

Prairie Vineyard Christian Fellowship

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Association of Vineyard Churches - Statement of Faith

1. God the King and the Holy Trinity

WE BELIEVE that God is the Eternal¹ King². He is an infinite,³ unchangeable⁴ Spirit,⁵ perfect⁶ in holiness,⁷ wisdom,⁸ goodness,⁹ justice,¹⁰ power¹¹ and love.¹² From all eternity¹³ He exists as the One¹⁴ Living¹⁵ and True¹⁶ God in three persons¹⁷ of one substance,¹⁸ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,¹⁹ equal in power and glory.²⁰

(1)Deuteronomy 33:27; Romans 1:20; (2)Psalm 95:3; Isaiah 43:15; (3)Psalm 147:5; Job 11:7-9; (4)James 1:17; (5)John 4:24; (6)Matthew 5:48; (7)Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 115-16; (8)Psalm 104:24; Proverbs 2:6; Isaiah 28:29; (9)Exodus 33:19; Psalm 63:2; Psalm 31:19; (10)Psalm 33:5; Psalm 89:14; Isaiah 30:18; (11)Exodus 15:6; (12)1 John 4:8; (13)Isaiah 43:13; (14)Isaiah 45:5; 1 Corinthians 8:4; (15)Psalm 42:2; Psalm 84:2; (16)Jeremiah 10:10; (17)John 1:18; John 10:30; John 14:9; John 14:16-17; John 14:26; John 15:26; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; (18)John 1:1; John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 3:17; (19)Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Revelation 1:4; (20)Revelation 5:13; Ephesians 3:14-21

2. God the King: The Creator and Ruler of All Things

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom is everlasting.²¹ From His throne,²² through His Son, His eternal Word,²³ God created,²⁴ upholds²⁵ and governs²⁶ all that exists:²⁷ the heavenly places,²⁸ the angelic hosts,²⁹ the universe,³⁰ the earth,³¹ every living thing³² and mankind.³³ God created all things very good.³⁴

(21) Psalm 45:6; Psalm 145:13; Daniel 4:3; (22)Psalm 93:1-2; (23)John 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-16; Hebrews 1:1-2; (24)Genesis 1:1; Psalm 95:3-5; (25)Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; (26)Psalm 103:19; Psalm 104:24-29; (27)Psalm 96:4-6; (28)Psalm 89:11; (29)Psalm 103:20-21; (30)Colossians 1:16-17; (31)Psalm 104:5; (32)Psalm 103:22; (33)Psalm 22:28; Psalm 47:8; (34)Genesis 1:31

3. Counterfeit Kingdom: Satan and Demonic Hosts

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally a great, good angel, rebelled against God, taking a host of angels with him.³⁵ He was cast out of God's presence and, as a usurper of God's rule, established a counter-kingdom of darkness³⁶ and evil on the earth.³⁷

(35)Revelation 12:7-9; (36)2 Corinthians 11:14; Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 6:12; (37)Mark 3:22-26; Ephesians 2:1-2; 1 John 5:19

4. The Kingdom in the Creation of Man, the Fall and The Doctrine of Original Sin

WE BELIEVE that God created mankind in His own image, male and female,³⁸ for relationship with Himself and to govern the earth.³⁹ Under the temptation of Satan,⁴⁰ our original parents fell from grace,⁴¹ bringing sin,⁴² sickness⁴³ and God's judgment of death to the earth.⁴⁴ Through the fall, Satan and his demonic hosts gained access to God's good creation.⁴⁵ Creation now experiences the consequences and effects of Adam's original sin.⁴⁶ Human beings are born in sin,⁴⁷ subject to God's judgment of death⁴⁸ and captive to Satan's kingdom of darkness.⁴⁹

(38)Genesis 1:26-27; (39)Genesis 1:26; (40)Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9; (41)Genesis 3:8; Romans 1:21; Romans 5:16; (42)Romans 5:12; (43)John 5:14; (44)1 Corinthians 15:22; (45)John 8:44; 1 John 5:19; (46)Romans 8:20-23; (47)Psalm 51:5; (48)Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 2:5; Romans 2:12; Hebrews 9:27; (49)Galatians 1:3-5; Galatians 4:8-9; Colossians 1:13

