



BSBC Statement of Faith

BSBC is a community of believers committed to obeying, glorifying and following the example and teachings of Jesus. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God (*2 Timothy 3:16*) and we aim to be ambassadors in our local area and beyond. We do this by **accepting and loving** those in the church, our local community and everyone we meet.

We aim to fulfil Jesus' mission to make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching the commands of Jesus (*Matthew 28:19-20*). We believe all Christians are commanded to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love each and every person (*Mark 12:30-31*). Such love includes the responsibility of every Christian to participate with passion in the sharing of the Good News of Jesus throughout the world.

These beliefs are reflected in our mission statement: ***Living and Sharing Jesus' Love.***

We believe there is only one God and that He is infinitely good and just, the Living God who is the creator of all things (*John 1:3*). God has revealed that He eternally exists as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe Jesus is the Son of God, perfect in every way and that He lived as a man on earth (*John 4:25-26, 42*). We believe He died on the cross and rose to life again to overcome death and bring forgiveness, taking the penalty of our wrongdoing. We remember this amazing sacrifice (*Luke 22:18-20*) by taking the Lord's Supper together during Sunday worship services.

We believe all people do wrong (*Romans 3:23*) and that all who follow Jesus in faith are forgiven through His work on the cross, receiving eternal life in the presence of God (*John 3:16*).

We believe Jesus alone is head of the Church and that He is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct in the life of churches and individuals (*Colossians 1:18*).

We believe the Holy Spirit lives and is at work in believers (*Acts 1:8, 2:38*), continuing God's work in the world until Jesus returns.

We believe Jesus will return to earth and administer God's judgement on all (*Acts 17:31*). Those who have put their faith in Jesus will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God (*Revelation 21:4*).

We encourage those who believe in and accept Jesus as their Saviour to be baptised (by immersion) as a public declaration of their commitment.

BSBC is a community of imperfect people seeking to follow Jesus in unity. We find His life and teaching inspirational and relevant to our everyday lives.

Importantly, we experience Jesus as a living friend and Saviour who invites us to do life with Him every day.

Belgrave South Baptist Church (BSBC) is part of the Baptist Union of Victoria.

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