

What the Evangelical Free Church Believes

1. **We believe** both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings. The Bible contains all we need to know about God's plan to save mankind. It is the final word about all things regarding Christian thinking and living.

2. **We believe** in one God. He is the Creator of all things, is completely perfect, and eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. **We believe** that Jesus Christ is true God and true man at the same time. His human life began through conception by the Holy Spirit, and He was born of Mary, who was a virgin. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, just as the Old Testament had predicted. He physically arose from the dead and went into heaven, where he now sits at the right hand of God representing and defending us as our Advocate.

4. **We believe** that the Holy Spirit's ministry is to focus all attention toward the Lord Jesus Christ. He does this by helping men and women recognize their sinfulness, changing the believing sinner into a brand new person, living inside the believer giving guidance and instruction, and

strengthening the believer for Godly living and service. We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is experienced by all Christians at the time of placing their total faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. The primary evidences of being full of (controlled by) the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

5. **We believe** that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore totally lost, doomed to eternal separation from God. It is only through being made new by the Holy Spirit that someone can find eternal life with God and experience the reason for their existence.

6. **We believe** that Jesus Christ's death in our place on the cross and His resurrection provide the only way for us to become right in our relationship with God. This salvation is available to all who believe with their heart and mind. Only those who receive Jesus Christ are reborn through the Holy Spirit and, as a result, become the children of God.

7. **We believe** that the Lord's Supper (Communion) and Baptism in water are practices to be observed by the Church today. They are, however, not a way to restore our broken relationship with God.

8. **We believe** that the true Church is made up of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been made

spiritually alive (reborn) by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ, of which He is the head.

9. **We believe** that the world wide Church is made up only of people who have trusted in Christ for salvation and, as a result, are reborn by the Holy Spirit. These are the only people who should be eligible to become voting members in the local church.

10. **We believe** that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.

11. **We believe** in the personal, premillennial, and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" should affect the way we live and how we serve.

12. **We believe** that everyone will literally be resurrected from the dead, after which those who have trusted in Christ for their salvation will experience the ultimate joy and benefits of being with the Lord, while those who have not chosen to accept Christ as Savior will be judged and condemned to never ending conscious punishment.

This is a paraphrase of the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Free Church of America. Copies of the Statement of Faith are available from the church office.

What does Evangelical Free mean?

Evangelical

**means a strong commitment to tell everyone about their need know to Jesus Christ as their Savior*

**means that we believe the Bible to be the literal Word of God*

Free

**means each local congregation is free to make decisions on their own*

**means that we agree on a statement of faith, but there is a certain degree of freedom of faith in areas not mentioned in the statement of faith*

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What We Believe

Statement of Faith



“A Place To Belong”