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5. God's Providence, Kingdom Law and Covenants

WE BELIEVE that God did not abandon His rule over the earth⁵⁰ which He continues to uphold by His providence.⁵¹ In order to bring redemption, God established covenants⁵² which revealed His grace to sinful people.⁵³ In the covenant with Abraham, God bound Himself to His people Israel, promising to deliver them from bondage to sin and Satan and to bless all the nations through them.⁵⁴

(50)Psalm 24:1; Psalm 96:10; (51)Isaiah 40:22; Hebrews 1:3; (52)Romans 9:4; (53)Ephesians 2:12; (54)Genesis 17:3-8; Genesis 12:2-3; Genesis 15:4-6; Romans 4:3-5; Romans 4:16; Romans 4:20- 25; Galatians 3:6-9; Galatians 3:13-14

WE BELIEVE that as King, God later redeemed His people by His mighty acts from bondage in Egypt⁵⁵ and established His covenant through Moses, revealing His perfect will and our obligation to fulfill it.⁵⁶ The law's purpose is to order our fallen race⁵⁷ and to make us conscious of our moral responsibility.⁵⁸ By the work of God's Spirit,⁵⁹ it convicts us of our sin⁶⁰ and God's righteous judgment against us⁶¹ and brings us to Christ alone for salvation.⁶²

(55)Exodus 15:3-18; (56)Exodus 19:3-6; Exodus 24:3-4; Exodus 24:7; Romans 8:3-4; Romans 8:12- 14; (57)Deuteronomy 5:1-3; Deuteronomy 30:15-18; Galatians 3:23-25; (58)Psalm 25:8-10; Romans 7:7; (59)John 15:26; John 16:8-11; 2 Corinthians 3:14-17; (60)Romans 7:13; Galatians 3:19; Galatians 3:21-22; (61)Romans 2:1-11; (62)Galatians 3:24; Philippians 3:8-9

WE BELIEVE that when Israel rejected God's rule over her as King,⁶³ God established the monarchy in Israel⁶⁴ and made an unconditional covenant with David,⁶⁵ promising that his heir would restore God's kingdom reign over His people as Messiah forever.⁶⁶

(63)1 Samuel 8:6-8; (64)1 Samuel 8:21-22; 1 Samuel 9:15-16; 1 Samuel 10:1; 1 Samuel 10:24; (65)2 Samuel 7:11b-16; Psalm 89:34-37; (66)Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23

6. Christ the Mediator and Eternal King

WE BELIEVE that in the fullness of time,⁶⁷ God honored His covenants with Israel and His prophetic promises of salvation⁶⁸ by sending His Son,⁶⁹ Jesus, into the world.⁷⁰ Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,⁷¹ as fully God and fully man in one person,⁷² He is humanity as God intended us to be.⁷³ Jesus was anointed as God's Messiah and empowered by the Holy Spirit,⁷⁴ inaugurating God's kingdom reign on earth,⁷⁵ overpowering the reign of Satan by resisting temptation,⁷⁶ preaching the good news of salvation,⁷⁷ healing the sick,⁷⁸ casting out demons⁷⁹ and raising the dead.⁸⁰ Gathering His disciples,⁸¹ He reconstituted God's people⁸² as His Church⁸³ to be the instrument of His kingdom.⁸⁴ After dying for the sins of the world,⁸⁵ Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day,⁸⁶ fulfilling the covenant of blessing given to Abraham.⁸⁷ In His sinless, perfect life⁸⁸ Jesus met the demands of the law⁸⁹ and in His atoning death on the cross⁹⁰ He took God's judgment for sin⁹¹ which we deserve as law-breakers.⁹² By His death on the cross He also disarmed the demonic powers.⁹³ The covenant with David was fulfilled in Jesus' birth from David's house,⁹⁴ His Messianic ministry,⁹⁵ His glorious resurrection from the dead,⁹⁶ His ascent into heaven and His present rule at the right hand of the Father.⁹⁷ As God's Son and David's heir,⁹⁸ He is the eternal Messiah- King,⁹⁹ advancing God's reign throughout every generation and throughout the whole earth today.¹⁰⁰

