

## ***GBC Homeschool Cooperative Ministry Statement of Faith***

The *Grace Bible Church Homeschool Cooperative* is a function of the Christian Education Ministry of Grace Bible Church, Wappingers Falls, NY and therefore under the authority of the Grace Bible Church Constitution including its Doctrinal Statement. While *GBC Homeschool Cooperative* will have its own committee to determine and run its affairs, that committee reports to the Christian Education Director and to the Elders of Grace Bible Church and the ministry is ultimately under their authority.

Doctrinal integrity in education of children is a major reason for the creation of the ministry of the *GBC Homeschool Cooperative*. While we do not disparage other support groups which have a wide range of stated or unstated beliefs among those who belong to them, and in fact we have church members that participate in them, we also wanted to have an educational support ministry that is without question Biblically Christian in its beliefs and educational orientation. Members of Grace Bible Church indicated their agreement with the GBC Statement of Faith and willingness to abide by the GBC Constitution when they became church members. These are beliefs that they want to instill into their own children. Those who would like to have their children participate in any ministry which arises out of *GBC Homeschool Cooperative* should be familiar with the GBC Statement of Faith and may not object to these doctrines being taught. Any adult that is not a member of Grace Bible Church that would like to participate in the *GBC Homeschool Cooperative* ministry must indicate their agreement (and disagreements) with the GBC Statement of Faith and must agree not to teach doctrine contrary when participating in the *GBC Homeschool Cooperative* ministry. (See the Agreement Form at the end of this document). The Grace Bible Church Statement of Faith is available in the literature rack in the back of the church and at [https://gracebibleny.org/doctrinal\\_statement](https://gracebibleny.org/doctrinal_statement).

For clarification or questions concerning anything within the doctrinal statement, please contact the pastor of Grace Bible Church. He can be contacted at the church office, 845/298-8481, or by email at [pastor@gracebibleny.org](mailto:pastor@gracebibleny.org).

Grace Bible Church Statement of Faith  
Wappingers Falls, NY  
*GBC Homeschool Cooperative Ministry*

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### ***SECTION A. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.***

We believe the Holy Scriptures, consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God, His only special revelation to man, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God-breathed. (John 16:12-13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:18).

### ***SECTION B: THE TRUE GOD.***

**THE TRINITY:** We believe there is one and only one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power, glory and in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. Among the attributes of the Triune God: He is infinite, immutable, all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere present, inexpressibly glorious in holiness. He is worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 45:21-22, 64:8; Psalm 90:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Romans 11:33-36; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Jeremiah 32:27; Matthew 19:26; Psalm 147:5; 1 John 3:20; Psalm 139:7-10; Psalm 29:2; Deuteronomy 6:5; Revelation 4:11)

1. **GOD THE FATHER.** We believe in God the Father, an infinite Spirit, the Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, and the recipient of all our prayers. John 1:18; Colossians 1:15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-12; Matthew 6:6-13; Philippians 4:6)
2. **GOD THE SON.**
  - a. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (John 1:1-2,14; Luke 1:26-35)
  - b. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our eternal redemption through the shedding of His blood in death on the cross as our representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24-25; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
  - c. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God, where as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of representative, intercessor, and advocate. (Acts 1:9-10; Hebrews 7:25, 9:24; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2)
3. **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.**
  - a. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with and of the same nature as God the Father and God the Son, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; that He is the supernatural Agent in the regeneration Who baptizes all believers into the body of Christ and indwells and seals them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8-1, 2 Corinthians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13-14)
  - b. We believe that He is the divine Teacher who guides believers into all truth; and that it is the privilege and duty of all the saved to be filled with the Spirit. (John 16:13; 1 John 2:20, 27; Eph. 5:18)

### ***SECTION C. THE SATAN (THE DEVIL).***

We believe in the reality and personality of Satan (the Devil), that he was created by God as an angel, but through pride and rebellion became the declared enemy of his Creator and man, the accuser of the brethren, the unholy god of this age, the ruler of all the powers of darkness; and that he is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire. (Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:7-12, 20:10)

