptable, except for the life of the mother. (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44)
13. We believe that the direct taking of an innocent human life is a moral evil, regardless of the intention. Life is a gift of God and must be respected from conception until natural death. Thus we believe that an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder contrary to the will of God. Discontinuing medical procedures that are extraordinary or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be a legitimate refusal of over-zealous treatment. (Ex. 20:13, 23:7; Matt. 5:21; Acts 17:28)