

Dayspring Fellowship Theological Positions

What kind of a church is Dayspring Fellowship?

When the Elders of Dayspring examine the Bible, they find that we don't fit neatly into any particular Denomination or Tradition.

The traditions listed below reflect concepts and doctrines where Dayspring finds its roots. Some we see the Bible teaching, some we do not. (√) means that Dayspring agrees with that tradition, (⊗) means that Dayspring does not feel that approach or doctrine reflects what the Bible teaches on that subject.

Each tradition has many more distinctives, which are not listed here. These are the major distinctives of each.

Reformed Tradition	Baptist Tradition	New Covenant Position	Charismatic Tradition
√ I. Sola Scriptura √ A. Bible is Word and words of God √ II. Trinitarian Theology	√ I. Supreme Authority of Scripture ⊗ A. Bible <u>contains</u> the Word of God √ II. Trinitarian Theology	√ I. Sola Scriptura √ A. Bible is Word and words of God √ B. OT must be viewed from New Covenant √ II. Trinitarian Theology	⊗ I. Extra-biblical revelation equal with scripture ⊗ II. Oneness/Jesus Only
⊗ III. Covenant Theology ⊗ A. Cov of Works/Cov of Grace ⊗ B. Moral Law = 10 Commandments ⊗ C. Sabbath = Sunday ⊗ D. Church = New Israel ⊗ E. OT. cmds in force unless canceled in the New Test.	⊗ III. Dispensational Theology ⊗ A. History divided into many distinct Dispensations ⊗ C. Sabbath = Sunday ⊗ D. Church & Israel are 2 Peoples of God ⊗ E. OT. cmds have nothing to do with believers.	√ III. New Covenant Theology √ A. Old Cov fulfilled in Christ in New Cov √ B. Eternal Law of God = 2 Commands √ C. Christ, not Sunday, fulfills the Sabbath √ D. Israel only saved if "in Christ" √ E. OT. profitable but not covenantally binding	
√ IV. Calvinistic Soteriology √ A. Five Point Calvinism √ B. Regeneration precedes faith √ C. God's absolute sovereignty in all things √ D. Dual Imputation of Righteousness essential for Gospel √ E. Good works will always follow faith	⊗ IV. Arminian Theology ⊗ A. 20th Century Arminianism despite Historic Calvinism ⊗ B. Regeneration follows faith ⊗ C. God limits His sovereignty to give man free will. ⊗ D. Faith=man's decision; God must honor	√ IV. Five Sola's of the Reformation √ A. Sola Scriptura (by Scripture alone) √ B. Sola Fide (by Faith alone) √ C. Sola Gratia (by Grace alone) √ D. Solo Christo (through Christ alone) √ E. Soli Gloria Dei (to God alone be the Glory)	⊗ IV. Arminian Theology
V. Church Issues √ A. Plurality of Elders ⊗ B. Baptism for Infants by sprinkling ⊗ C. Baptism = admission to privileges of Church membership √ E. Lord's Supper = Spiritual Communion with God √ F. Church Discipline ⊗ G. Synods/Councils √ H. Centrality of preaching	V. Church Issues ⊗ A. Rule by Deacons √ B. Baptism for Believers Only √ C. Baptism = Symbol of salvation; important as an act of obedience √ D. Baptism by Immersion ⊗ E. Lord's Supper = Mere Remembrance ⊗ F. Rare Church Discipline √ G. Local Autonomy of Congregations √ H. Emphasis on preaching and evangelism	V. Church Issues(Dayspring Unique) √ A. Lord's Supper every Sunday – open to all baptized believers (conscience) √ B. All preaching to be Christ-centered √ C. Emphasis in Worship Music on theological content rather than emotive music √ D. Christ-focused worship √ E. Church Discipline to bring unrepentant believer "to his senses"	V. Church Issues √ A. Non-cessation of spiritual gifts √ B. Spiritual Warfare √ C. Contemporary Music in Worship allowed if scriptural content ⊗ D. Uninterpreted tongues in Public Worship ⊗ E. Experience over scripture ⊗ F. Seeking second baptism of Spirit with tongues ⊗ G. "Name and claim it" faith power
√ VI. Christian Liberty	√ VI. Total Liberty of Conscience		
VII. Government Relations ⊗ A. Magistrate (State) enforces correct theology	VII. Government Relations √ A. Separation of Church and State √ B. Voluntary involvement of Church members in political activities		
VIII. Eschatology √ A. No Future Millennium √ B. Resurrection of Just and Unjust for Day of Judgment at the end of the Age	VIII. Eschatology ⊗ A. Mainly Pre-Mil position ⊗ B. Resurrection of Just and Unjust for Day of Judgment after 1,000 year period	VIII. Eschatology √ A. Now-Not-Yet understanding of Kingdom	

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