(67)Mark 1:15; Galatians 4:4; (68)Romans 1:2-4; (69)John 1:14; (70)John 1:17-18; (71)Luke 1:30-35, (72)John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; (73)Romans 5:19; 1 Corinthians 15:22; 1 Peter 2:22, 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:29; (74)Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:16-21; (75)Mark 1:14-15; Luke 11:20; Luke 17:20-21; (76)Luke 4:1-13; (77)Luke 4:43; (78)Luke 4:40;

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(79)Luke 4:41; (80)Luke 7:14-17; (81)Mark 1:16-17; (82)Mark 3:13-15; (83)Matthew 16:18; (84)Luke 9:1-2; Luke 10:1-17; (85)John 1:29; John 6:51; John 4:9-10; (86)Mark 8:31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; (87)Galatians 3:13-14; (88)Acts 3:14-15; Hebrews 4:15; (89)Romans 5:18-19; (90)1 Peter 2:24; (91)Galatians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21; (92)Romans 1:18; Romans 1:32; Romans 2:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; (93)Colossians 2:13-15; (94)Matthew 1:1; (2:)24-28; (97)Acts 2:29-36; (98)Romans 1:1-4; (99)Hebrews 1:1-3; (100)1 Corinthians 15:24-26; Ephesians 1:19-23; Revelation 5:5

7. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost in power,¹⁰¹ baptizing believers into the Body of Christ¹⁰² and releasing the gifts of the Spirit to them.¹⁰³ The Spirit brings the permanent indwelling presence of God to us¹⁰⁴ for spiritual worship,¹⁰⁵ personal sanctification,¹⁰⁶ building up the Church,¹⁰⁷ gifting us for ministry,¹⁰⁸ and driving back the kingdom of Satan by the evangelization of the world¹⁰⁹ through proclaiming the word of Jesus¹¹⁰ and doing the works of Jesus.¹¹¹

(101)Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; (102)1 Corinthians 12:13; (103)1 Corinthians 12:4-7; (104)John 14:16-17; (105)Romans 12:1; Ephesians 5:18-20; (106)Romans 8:3-4; (107)1 Corinthians 14:12; 1 Corinthians 14:26; (108)Romans 12:4-6; (109)Luke 11:20; 1 John 3:8b; (110)Ephesians 6:10-20; (111)John 14:12-13; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 4:20

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ¹¹² and that He is our abiding Helper,¹¹³ Teacher,¹¹⁴ and Guide.¹¹⁵ We believe in the filling or the empowering of the Holy Spirit,¹¹⁶ often a conscious experience,¹¹⁷ for ministry today.¹¹⁸ We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit¹¹⁹ and in the exercise of all of the biblical gifts of the Spirit.¹²⁰ We practice the laying on of hands for the empowering of the Spirit,¹²¹ for healing,¹²² and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the Church.¹²³

(112)Romans 8:9-10; (113)John 16:7; (114)John 14:26; (115)John 16:13-15; Romans 8:14; (116)4-7; 119Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:15-17; (120)1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 1 Corinthians 14:1; 1 Corinthians 14:5; 1Thessalonians 5:19-21; (121)Acts 8:14-17; Acts 19:6; (122)Mark 1:41; Luke 6:18b-19; Mark 16:18; (123)Acts 13:1-3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6

8. The Sufficiency of Scripture

WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of Holy Scripture¹²⁴ so that the Bible is without error¹²⁵ in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments¹²⁶ as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith¹²⁷ and practice.¹²⁸

(124)2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; John 14:26; (125)Psalm 19:7-9; Psalm 119:30; Psalm 119:43; Psalm 119:89; Matthew 5:17-18; John 3:34; John 10:35; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Revelation 22:6; (126)Luke 24:44; 2 Peter 3:15-16; Revelation 22:18-19; (127)Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; (128)Matthew 7:21; Matthew 7:24; Luke 1:38; James 1:22-25

