

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The biblical counselor, by definition, is committed to the Old and New Testaments as the only authoritative rule of faith and practice. Both the faith and conduct of the biblical counselor, as well as his counseling theory and practice, are formed by the standards of Scripture. The following statement of faith contains essential beliefs necessary for certification as a biblical counselor by the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors. The National Association of Nouthetic counselors:

1. affirms that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant, authoritative and sufficient Word of God consisting of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments;
2. affirms that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
3. affirms the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory;
4. affirms that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential;
5. affirms that a person becomes justified by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
6. affirms the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life;
7. affirms the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they are lost unto the resurrection of damnation;
8. affirms the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and His church.

The biblical counselor performs his service as part of the ministry of the Christian church, embracing thereby the values of historic Christianity. He upholds and supports the common bond of fellowship, faith, and unity as prescribed in the Scriptures and seeks to establish a relationship between the counselee and a loving God within the framework of the church. Certification by the Association is contingent upon continued good standing in a church subscribing to the doctrines contained in the above statement of faith. A person so certified will always seek the approval, recognition and oversight of his counseling ministry by his church.