

STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

Grace Communion International

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- ◉ Teaches truth about God
- ◉ Gives foundation of our faith
- ◉ Experiences and feelings about God are not enough; knowledge and insight is necessary
- ◉ Protection against false teachings
- ◉ Distinction between important and less important subjects

TEACHING OF DOCTRINES

- ◉ From the Bible, founded on the whole Biblical message, not on one single text
- ◉ Thorough; it takes time to explain a doctrine explicit and extensive
- ◉ In Bible studies; this can be in a sermon, or in a Bible study group
- ◉ Relevant: the basic doctrines are about the foundation of our lives
- ◉ Practical: applicable to every situation in our lives

UNITY IN THE CHURCH

- ◉ Consensus about the statement of beliefs gives stability and unity in the church
- ◉ Shows which unbiblical ideas in persons or groups in the church can cause confusion
- ◉ Basic doctrines give a solid foundation for spiritual growth

APPLICATION

- ◉ Read the statement of beliefs with each other
- ◉ Take the time with every doctrine for possible questions or discussion

FURTHER STUDY

- ◉ Study the Biblical verses that are in the statement of beliefs
- ◉ When you go to the Statement of Beliefs on the website of the GCI in the US, you will find a reference to more articles about every doctrine