



RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Statement of Faith

What We Believe . . .

About the Bible

The entire Bible is the inspired Word of God. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit and preserved for us today. The Bible is infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. It is the unique, full, and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever-present.

About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus was born by miraculous conception, lived a sinless human life, and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all by dying on a cross. He rose from the dead after three days, demonstrating His power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven, where He is the only Mediator between God and people, and will return again to earth.

About the Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He lives in every Christ-follower from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living and transformation, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. Christ-followers seek to live under His control daily.

About Humanity

We are made in the image of God, to be like Him in character. We are the supreme object of God's creation, being made for relationship with Him. Although we have tremendous potential for good, everyone is marred by an attitude of rebellion toward God called sin. Sin separates people from God. We are incapable of regaining a relationship with God through our own efforts.

About Salvation

Salvation is a gift from God to all people. Men and women can never make up for their sin by self improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as Forgiver and Leader can a person be saved from sin's penalty. When God has truly begun a saving work in the heart of any person, that person is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation.

About Eternity

People are created to exist forever. After death, every person will either exist eternally separated from God by sin (in hell), or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation (in heaven). Heaven and hell are places of eternal existence.

About the Church

We believe that the local church is a group of believers (Christ-followers) who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their leader and who have agreed together to worship God, edify the believers, evangelize the lost, and serve others according to the unique vision given them. The church has two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

About Faith and Practice

Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. This church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.

Still Have Questions?

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