

## Ordinances & membership

### Baptism

We believe the New Testament teaches that every person who comes to personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ should be baptised as a public declaration of the individual's identification with the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. It marks obedience to Jesus Christ as Lord but is not essential for salvation. (See leaflet entitled 'Baptism' for more information) (**Romans 6 v 1-13**)

### Worship & remembrance meeting

It is the privilege of every follower of Jesus Christ to meet with other believers to take bread and wine in remembrance of the Lord, proclaiming His death until He returns. We welcome all who have come to personal faith in the Lord Jesus and are living a holy life, who want to obey Him to participate in any of our celebrations of the Lord's supper. (**1 Corinthians 11 v 23-29, 5 v 11, 10 v 21, 2 John 10**)

### Being part of FCF

Being part of the church fellowship implies commitment to Christ as Saviour and Lord, and to one another in love, just as He Himself has loved. This involves praying for one another, encouraging one another, sharing one another's burdens, being hospitable, actively caring for one another, and refusing to become involved in spreading gossip. Being part of FCF also means responsibility for support of church fellowship activities, exercising your gifts for the benefit of all the members, and regular giving to meet the church's financial commitments.

### Leadership

The church fellowship has a number of elders called by the Holy Spirit to fulfil the responsibilities of leadership. As servants of the church fellowship, they will endeavour to provide a Godly example, truthful teaching, pastoral care, oversight and discipline of all the church fellowship in accordance with the word of God. It is the responsibility of the members to recognise, support and follow the leadership in all aspects of Church fellowship life. (**Titus 1 v 5-7, 1 Timothy 3 v 1-7, Hebrews 13 v 17**)

### **Other Documents available**

- **Aims & Ethos**
- **Baptism**

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# FCF

**What  
we  
believe**

**Fermanagh Christian  
Fellowship**

# We believe -

## The Bible

The Bible, as originally given, is inspired by God and is infallible. Through it God speaks to us today. It is our only authority for what we believe and practice. (2 Timothy 3 v 16, 2 Peter 1 v 21, Proverbs 30 v 5-6)

## Godhead

There is only one God, revealed in the Bible as three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are one God, co-eternal and co-equal. God is absolutely holy. (Exodus 34 v 6-7, Deuteronomy 6 v 4, Matthew 28 v 19, John 4 v 24, 10v 30, Acts 5 v 3-4, 2 Corinthians 13 v 14, Hebrews 1 v 8-12)

## Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became man, being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He is both eternal God and a perfect, sinless man. (Matthew 1 v 18-23, John 1 v 1, 1 John 3v3)

## Man

Man, created by God in His image and likeness, sinned. As a result all people are born in sin and being guilty before God are subject to God's righteous wrath and judgement. (Romans 3 v 23, Ephesians 2 v 8&9, John 3 v 36)

## Christ's Death

God is love, and through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, He has provided the way by which sinful people can be brought into a right relationship with Him. The death of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only sacrifice for sin and through it there is freedom from the guilt and

penalty of sin. (John 3 v 16, John 19 v 30,5 v 24, Hebrews 10 v 12-14)

## Resurrection

On the third day after His crucifixion the Lord Jesus Christ was raised bodily from the dead and following appearances to many He ascended into heaven to the right hand of God the Father in His risen glorified body. There He acts as advocate for those who have believed in Him. (Luke 24 v 39-40, 1 Corinthians 15 v 17&20, Romans 4 v 25, Acts 2 v 32, Hebrews 4 v 14-15, 1 John 1&2)

## Salvation

Salvation cannot be earned or deserved. It is God's free gift, given to those who repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ, acknowledging him both as Saviour and Lord. As a result of God's love and mercy those who put their trust in Christ receive complete forgiveness of sins and become children of God with eternal life that can never be lost. (Ephesians 2 v 8&9, Ephesians 1 v 7, John 1 v 11-13, John 10 v 28)

## Christ's Return

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person for those who have believed in Him, both those who have died and those who are alive at that time, and together they will be with Him forever. (John 14 v 3, 1 Corinthians 15 v 51-54, 1 Thessalonians 4 v 13-18)

## Sin

For those who remain unsaved there will be a final judgement and eternal punishment. (Psalm 6 v 17, Luke 16 v 23, Revelation 20 v 11-15)

## The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer from the moment of conversion. His task is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in the life of the believer producing increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour. It is the Holy Spirit who gives the power to fight against sin and to be a witness in the world. He also gives gifts to build up the church. (Matthew 28 v 19, John 16 v 8, Romans 8 v 9-16, 1 Corinthians 12 v 13, Ephesians 1 v 13-14)

## The church

There is one **Universal Church**, the body of Christ. Christ is the head of the body into which all believers are baptised in the Holy Spirit at the moment of their conversion. (1 Corinthians 12 v 12-28, Ephesians 2 v 19-22, Ephesians 5 v 29&30)

The **Local Church** (Romans 16 v 5), is the local representation of the church universal and is made up of a group of believers who meet with a three fold purpose:

- The praise and worship of God: (Acts 20 v 7, Ephesians 5 v 19-20, Colossians 3 v 16)
- The upbuilding of each other in love: (Romans 12 v 9-21)
- A witness to the world (Matthew 28 v 19-20)

The church fellowship is independent and self governing under God, submitting to the authority of the word of God, the Lordship of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (Colossians 1 v 18, Ephesians 1 v 22-23)