9. The Power of the Gospel Over the Kingdom of Darkness

WE BELIEVE that the whole world is under the domination of Satan¹²⁹ and that all people are sinners by nature¹³⁰ and choice.¹³¹ All people therefore are under God's just judgement.¹³² Through the preaching of the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God¹³³ and the work of the Holy Spirit,¹³⁴ God regenerates,¹³⁵ justifies,¹³⁶ adopts¹³⁷ and sanctifies¹³⁸ through Jesus by the Spirit¹³⁹ all who repent of their sins¹⁴⁰ and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord¹⁴¹ and Saviour.¹⁴² By this they are released from Satan's domain and enter into God's kingdom reign.¹⁴³

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(129)Luke 4:5-7; 1 John 5:19; (130)1 Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 2:1-3; (131)Romans 1:21-23; Romans 1:32; (132)Romans 1:18; Romans 2:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 5:6; (133)Mark 1:14-15; Acts 8:12; Acts 28:31; Ephesians 5:5; (134)John 16:7-11; (135)John 3:5-8; 1 Peter 1:23; (136)Romans 5:1-2; Romans 5:9; (137)Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; (138)Ephesians 5:25; Hebrews 13:12; (139)1 Peter 1:1-2; (140)Acts 2:38; (141)Romans 10:9; (142)1 John 4:13-15; (143)Colossians 1:13-14; Philippians 3:20

10. The Church: Instrument of the Kingdom

WE BELIEVE in the one,¹⁴⁴ holy,¹⁴⁵ universal Church.¹⁴⁶ All who repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit¹⁴⁷ and form the living Body of Christ,¹⁴⁸ of which He is the head¹⁴⁹ and of which we are all members.¹⁵⁰

(144)John 17:20-21; Ephesians 4:3-6; (145)1 Corinthians 3:16-17; (146)Matthew 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 2:18-19; 1 Peter 2:9-10; (147)Titus 3:4-7; (148)Romans 12:4-5; (149)Ephesians 1:22; Ephesians 5:23; (150)1 Corinthians 12:27

11. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ committed two ordinances to the Church: water baptism¹⁵¹ and the Lord's Supper.¹⁵² Both are available to all believers.

(151)Matthew 28:19-20; (152)1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:23-26

12. The Kingdom of God and the Final Judgment

WE BELIEVE that God's kingdom has come in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵³ that it continues to come in the ministry of the Spirit through the Church,¹⁵⁴ and that it will be consummated in the glorious, visible and triumphant appearing of Christ¹⁵⁵ - His return to the earth as King.¹⁵⁶ After Christ returns to reign,¹⁵⁷ He will bring about the final defeat of Satan and all of his minions and works,¹⁵⁸ the resurrection of the dead,¹⁵⁹ the final judgment¹⁶⁰ and the eternal blessing of the righteous and eternal conscious punishment of the wicked.¹⁶¹ Finally, God will be all in all¹⁶² and His kingdom, His rule and reign,¹⁶³ will be fulfilled in the new heavens and the new earth,¹⁶⁴ recreated by His mighty power, in which righteousness dwells¹⁶⁵ and in which He will forever be worshipped.¹⁶⁶

(153)Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 4:23; Matthew 12:28; (154)Matthew 6:10; Matthew 10:7-8; Matthew 24:14; Mark 13:11; John 15:26-27; Romans 14:17-18; (155)Mark 13:26; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; (156)Revelation 19:11-16; (157)Matthew 25:31-32; 1 Corinthians 15:23-25; (158)Revelation 20:10; (159)1 Corinthians 15:51-52; (160)John 5:28-30; Revelation 20:11-15; (161)Matthew 25:31-46; (162)1 Corinthians 15:24-28; (163)1 Timothy 6:13-16; (164)2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:5; (165)Revelation 21:27; (166)1 Timothy 1:17; Revelation 7:9-12