

## Nashville Bible Church

### Affirmations

In harmony with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the generations we affirm:

The Apostles' Creed\* (2<sup>nd</sup> Century)

The Nicene Creed (325 and 381)

The Athanasian Creed\*\*

We also affirm the five *Solas* of the Protestant Reformation which are:

*sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone)

*sola fide* (faith alone)

*sola gratia* (grace alone)

*solus Christus* (Christ alone)

*solī Deo Gloria* (glory of God alone)

We believe the following statements and confessions are beneficial for a better understanding of our Statement of Faith:

The Danvers Statement regarding biblical manhood and womanhood, the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978), the Nashville Statement regarding biblical sexuality, the Canons of Dort regarding God's sovereign grace in salvation, and the London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) for comprehensive doctrinal instruction.

We affirm the joy and necessity of striving for unity with other local gatherings for the exaltation of Christ, the spreading of the Gospel, and the building up of believers, as long as the cooperation with other local gatherings does not violate the mission of Nashville Bible Church, compromise loyalty to Christ according to His Word, or neglect the authority and sufficiency of His Word.

\*We believe the line, "He descended into (to) hell," in these creeds emphasizes a literal, bodily death of Jesus Christ. It does not mean Jesus went to a place of punishment nor declared the Gospel to dead persons whose souls were in an intermediate state.

\*\*We believe the phrase in line 44, "...that one cannot be saved without believing in firmly and faithfully," is true in that a person cannot deny these truths and hope to be saved; but we also understand a mature understanding of these truths will develop throughout the life of a believer.

