



The Doctrinal Statement of Thrive Church

What We Believe

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Thrive Church is a denominationally diverse family of believers from many different backgrounds and traditions. While Christians may differ on secondary matters, we are united around the historic truths of the Christian faith, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the authority of Scripture, and the present work of the Holy Spirit.

These foundational truths shape what we believe, what we preach, and how we live.

1. The Bible

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, given through human authors under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Scripture is trustworthy, infallible, authoritative, and our final standard for faith, doctrine, and Christian living.

Through His Word, God reveals His character, His will, His redemptive purposes, and His promises to His people. God's Word is living and powerful and provides a sure foundation upon which believers can build their lives.

Scripture: Psalm 119:89, 105; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20–21

2. The Triune God

We believe there is one true and living God, eternally existing in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God—one in divine nature, glory, and purpose.

God is holy, righteous, loving, faithful, and good. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things and desires to bring humanity into fellowship with Himself through Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16–17; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 4:8–10

3. Humanity, Sin, and the Kingdom of God

We believe humanity was created in the image of God, designed for fellowship with Him and called to reflect His character and purposes in the earth.

Through human sin, brokenness and death entered the world, separating humanity from the life God intended. Yet God did not abandon His creation. From the beginning, His redemptive purpose has been moving toward restoration through Jesus Christ.

Jesus came proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Through Him, God's rule breaks into the brokenness of this world—bringing forgiveness to sinners, freedom to the oppressed, healing to the sick, hope to the broken, and life where sin and death have reigned.

The gospel is the good news that through Jesus Christ, God is rescuing people from the dominion of darkness, reconciling them to Himself, and restoring what sin has broken.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26–28; Genesis 3:1–19; Matthew 4:17, 23–24; Luke 4:18–19; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12–19; Colossians 1:13–14

4. Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who became truly human without ceasing to be truly divine. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and lived a completely sinless life.

Jesus perfectly revealed the Father. Through His words and works, He demonstrated the character and Kingdom of God.

Jesus willingly gave Himself for us on the cross. He bore our sins, secured our forgiveness, reconciled us to God, and defeated the powers of sin, death, and the devil.

He was buried and bodily raised from the dead on the third day, triumphing over the grave. He ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of the Father, where He reigns as Lord and intercedes for His people.

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus accomplished a decisive victory. His finished work is the foundation of our salvation, freedom, healing, hope, and eternal life.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:4–6; Matthew 1:18–23; John 1:1–3, 14; John 14:9; Acts 2:32–36; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4, 20–22; Colossians 2:13–15; Hebrews 2:14–15; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:25

5. Salvation and the New Birth

We believe salvation is the gracious gift of God made available to all people through Jesus Christ. Humanity cannot save itself through good works, religious effort, or human merit. Salvation is received by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Through the shed blood of Christ, sin is forgiven and we are reconciled to God. Those who believe in Christ are born again by the Spirit, delivered from the authority of darkness, adopted into God's family, and made new creations in Christ.

The new birth is more than adopting a religion or improving our behavior. It is the transforming work of God through which we receive new life and enter into relationship with Him.

Jesus Christ is the only Savior and the only way to the Father.

Scripture: John 3:3–7, 16–17; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23–26; Romans 10:9–13; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Ephesians 2:8–10; Colossians 1:13–14; Titus 3:4–7

6. The Goodness, Provision, and Blessing of God

We believe God is good and that His character is perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ. Jesus came that we might have life, while the works of destruction, bondage, and death are contrary to His redemptive purpose.

God's heart toward His children is one of love, compassion, provision, restoration, and wholeness. He is a faithful Father who knows what His children need and invites us to trust Him, bring our needs before Him in prayer, and confidently depend upon His grace and faithfulness.

We believe God cares about the whole person. His concern is not limited to our spiritual lives but extends to the practical needs and circumstances of everyday life. Jesus taught His followers not to live consumed by worry about life's necessities, but to seek first the Kingdom of God and trust their heavenly Father to care for them.

We believe God desires to provide for and bless His people, strengthen the weak, restore the broken, and equip believers with what they need to fulfill His purposes. God's blessing can touch every area of life, including our spiritual lives, relationships, health, work, resources, and material needs. We receive His provision with gratitude and recognize that every blessing also gives us greater opportunity to be generous, serve others, advance the gospel, and abound in every good work.

We believe God's people can approach Him with confidence concerning their needs. We pray with faith, give with generosity, work with diligence, practice wise stewardship, and trust God as our source and provider. Our confidence is not ultimately in human systems, circumstances, or our own ability, but in the faithfulness of our heavenly Father.

While we live in a world that has not yet experienced the fullness of God's coming Kingdom, we choose to live with confidence in His goodness. Sin, sickness, oppression, bondage, destruction, and death reflect the brokenness of this world and the works of darkness that Jesus came to overcome. We refuse to attribute these things to the character of God or present them as expressions of His love and care.

We look to Jesus as the clearest revelation of what the Father is like. In His ministry, we see Him forgiving sinners, healing the sick, freeing the oppressed, restoring the broken, and giving life. When we face suffering or circumstances we do not fully understand, we remain anchored in the goodness revealed in Christ. We bring our needs before God with faith, trust His restoring power, and stand alongside those who are hurting with compassion and hope.