### ***SECTION D. THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN.***

1. We believe the Biblical account of the creation of the physical universe, angels, and man; that this account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate, creative acts of God in six days without any evolutionary process; that man was created by a direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all men are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, the first parents of the entire human race. (Genesis 1, 2; Colossians 1:16-17; John 1:3)
2. We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God under the law of his Maker, but, by voluntary transgression, Adam fell from his innocent state and all men sinned in him. The consequences of this act are that all men are totally depraved, are partakers of Adam's fallen nature, are sinners by nature and by conduct and, therefore, are under just condemnation without defense or excuse and are, of themselves, utterly unable to remedy their lost condition. (Genesis 1:26-27; 3:1-6; Romans 1:18,32; 3:10-23, 5:12,19; Ephesians 2:1-3,12)

### **SECTION E. THE GRACE OF GOD.**

1. We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. Once a person is saved, he is a new creation in Christ Jesus: This new birth is instantaneous and not a process. (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19).
2. We believe that justification is that judicial act of God whereby He declares the believer righteous on the basis of the imputed righteousness of Christ, and that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's shed blood. (Romans 3:24, 4:5, 5:1,9; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9)
3. We believe that sanctification is the divine setting-apart of the believer unto God, accomplished in a threefold manner: first, an eternal act of God, based upon redemption in Christ, establishing the believer in a position of holiness at the moment he trusts the Savior; second, a continuing process within the saint as the Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to his life; and, third, the final accomplishment of this process at the Lord's return. ((Hebrews 10:10-14; John 17:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 5:23-24; 1 John 3:2; Jude 24-25)
4. We believe that all claims to the eradication of sin in this life are unscriptural. (Romans 6:13, 8:12-13; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:10; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 John 3:5-9)
5. We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 6:37-40; 10:27-29; Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:5)
6. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word; however, Scripture clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Romans 13:13-14; Galatians 5:13; Titus 2:11-15)

### **SECTION F. THE CHURCH.**

1. We believe that the Church, which is the body and the espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up entirely of born-again people of this present age. The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is glorified in Heaven, is its Head, and the Holy Spirit on earth is the active agent of the God-Head Who seeks to bring about, within the church, obedience to the Word of God and the Will of God. This one body unites believers to each other, and all to Christ, and its chief purpose of existence is to glorify God through the evangelization of the world and the building up of its members into maturity and Christ-likeness. (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8, Acts 2, Acts 15:14; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-18; Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:23,27; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-16)
2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures. (Acts 14:27, 20:17, 28-32; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-11)
3. We believe in the autonomy of the local church, free of any external authority or control. (Acts 13:1-4, 15:19-31, 20:28; Romans 16:1,4; 1 Corinthians 3:9,16; 5:4-7,13; 1 Peter 5:1-4)

### **ORDINANCES:**

1. We believe that Christian baptism is a solemn and beautiful emblem our identification with the crucified, buried and risen Savior, through Whom we died to sin and rose to a new life. (Acts 8:36-39; John 3:23; Rom. 6:3-5; Matt. 3:16; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42)
2. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-28)

## **MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

1. We believe members of the church should meet regularly for worship, exhortation, and fellowship (Heb. 10:25).
2. We believe that the desire to give one's time and material wealth to Christ is an attitude prompted by God's Word and the Holy Spirit. One's giving should be an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving to God and done cheerfully, not grudgingly out of necessity or in seeking the acclaim of men. (Genesis 14:18-20; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 21:1-4; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:7; Hebrews 7:1-2; 1 John 3:11-17)
3. We believe that we should carry out the great commission of the Lord in spreading the Gospel message and making disciples of the Lord to "the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20)
4. We believe that God is sovereign in the bestowment of His gifts and that their purpose is for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry to the building up the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12-14; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:7-12)
5. We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer offered in faith, in accord with His own will for the sick and afflicted. (John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15; James 5:13-16)

## **SEPARATION:**

We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach non-conformity to the world for every believer; that born-again people should be separated from the world unto Christ; that it is clearly commanded by God that all believers should live separated from all religious apostasy, worldly and sinful practices; and should be holy as He is holy. (John 17:9-20; Romans 6-8, 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:11,19-20; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-17, 7:1; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 5:25-27; Colossians 1:13, 3:1-4; Titus 2:11-12,14; Hebrews 10:14; 1 Peter 1:14-16)

We believe that the Bible teaches that God established marriage as only between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5), and that all sexual conduct outside the bonds of marriage is sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) with fornication, adultery, incest, homosexuality and bestiality all being described by God as abominations. (Leviticus 18:6-30) We further believe that the physical condition in which a person is born, including gender, is established by God (Exodus 4:11; John 9:3), therefore claims of innate sexual confusion are false and transvestism and its related perversions including sex change operations are abominations before God. (Deuteronomy 22:5) We further believe that declaring God's word and warning people of the temporal and eternal consequences of their sins, including sexual perversions, is an act of loving concern. God's word remains true and His prohibitions, including those on sexual perversions and immoralities, cannot be satisfied or amended by any human government authority.

