



## CONSTITUTION WEB-EXCERPTS

### ARTICLE V: STATEMENT OF FAITH

#### B. Beliefs and Practices of Heritage Bible Chapel

It is not essential that you believe all the doctrine in this section, but that you agree to support these beliefs and practices to the point of not teaching or practicing contrary to them.

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- We believe and teach that the great flood of Genesis was an actual historic event, worldwide in its extent and effect (Genesis 7:19-20). (VI.B.3.)
- We believe that the days in Genesis do not correspond to geological ages, but are six consecutive, near twenty-four hour days of creation (Exodus 20:11) (VI.B.5.)
- We believe and teach the literal, grammatical-historical, interpretation of the Scriptures. (In the literal grammatical-interpretation, grammatical and historical considerations are made for each word to determine the original sense of the speaker or writer according to normal, customary, and proper usages of words and language.) This does not, however, mean that there is no allegorical or spiritual language in the Scriptures. Scripture is to be translated in a plain and natural manner consistent with its context.
- We believe and teach that formation of the church, the body of Christ, began on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:1-21, 38-47) and will be complete when Christ returns for His own at the rapture (I Corinthians 15:51-52, I Thessalonians 4:13-18). (VI.D.2.)
- We believe and teach that the church is distinct from Israel (Daniel 9:24, I Corinthians 10:32), a mystery not revealed until this age (Ephesians 3:1-6, 5:32). (VI.D.4.)
- The Second Coming- We believe and teach that after the tribulation period, Christ will come to earth to occupy the throne of David (Matthew 25:31, Luke 1:31-33, Acts 1:10-11, 2:29-30) and establish His Messianic kingdom for a thousand years on the earth (Revelation 20:1-7). (VI.H.4.)
- The Millennium- We believe and teach that during the millennium the resurrected saints will reign with Christ over all the nations of the earth (Ezekiel 37:21-28, Daniel 7:17-22, Revelation 19:11-16), Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:1-3), and the curse, brought about by Adam's fall into sin, will be removed (Isaiah 11:1-10). We believe and teach that after the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth Satan will be released (Revelation 20:7), He will deceive the nations of the earth and his army will be devoured by the fire from

heaven (Revelation 20:9). Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10). (VI.H.5.)

- The Great White Throne: The Final Judgment- We believe and teach that during the final judgment of Christ, who is the judge of all men (John 5:22), will resurrect and judge the great and small at the Great White Throne of Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15). This is a physical resurrection of the unsaved dead, whereupon they will be banished to an eternal conscious punishment in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:11-15). (VI.H.6.)
- The New Heavens and Earth: Eternity- We believe and teach that after the closing of the millennium, and the final judgment, the saved will enter the eternal state of glory with God, after which heaven and earth will pass away (Matthew 5:18, Mark 13:31, Hebrews 1:10-13, Revelation 21:1), the elements of this earth will be dissolved (II Peter 3:10) and renewed wherein only righteousness will dwell (Ephesians 5:5, Revelation 20:15, 21:22). The heavenly city will come down out of heaven (Revelation 21:2) and will be the dwelling place of the saints, where they will enjoy fellowship with God and one another forever (John 17:3, Revelation 21:22). Our Lord Jesus Christ, having fulfilled His redemptive mission, will then deliver up the kingdom of God the Father (I Corinthians 15:24-28), that in all spheres the triune God will reign forever and ever (I Corinthians 15:28). (VI.H.7.)
- Sign Gifts- We believe and teach that the miraculous sign gifts of the Holy Spirit such as speaking in tongues, the gift of healing, and predictive prophecy (divine Revelation) were limited to the Apostolic Age (Mark 16:14-20, I Corinthians 13:8, II Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 2:1-4). (VI.I.1.a)
- Leading and Teaching Role of Women- We believe and teach that it is God's pattern for men to lead (Genesis 3:16, I Corinthians 13:8, II Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 2:1-4). Men and Women are equals before God (Galatians 3:28), but distinct in their roles. (VI.I.2.a)