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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Text: *II Tim. 3:1, 14-17; 4:1-4*

A “Bible Fellowship”

TBBF Statement of Faith (2016–...)

Also, EFCA Statement of Faith

1. God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

2. The Bible

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

TBBF Statement of Faith (2007–2015)

1. The Bible

The Bible is the inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God and is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. It constitutes the divine and sole authority of Christian faith and practice.

2. God

There is one God who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Chicago Short Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978)

1. God who is Himself truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.
5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the church.

Seven Words about *The Word*

The Word is pure and forever settled in heaven, so continue to believe it absolutely and rest on it confidently.

The Word is of transcendent value and eternal significance, so continue to esteem it highly and magnify it greatly.

The Word is living and active and powerful, so continue to approach it humbly and proclaim it boldly.

The Word is Spirit-breathed and of no private interpretation, so continue to study it diligently and expound it correctly.

The Word is the sole foundation for wisdom and truth, so continue to let it dwell within you richly and love it passionately.

The Word produces reverence for God, the highest virtue, so continue to read it respectfully and apply it prayerfully.

The Word is nourishment for the soul and light for life's pathway, so continue to feed on it regularly and meditate on it consistently.