

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

⊗ indicates that Dayspring does not feel that approach or doctrine reflects what the Bible teaches on that subject.

	REFORMED TRADITION	BAPTIST TRADITION	NEW COVENANT POSITION	CHARISMATIC TRADITION
Scripture	I. Sola Scriptura A. Bible is Word and Words of God	I. Supreme Authority of Scripture ⊗ A. Bible contains the Word of God	I. Sola Scriptura A. Bible is Word and Words of God B. Old Testament must be viewed from New Covenant	⊗ I. Extra-biblical revelation equal with Scripture
Nature of God	II. Trinitarian Theology	II. Trinitarian Theology	II. Trinitarian Theology	⊗ II. Oneness/Jesus Only
Systematic Theology	⊗ III. Covenant Theology ⊗ A. Covenant of Works/Grace ⊗ B. Moral Law=10 Commandments ⊗ C. Sabbath = Sunday ⊗ D. Israel = Church ⊗ E. OT commands in force unless canceled in NT	⊗ III. Dispensational Theology ⊗ A. History divided into dispensations ⊗ B. Two peoples of God: Israel and the Church ⊗ C. OT commands in force only if repeated in NT	III. New Covenant Theology A. Old Covenant fulfilled in New B. Law of Christ: All Scripture in light of Christ C. Christ, not Sunday, fulfills Sabbath D. In New Covenant, unbelieving Jews removed from Israel and all believers grafted in, so church is Israel of God	
Soteriology	IV. Calvinistic Soteriology A. Five Point Calvinism B. Regeneration precedes faith C. God’s absolute sovereignty over all D. Imputation of Christ’s righteousness E. Good works always follow true faith	⊗ IV. Arminian Theology ⊗ A. Regeneration follows faith ⊗ B. God limits His sovereignty to give man free will ⊗ C. Faith=man’s decision	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
Ecclesiology	V. Ecclesiology A. Plurality of Elders ⊗ B. Teaching Elders / Ruling Elders ⊗ C. Baptism for infants ⊗ D. Baptism by sprinkling E. Supper = spiritual communion F. Redemptive church discipline ⊗ G. Synods/Councils H. Centrality of preaching theology	V. Ecclesiology ⊗ A. Led by deacons B. Baptism for believers C. Baptism by immersion ⊗ D. Supper = mere remembrance ⊗ E. Rare to no church discipline F. Local church autonomy G. Emphasis on preaching and evangelism	V. Ecclesiology A. Supper every Sunday B. Supper and membership for believers baptized according to own conscience C. All preaching to be Christ-centered D. Worship songs chosen for theological content, not emotive music E. Christ-focused worship	V. Ecclesiology A. Continuationist B. Spiritual warfare ⊗ C. Uninterpreted tongues in public worship ⊗ D. Experience over Bible ⊗ E. Second baptism of Spirit with tongues ⊗ F. “name and claim it” faith as power
Freedom in Christ	VI. Christian Liberty	VI. Total Liberty of Conscience		
Government	VII. Government ⊗ A. Magistrate (State) enforces correct doctrine	VII. Government A. Separation of Church and State B. Voluntary involvement of church members in government activities		
Eschatology	VIII. Eschatology A. No future millennial kingdom B. Resurrection of just and unjust for day of judgment at end of age C. No prophecies awaiting fulfillment other than Christ’s return, general resurrection, judgment, new creation	VIII. Eschatology ⊗ A. Premillennialism ⊗ B. Pretribulation rapture	VIII. Eschatology A. Now-Not-Yet understanding of the Kingdom	