

# LBBC ARTICLES OF FAITH

## 1. THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God. The sixty-six books, as originally written comprising the Old and New Testaments, were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and were entirely free from error. The Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and the true basis of Christian union.

*Luke 24:44-45; Rom. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:15-16*

## 2. GOD

We believe in one God. He is the creator of all, holy, sovereign, eternal, and existing in three equal Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Gen. 1:1-2:3; Deut. 6:4-5; Job 38-39; Isa. 9:6-7; 45:11-12; Matt. 3:16-17; 11:25-27; 28:17-20; John 1:1-3; 14:6-9; 15-17; 26; Rom. 1:19-20; Phil. 2:5-7; Col. 1:3*

## 3. GOD THE SON

We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, in His eternal existence with the Father in pre-incarnate glory, in His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatorial ministry and personal return.

*Isa. 53; Matt. 1:18-25; 4:1-11; John 1:1-18; 3:13-18; 17:5; 20:28; Rom. 1:3-4; 5:6-11; 8:1-4, 34; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-20; 2:9, 10; Titus 2:13, 14; Heb. 1:1-14; 2:14-18; 4:15; 9:23-28; 1 John 5:20*

## 4. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit Who convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates and comforts those who believe in Jesus Christ.

*Gen. 1:2; 6:3; Matt. 28:19; John 14:16-18, 26; 16:7, 8, 13, 14; Acts 1:8; 5:3-4; Rom. 8:15-17, 26-28; 1 Cor. 6:11; 12:11-13; 2 Cor. 3:18; 13:14; Eph. 4:30; Titus 3:5*

## 5. SATAN

We believe that Satan exists as an evil personality. He is the originator of sin and the arch-enemy of God and man.

*Gen. 3; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matt. 16:21-23; Luke 4:1-13; John 8:44; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:11, 12; Col. 2:15; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Pet. 2:4-9; Jude 6; Rev. 12:9, 17*

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### 6. MAN

We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God, and that he sinned and became guilty before God. This resulted in total depravity, thereby incurring physical and spiritual death.

*Gen. 1:26-28; 2:16-17; 6:5-7; Rom. 1:18-31; 5:12-14; Eph. 2:1-3*

### 7. SALVATION

We believe that salvation is by the sovereign, electing grace of God; that by the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered a vicarious, expiatory and propitiatory death; and that justification is by faith alone in the all-sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that those whom God has effectually called shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord. True believers are kept by the power of God so that none is lost, but the idea that this secure position in Christ entitles one to sin with impunity is false and pernicious.

*John 1:12-13; 3:16; Rom. 3:21-26; 6:1-23; Eph. 1:3-8, 13-14; 2:4-9; 4:11-13; Heb. 10:26, 27*

### 8. FUTURE THINGS

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and in the judgment and conscious, eternal punishment of the wicked.

*Matt. 25:31-46; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Cor. 5:1-10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 1:5-10*

### 9. THE LOCAL CHURCH

We believe that a church is a company of believers who are baptized by immersion, called out from the world, and separated unto the Lord Jesus. They are voluntarily associated for the ministry of the Word, the mutual edification of its members, the propagation of the faith and observance of the ordinances. We believe it is a sovereign, independent body, exercising its own divinely awarded gifts, precepts and privileges under the Lordship of Christ, the Great Head of the Church.

*Matt. 16:18; 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 14:21-23; Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:19-22; 4:7-13; Heb. 10:23-25*

### 10. CHURCH AND STATE

We believe in the entire separation of church and state.

*John 15:19; 17:14-16; 18:36; 1 Cor. 5:12; 6:1; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; 1 Pet. 2:9-12; 1 John 2:15*

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### 11. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

We believe in religious liberty, that every man has the right to practice and propagate his own individual beliefs.

### 12. THE LORD'S DAY

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day because it was the day of His resurrection. Therefore, in a special sense, it is the divinely appointed day for worship and spiritual exercise.

*Matt. 16:21; 28:1, 5-7; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10*

### 13. CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society. Officials are to be prayed for and conscientiously honoured and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.

*Acts 4:18-20; 5:27-29; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17*