Scripture: Psalm 23:1–6; Psalm 34:8–10; Deuteronomy 8:18; Proverbs 10:22; Matthew 6:25–33; Matthew 7:7–11; Luke 12:22–32; John 10:10; Romans 8:31–32; 2 Corinthians 9:6–11; Philippians 4:19; James 1:16–17

7. Divine Healing

We believe divine healing is an expression of God's compassion, His Kingdom, and the saving and restoring work of Jesus Christ.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus healed the sick and delivered those oppressed by the devil. In doing so, He revealed the Father's heart and demonstrated the Kingdom of God overcoming the works of darkness.

We believe Christ's redemptive work addresses the whole person. Scripture connects His suffering with both forgiveness and healing, and the New Testament instructs the Church to continue praying for and ministering to the sick in faith.

Therefore, we believe God still heals today. We pray confidently for healing, minister to the sick with compassion, and trust in the goodness and power of God. Our faith rests in God and His character rather than in a formula, technique, or human effort.

At the same time, we recognize that we presently live between the inauguration of God's Kingdom and its future fullness. We do not condemn those who are suffering or measure a person's faith by their circumstances. We continue to pray, believe, encourage, and stand with people while looking forward to the day when sickness, pain, and death will finally be no more.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:4–5; Matthew 8:16–17; Matthew 9:35–36; Acts 10:38; James 5:14–16; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 21:4

8. The Holy Spirit, Water Baptism, and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is God and is actively working in the Church and in the lives of believers today.

Every believer is born of the Spirit and is called to live in fellowship with Him. We also believe Jesus baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, empowering them for witness, prayer, ministry, and supernatural Christian living.

We believe the experience described throughout the book of Acts remains available to believers today, including speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance.

We believe in water baptism by immersion as an act of obedience following faith in Christ. Baptism publicly identifies the believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and celebrates the new life we have received in Him.

Scripture: Matthew 3:11; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:1–4, 38–39; Acts 8:14–17; Acts 10:44–48; Acts 19:1–6; Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14–15

9. Life in the Spirit

We believe the gifts of the Holy Spirit remain active and available to the Church today. The Holy Spirit distributes His gifts according to His will for the strengthening of believers, the advancement of the gospel, and the ministry of the Church.

We believe God still speaks, heals, delivers, empowers, and works supernaturally through His people. The gifts of the Spirit are to operate in love, biblical order, humility, and submission to the authority of Scripture.

We also believe the work of the Spirit is demonstrated through transformed character. Spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit belong together. As believers walk with the Holy Spirit, His presence increasingly produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in their lives.

We desire both the power and the character of the Holy Spirit to be evident among us.

Scripture: Romans 8:11–14; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 1 Corinthians 13:1–8; 1 Corinthians 14:1, 26, 39–40; Galatians 5:16, 22–25; 1 Peter 4:10–11

10. The Church

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ, made up of all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ, with Jesus Himself as its Head.

We believe the Church is called to be outward-focused—proclaiming the gospel, serving our communities, reaching those who are far from God, and welcoming people from every background to come and encounter Jesus. The Church should be a place where people can belong, grow in faith, discover their purpose, and experience the love and power of God.

We believe gathering together as believers is an essential part of the Christian life. God designed us to follow Jesus in community, where we worship together, receive the teaching of Scripture, pray for one another, build meaningful relationships, and encourage one another in our faith.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we exist to make disciples and carry the life and message of Jesus beyond the walls of the church and into our communities and world.

Scripture: Matthew 16:18; Matthew 28:18–20; Luke 14:23; Acts 2:42–47; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Ephesians 4:11–16; Hebrews 10:24–25

11. The Victory and Return of Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is the risen and reigning Lord. Through His death and resurrection, He has conquered sin and death and triumphed over the powers of darkness.

Jesus presently reigns at the right hand of the Father, and His Kingdom is already at work in the world. Yet we eagerly await the day when His victory will be fully revealed throughout creation.

We believe Jesus Christ will personally and visibly return. The dead will be raised, evil will finally be defeated, God's righteous judgment will be revealed, and those who belong to Christ will enjoy everlasting life in the fullness of His Kingdom.

The biblical story ends not with creation abandoned, but with creation restored under the reign of Jesus Christ. Sickness, sorrow, pain, death, and every work of evil will ultimately be abolished.

Because Christ has risen, reigns, and will return, we live with confidence, faith, courage, and hope.

Scripture: Matthew 24:30–31; Acts 1:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 51–57; Philippians 2:9–11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Revelation 11:15; Revelation 21:1–5; Revelation 22:1–5

Jesus Is at the Center

Above everything else, Thrive Church is centered upon Jesus Christ.

We believe Jesus is the clearest revelation of the Father. In Him we see God's heart toward humanity—full of grace, truth, compassion, goodness, and power.

Jesus saves the lost, forgives sin, heals the sick, frees the oppressed, restores broken lives, gives life to the spiritually dead, and has triumphed over the powers of darkness.

Through Him we have forgiveness, reconciliation with God, new life, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, God's provision and care, and the hope of the age to come.

Our message is ultimately simple:

Jesus Christ is Lord. His Kingdom has come near. Through His death and resurrection He has defeated the powers of sin, death, and darkness. And through Him, life with God is available to everyone who believes.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” — John 14:6