## **CIVIL GOVERNMENT:**

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except in those things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming King of Kings. (Romans 13:1-7; Acts 23:5; Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29; 4:19-20; Daniel 3:17-18)

## ***SECTION G. THE RETURN OF JESUS***

We believe in the pre-millennial and bodily return of Christ. (1 Thess. 4:13-17; 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-54; Phil. 3:20-21).

## ***SECTION H. ISRAEL.***

We believe in the sovereign selection of Israel as God's eternal covenant people, that she is now dispersed because of her disobedience and rejection of Christ, that she will be re-gathered in the Holy Land and, after the completion of the church, will be saved as a nation at the second advent of Christ. (Genesis 13:14-17; Romans 11:1-32; Ezekiel 37)

## ***SECTION I. THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.***

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked; that only such as are justified through faith in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem while all who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse and therefore, stand condemned before God. This distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. (Malachi 3:18; Genesis 18:23; Romans 6:17-18; Proverbs 11:31; Romans 1:17-18; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Acts 10:34-35; 1 John 2:29; Romans 6:16; Galatians 3:10; Romans 6:23; Proverbs 14:32; Luke 16:25; Matthew 25:34,41; Matthew 7:13-14)

## ***SECTION J. THE RESURRECTION.***

We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men: the saved to eternal life and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment. The souls of the redeemed at death are absent from the body and present with the Lord, where in conscious bliss they await the first resurrection, when spirit, soul and body are reunited to be forever glorified with the Lord. The souls of the unbelievers, after death, remain in conscious misery until the second resurrection, when with spirit, soul and body reunited they shall appear before the Great White Throne Judgment and shall be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to suffer everlasting, conscious punishment. (Luke 16:19-26; Matthew 25:46; John 5:28-29; 11:25-26; Philippians 1:23; 3:21; 2 Corinthians 5:8,10; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 20:4-6, 12-13)

**NOTES: We require that all adults participating in any GBC Educational Support ministry agree with all fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith. We do not require agreement on all secondary issues, but we do require that disagreements be indicated on the Agreement Form. Disagreements will be discussed with the Pastor of Grace Bible Church before participating in a ministry of Grace Bible Church. The following are examples of doctrines that do not have to be believed to participate, but we do not allow contradiction in teaching.**

\*We do not require belief in a young earth (less than 10,000 years), though that understanding is strongly implied and the most consistent with the Biblical text and evidence of actual science. We do reject all evolutionary explanations of origins.

\*We do not require belief in baptism by full immersion, though that is the mode of baptism that best fits both the definition of the word and best pictures the purpose of baptism. We do require belief that baptism is in recognition of salvation and is not a means of salvation.

\*We do not require agreement with us that speaking in tongues & the working of sign-miracles gradually ceased as the New Testament Scriptures were completed and their authority became established. We do require that those that believe apostolic signs continue in the present time avoid practicing or advocating those beliefs among those that are in a GBC Educational Support ministry or program.

\*We do not require belief in a pre-millennial, pre-tribulational understanding of eschatology. We do require belief in a future physical return of the Lord Jesus Christ and that God will fulfill all of His promises to the descendants of Abraham - the Jewish people.

Agreement for Adult Non-Member Participants in GBC Educational Support  
Grace Bible Church, Wappingers Falls, NY

I agree with the above Statement of Faith of Grace Bible Church except as noted and explained below. I agree not to teach contrary to the doctrines listed regardless of my personal beliefs while I am helping with any ministry or function of GBC Educational Support or when working with its people.

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Agreement for Parent(s) / Guardian(s) of Children Participating in GBC Educational Support  
Grace Bible Church, Wappingers Falls, NY

I have read the above Statement of Faith of Grace Bible Church and fully understand and accept without objection that any child participating in a GBC Educational Support ministry or function are subject to being taught one or more of these doctrines.

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