

Impact Co-op Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, to be verbally and completely inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original writings, and to be the only rule and authority for faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

We believe in the one true God who is eternally and equally existent in three persons: God the Father; God the Son; and, God the Holy Spirit. (John 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2)

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He hears and answers prayer and that He saves from sin and death. (John 3:16; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 6:13-16)

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and visible return to earth. (Matthew 1:20-21; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

We believe the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement, and regenerates, indwells, enlightens, comforts, and empowers the saved. (John 16:7-8, 13-15)

We believe the account of Genesis of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution. (Genesis 1-2; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)

We believe that man was created in the image of God. Through man's sin, he was separated from God, becoming spiritually lost and needing to be born again. (Genesis 1:26-27; John 3:3; Romans 5:15)

We believe that salvation is by grace alone, by believing in and accepting Christ as personal Savior. Salvation is only through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9)

We believe that every true believer is assured of his eternal security in Christ Jesus and is kept by God the Father. (John 10:27-29; Philippians 1:6)

We believe that Satan is a real personal being and the accuser of the brethren. He is the unholy enemy of God through rebellion. This author of sin and tempter of wickedness is destined to be judged in the eternal lake of fire. (Isaiah 14:12-15; John 8:44; Revelation 20:10)

We believe that the church of Jesus Christ is composed of all born-again believers. As believers, we are called to live lives pleasing to the Lord and to abstain from practices which grieve Him. (John 1:12-13; Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 19:4)

We believe that the local church is a congregation of immersed believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word. (Acts 2:41, 42; 1 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:1; Acts 20:17-28:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Colossians 1:8; Ephesians 5:23, 24; Acts 15)

We believe in the Biblical view of marriage, gender, and behavior. We honor and affirm marriage as established by God- a union between one man and one woman. In accordance with Scripture, sexual intimacy and sexual activity is appropriate only within the marriage relationship. We believe God has created two distinct genders, male and female, each created within God's perfect design. To this end, all sexual preference and practice outside these parameters dishonors God, His Word, and His Church. (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)