

# Lakeshore Bible Church of God Statement of Faith

1. One God is Creator of all things (*Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 4:35; Isaiah 44:6-8; Ephesians 4:6; I Corinthians 8:6*)
2. Jesus is God's only begotten Son (*John 3:16*), who was anointed with the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:16-17*), died for our sins (*1 Corinthians 15:13*), was buried and rose the third day (*1 Corinthians 15:20*), ascended into heaven (*Luke 24:51*) and is coming again (*Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*)
3. The Holy Spirit is God's Power which seals the believer (*Ephesians 1:13*), dwells within (*Ephesians 2:22*) and strengthens (*Ephesians 3:16*)
4. The Bible is God's Inspired Word (*2 Timothy 3:16*), which shall be the guidance and practice of the Christian (*2 Timothy 3:17*)
5. Man is wholly mortal and subject to death (*Rom. 6:23*), has no consciousness in death (*Ecclesiastes 9:5-6*) and may be given immortality at the coming of Christ (*1 Corinthians 15:51-54*)
6. Salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, consisting of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His Spirit to the believer and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:  
  
Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ (*Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6*).  
  
Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution (*Acts 3:19*).  
  
Baptism, which is immersion, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (*Romans 6:4; Acts 2:38; Colossians 2:12*).  
  
Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (*2 Peter 1:4-11*)
7. The KINGDOM OF GOD will be established when Jesus comes as King (*Revelation 19:16*), on earth (*Luke 1:31-33*) and forever (*Daniel 2:44*). Children of God are joint-heirs (*Romans 8:17*), who shall rule (*Revelation 5:9-10*) on a restored earth (*Acts 3:20-21*). Israel shall be restored (*Romans 11:26*) and all the wicked shall be destroyed in the second death (*Revelation 21:8*)