

Exhibit "B"
WHAT DO WE BELIEVE AT
DESERT VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is God's Word, that it was written by men divinely inspired and that it is the supreme infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. (Psalm 19:7-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

The Nature of God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 6:27; Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 1:8; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men and women, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all that come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Numbers 23:19; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 139:7-12; John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Revelation 19:6; 1 John 3:20)

God the Son

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, of virgin birth, sinless in His life, making atonement for sins of the world by His death. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His intercession for us as our advocate before the Father, and His visible pre-millennial return to the world according to His promise. (Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 18:20, 28:19; John 1:1-2, 15; John 20:20; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1)

God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be used in the Church to restrain sin, during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct & empower the believer for godly living & service. (2 Thessalonians 1:6-8).

We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation as we are placed into Christ and Christ is placed into us, and are commanded to be filled with the Spirit daily. (1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:18).

We believe the gifts of the Spirit are sovereignly given to each believer at conversion for the edification of the Body of Christ; and that the gifts of healing, tongues and the interpretation of tongues were used by God as sign gifts to authenticate the message of the apostles to unbelieving Jews. After the completion of the New Testament canon these gifts ceased to be necessary (Matthew 16: 1-4; Mark 16:17-20; John 3:34; John 15:26 - 16:15; Romans 6:1-3; Romans 8:14-27; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 13:8-13; Ephesians 5:18; Hebrews 2:1-4)

We believe that healing and miracles are an act of God, not dependent upon human involvement or practice. God still heals today, and believers are exhorted in cases of serious illness and pending death to call for the Elders of the Church to anoint them with oil and to pray for healing. (James 5:13-20)

We believe that our fellowship with one another is not based upon our viewpoints regarding the Holy Spirit and His gifts, but upon our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We welcome all true believers to join us in our efforts to reach our world for Jesus Christ and to edify one another; but we will not tolerate the propagation, by or among our members, of views contrary to those positions we feel are biblically accurate & essential for our unity and fellowship.

The Reality of Satan

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan. (Revelation 12:9-10; Matthew 4:2-11; Isaiah 14:12-17; John 8:44)

The Nature of Man

We believe that man was created in the image of God; that He sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed. (Genesis 1:26, 2:17, 6:5; Psalm 14:1-3; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 8:6-7, Ephesians 2:1-3)

The Way of Salvation

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provided the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as trust Jesus Christ as their sin-bearer are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God, a relationship in which they are eternally secure. (John 1:12, 29; John 3:16; Romans 3:23, 25-26; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:3; Romans 10:9-10, 13; 2 Corinthians 10:28-30; Acts 16:31; Acts 8:28-29; Titus 3:5; Jude 24).

The Church

We believe in the Church - a living, and spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members.

We believe that a local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship.

We believe that to these local churches were committed, for perpetual observance, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper (not be regarded as a means of salvation), and that God has laid upon these churches the task of proclaiming to a lost world the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior, and the enthroning of Him as Lord and Master.

We believe that all human betterment and social improvements are the inevitable by-products of such a Gospel (Psalm 150:6; John 4:23-24; John 9:35-38; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 4:9-14; Rev. 22:8-9)

The Return of Christ

We believe in "that blessed hope" the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and that this "blessed hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:4-6)

Eternal Reward and Punishment

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment. (Luke 16:19-26; John 5:25-29; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Revelation 20:1-15, 21-22; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).