

Parkgate Community Church's doctrinal beliefs are centered in the classical expressions and confessions of orthodox Christianity.

**Our Key Doctrinal Beliefs:**

1. We believe that there is only one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” – 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. We believe that every person is separated from God because of the presence of sin and that separation cannot be removed apart from the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Through Jesus Christ we can become part of God's family only by grace through faith. Personally accepting Jesus' sacrifice erases the separation between us and God and makes us His son or daughter, a precious and loved child.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” – Romans 5:1-2

3. We believe that God's people are called to be one. Anyone who claims Jesus as their Forgiver and Leader, no matter their denomination, race or gender, makes them part of God's family, the Church. Nothing should separate Christians from each other and the mark of this unity is love. God is love and those who love Him love people like Jesus did. The Church should reflect the values of love and unity that Jesus called for and emulated to all people.

“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” – Ephesians 4:1-6

4. We believe that the Christian life is not a religious practice, but a distinctively different life lived out for the purpose of obeying God by following Jesus' example. Christians should daily be formed into the character of Jesus by the Holy Spirit. This means we are called to live a holy life. The direction of this life is to please God and to extend love to Him and to others. The goal of this life is the eternal reward of heaven.

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“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:23

5. We believe that at an appointed time, known only by God the Father, Jesus will return to judge the world and His Kingdom will have no end.

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.” – Revelation 22:12-14

6. We believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, and understand them to be the standard for all of our faith and practice. The teachings of the Bible convict us when our lives stray from God’s standard, encourage us about God’s love for us, and guide our lives to live in the center of God’s will.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” – Psalm 119:105

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:16-17